

KS Annual State Performance Report

Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program

Reporting Period: [Oct 1, 2019 to Sept 30, 2020]

This aggregated data is self-reported by the grantees and subgrantees in each state/territory.

OVC VOCA Assistance Funds				
	2017-VA-GX-0045	2018-V2-GX-0003	2019-V2-GX-0069	2020-V2-GX-0047
Federal Award Amount	\$16,680,318.00	\$29,688,388.00	\$20,091,625.00	\$14,907,600.00
Total Amount of Subawards	\$15,393,560.00	\$13,747,731.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Number of Subawards	66	53	0	0
Administrative Funds Amount	\$590,300.00	\$1,484,419.00	\$1,004,581.00	\$745,380.00
Training Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance Remaining	\$696,458.00	\$14,456,238.00	\$19,087,044.00	\$14,162,220.00

Subgrantee Organization Type				
<small>The total number of subgrants represents all subgrants funded across all federal awards active during the reporting period. The number is not unique as there are subgrantee organizations that are continuously funded from each federal award.</small>				
Type of Organization	2017-VA-GX-0045	2018-V2-GX-0003	2019-V2-GX-0069	2020-V2-GX-0047
Government Agencies Only	17	7	0	0
Corrections	1	1	0	0
Courts	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	7	3	0	0
Prosecutor	8	3	0	0
Other	1	0	0	0
Nonprofit Organization Only	48	45	0	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	17	21	0	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	0	0	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	6	6	0	0
Faith-based Organization	0	0	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	14	11	0	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	2	0	0	0

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Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	2	2	0	0
Multiservice agency	7	5	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Agencies, and Organizations Only	0	0	0	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	0	0	0	0
Court	0	0	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence organization	0	0	0	0
Faith-based organization	0	0	0	0
Juvenile justice	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	0	0	0	0
Organization provides domestic and family violence and sexual assault services	0	0	0	0
Prosecutor	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	0	0	0	0
Other justice-based agency	0	0	0	0
Other agency that is NOT justice-based (e.g., human services, health, education)	0	0	0	0
Organization by and/or for a specific traditionally underserved community	0	0	0	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Campus Organizations Only	1	1	0	0
Campus-based victims services	1	1	0	0
Law enforcement	0	0	0	0
Physical or mental health service program	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Subawards	66	53	0	0

*This number is not unique across fiscal years as there are subgrantee organizations that are funded from multiple federal awards.

Subaward Purpose				
A single SAR can select multiple purposes. Numbers are not unique				
	2017-VA-GX-0045	2018-V2-GX-0003	2019-V2-GX-0069	2020-V2-GX-0047
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	63	50	0	0

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B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	1	3	0	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	2	0	0	0
D. Start up a new Native American victim services project	0	0	0	0
E. Expand or enhance an existing Native American project	0	0	0	0

VOCA and Match Funds

A single SAR can select multiple service types. Numbers are not unique

	2017-VA-GX-0045	2018-V2-GX-0003	2019-V2-GX-0069	2020-V2-GX-0047
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	65	49	0	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	60	50	0	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	53	43	0	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	31	24	0	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	55	41	0	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	66	52	0	0

Priority and Underserved Requirements

Priority Area	2017-VA-GX-0045	2018-V2-GX-0003	2019-V2-GX-0069	2020-V2-GX-0047
Child Abuse				
Total Amount	\$2,897,898.00	\$4,312,315.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	17.00 %	15.00 %		
Domestic and Family Violence				
Total Amount	\$8,828,839.00	\$7,190,514.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	53.00 %	24.00 %		
Sexual Assault				
Total Amount	\$1,916,373.00	\$1,640,886.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	11.00 %	6.00 %		
Underserved				
Total Amount	\$1,750,450.00	\$604,016.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	10.00 %	2.00 %		

Budget and Staffing

Staffing Information	2017-VA-GX-0045	2018-V2-GX-0003	2019-V2-GX-0069	2020-V2-GX-0047
Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	1034	908		

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Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	926098	652370		
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	1634	1175		
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	71967	60203		

AGGREGATED SUBGRANTEE PERFORMANCE MEASURE DATA

Victimization Type						
Victimization Type	Number of Subgrantees Indicating Intent to Serve This Victim Type	Number of Individuals Who Actually Received Services Based on a Presenting Victimization				
		Quarter 1 Total	Quarter 2 Total	Quarter 3 Total	Quarter 4 Total	Per Quarter Average
Adult Physical Assault (includes Aggravated and Simple Assault)	17	774	841	946	1282	960
Adult Sexual Assault	34	1058	878	645	838	854
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	15	203	207	171	160	185
Arson	11	26	57	15	13	27
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	9	123	32	36	45	59
Burglary	15	1103	1025	1175	1317	1155
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	5	1536	1674	1408	1692	1577
Child Pornography	10	29	34	12	22	24
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	2	2372	2760	2915	3077	2781
Domestic and/or Family Violence	6	12354	11847	10904	13870	12243
DUI/DWI Incidents	1	96	85	100	146	106
Elder Abuse or Neglect	13	74	69	52	95	72
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	3	0	0	0	2	0
Human Trafficking: Labor	8	0	3	3	13	4
Human Trafficking: Sex	1	74	77	62	134	86
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	14	462	542	388	523	478
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	10	15	13	16	21	16
Kidnapping (custodial)	6	1	8	9	19	9

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Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	2	38	25	46	50	39
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	8	107	82	46	58	73
Robbery	12	51	86	77	114	82
Stalking/Harassment	23	735	527	553	839	663
Survivors of Homicide Victims	15	204	245	173	246	217
Teen Dating Victimization	8	9	4	7	20	10
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	9	440	613	578	594	556

Special Classifications of Individuals

Special Classifications of Individuals	Number of Individuals Self Reporting a Special Classification				
	Quarter 1 Total	Quarter 2 Total	Quarter 3 Total	Quarter 4 Total	Per Quarter Average
Deaf/Hard of Hearing	45	36	33	45	164
Homeless	259	197	123	177	1315
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	162	129	173	186	1083
LGBTQ	194	172	77	205	956
Veterans	87	113	71	97	552
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/Physical /Mental	964	856	724	930	3897
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	791	533	634	536	4294
Other	288	192	122	230	721

General Award Information

Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level	Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.	81620	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year	6568	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.	54693	67.01 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?	1039	1.27 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.	2771	

Demographics

Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian or Alaska Native	468	0.86 %
Asian	378	0.69 %
Black or African American	6657	12.17 %

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Hispanic or Latino	7200	13.16 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	460	0.84 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	28699	52.47 %
Some Other Race	191	0.35 %
Multiple Races	1380	2.52 %
Not Reported	9252	16.92 %
Not Tracked	8	0.01 %
Race/Ethnicity Total	54693	
Gender Identity		
Male	14215	25.99 %
Female	34318	62.75 %
Other	57	0.10 %
Not Reported	6103	11.16 %
Not Tracked	0	0.00 %
Gender Total	54693	
Age		
Age 0- 12	6433	11.76 %
Age 13- 17	3370	6.16 %
Age 18- 24	5573	10.19 %
Age 25- 59	27243	49.81 %
Age 60 and Older	3387	6.19 %
Not Reported	8687	15.88 %
Not Tracked	0	0.00 %
Age Total	54693	

Direct Services				
Service Area	# of Subgrantees That Provided Services in This Category	# of Individuals/Contacts Receiving Services	Specific Service	Frequency of Service
A. Information & Referral	61	42342	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	32909
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	33848
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	13170

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			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	27784
B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	59	22191	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	515
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	569
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	3738
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	42762
			B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	640
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	457
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	2642
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	843
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	8098
			B10. Interpreter services	2326
C. Emotional Support or Safety Services	53	47973	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	37843
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	35123
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	350
			C4. Individual counseling	67501
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	7104
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	24938
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	7488
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	30	4209	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	74675
			D2. Transitional housing	19

			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	527
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	53	37084	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	30107
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	1845
			E3. Assistance with restitution	1645
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	9901
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	7487
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	2515
			E7. Immigration assistance	156
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	1716
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	391
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	6477
E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	284			

ANNUAL QUESTIONS

Grantee Annually Reported Questions

Question/Option	Count
Were any administrative and training funds used during the reporting period?	
Yes	1
No	0
Did the administrative funds support any education activities during the reporting period?	
Yes	1
No	0
Number of requests received for education activities during the reporting period.	0
Number of people trained or attending education events during the reporting period.	326
Number of events conducted during the reporting period.	5
Did the grant support any coordination activities (e.g., with other service providers, law enforcement agencies) during the reporting period?	
Yes	1
No	0
Describe any program or educational materials developed during the reporting period.	
The Children s Advocacy Centers of Kansas has begun to develop a foundational CAC victim advocacy training curriculum. The work on this curriculum continues into the next reporting period.	

Describe any planning or training events held during the reporting period.

The SAA hosted one KAVA class for victim service providers across the state. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a great deal of effort and collaboration went into amending this course from a one-week in-person academy to a multi-week virtual-based academy. The feedback was positive and the plan is to host KAVA in this virtual environment again in 2021. No VOCA administrative or training funds were used for these minimal training expenses. In coordination with the Kansas Crime Victims Compensation Board (CVCB), under the Kansas Office of the Attorney General, the KGGP hosted three webinar trainings for subgrantees. The CVCB Executive Director provided information to direct service providers to assist victims in completing forms, understanding the claim review process, and answered questions from participants. The KGGP also utilized the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs to provide a civil rights compliance webinar training in June 2020 for subgrantees. This event had 86 participants; additionally, the KGGP was given permission to post the webinar recording which has since had hundreds of views.

Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.

N/A

Describe any earned media coverage events/episodes during the reporting period.

N/A

Describe any coordinated responses/services for assisting crime victims during the reporting period.

Each VOCA subgrant applicant is required to address how and with what entities the applicant collaborates with or proposes to collaborate with to carry out the grant project. Applicants must promote within the community, coordinated public and private efforts to aid crime victims. Coordination may include, but is not limited to, serving on state, federal, local, or Native American task forces, commissions, working groups, coalitions, and/or multi-disciplinary teams. Coordination efforts also include developing written agreements that contribute to better and more comprehensive services to crime victims. In addition, the SAA entered into two training-specific contracts during this reporting period. The Children's Advocacy Centers of Kansas will develop and provide statewide training for direct victim service providers in child advocacy centers. Similarly, the Kansas CASA Association will develop and provide training to enhance direct victim services provided to children through local CASA programs. Both projects are in the curriculum development phase and did not deliver training during this reporting period.

Please discuss the major issues in your state that either assist or prevent victims from receiving assistance during the reporting period.

Subgrantee descriptions of issues faced in their communities continue to include challenges reaching the geographically isolated victims and survivors, with the vast majority of the state being considered rural. This has been compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic. With victims confined by stay-at-home orders, incidences of domestic violence and child abuse have increased. Victims are not able to easily access services as they are isolated with their abusers. Shelters struggle with maintaining social distancing and providing help to victims while protecting staff. Closures of schools and businesses add an additional level of stress to the situation, fewer mandated reporters, higher potential for income loss, and fewer opportunities for victims to reach out for help. Due to the rural population distribution, many victim service programs manage a multi-county service area, adding to the challenge when an advocate may need to travel a considerable distance to meet a victim face-to-face. Subgrantee agencies have worked hard this past year to develop protocols and purchase equipment to allow for the provision of virtually-based services. Shelter programs have increased the use of hotels to assist with shelter needs while dealing with social distancing, sanitization, and quarantine issues for the health and safety of both clients and staff. As a result of the limited low-cost housing, an issue in both rural and urban areas of Kansas, domestic violence victims and survivors in particular are staying longer in shelter, which means more programs operate more days at full capacity. The challenges surrounding resources for crime victims with mental health issues also continues to rise toward the top of the list.

Please describe ways that your agency promoted the coordination of public and private efforts within the community to help crime victims during the reporting period.

The KGGP continues to coordinate with the Kansas Crime Victims Compensation Board Office. The Executive Director of the Office participates in committees that are working to coordinate training for those who work with crime victims (including advocates, law enforcement, and other criminal justice professionals) and presents a workshop on crime victim compensation at the Annual Crime Victims Rights Conference. As noted above, the KGGP hosted the CVCB Executive Director in providing webinar training events for subgrantee victim service staff. In addition, the KGGP works closely with the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Kansas Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers to ensure coordination of efforts. Both agencies also participate in the above-referenced committees. Although these are not VOCA-funded activities, they illustrate the collaborative effort encouraged by VOCA. Coordination with community partners is an important topic of discussion when Analysts conduct on-site compliance reviews. Both successes and challenges are discussed and technical assistance is provided to explore ideas on how to enhance community coordination. Subgrantees provide outreach through efforts

that identify crime victims and ensure they are provided the services they need.

Please describe any notable activities at the grantee level during the reporting period that improved delivery of victim services.

The Governor and Attorney General was prepared to host the Annual Crime Victims' Rights Conference in April of 2020, anticipating more than 500 attendees. Professionals in victim services, law enforcement, prosecution, mental health, corrections, criminal justice personnel, and crime victims attend the training to discuss and learn about services and working with crime victims. All agencies receiving VOCA funding are required to send at least one person to this conference. The agenda focuses on training for those serving victims of crime. Unfortunately, however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event was cancelled. All subgrantees are required to attend training on the reporting requirements for the grant. In addition, the VOCA program analysts conduct site visits and compliance reporting for each grant project, as well as providing ongoing technical assistance. The KGGP is the host agency for the KAVA with one virtual-based class held during the previous 12 months. We are anticipating three academies to be scheduled through the end of 2021 to continue the opportunity for advocates to receive this essential foundational skill-based training.

Please discuss each priority (i.e., child abuse, domestic assault, sexual assault, and underserved) in which VOCA funds have been used to assist crime victims during the reporting period

Child Abuse Category—provided by child advocacy center: The victim was sexually abused at the hands of her stepfather when she was eight years old. She was able to disclose at the age of twelve. I have worked with her family for close to two years now and have watched them go through the anger with her abuser, the fear, and the frustration with the court process. I have also watched her thrive along this journey. The court process has come to an end. He ended up getting probation. I struggled with this, but the family was comfortable with the outcome as it kept her from having to testify. Before sentencing, I met with her to fill out her victim impact statement. The day of sentencing, I could tell she wanted to read her statement but was terrified to face him. She looked at me and said she was going to read it. She did AMAZING. Domestic Violence Category—provided by a domestic violence services agency: A victim who had been physically attacked by her ex-husband, entered our emergency shelter in February 2020, just a month or so prior to the shelter-in-place order. While the victim stayed with us through the duration of the pandemic, she started a customer service job at a local business. The victim would get up very early every morning to walk the few miles to her bus stop to be able to make it to work by 8 am. Her case manager and the Shelter Therapist would schedule her appointments after 6 pm to accommodate her work schedule. When the shelter-in-place order took effect, the victim was in jeopardy of losing her job, but her employer permitted remote work. The agency was able to assist the victim with finding low-cost housing and a donation from a community partner provided furniture. The victim wrote heartfelt thank you notes to all the staff members she worked with. Words will never be able to express the joy I feel in meeting you! You have been very open and helpful during my time here and I appreciate you for that! Sexual Assault Category—provided by a sexual assault services agency: I wanted to share a success story from the family of a teen victim that completed therapy a few months ago. The victim came to the agency after being assaulted by a classmate. Her family was very supportive of her and involved in sessions, and when it came time to share her trauma narrative toward the end of our work together, the family asked if they could share the changes that the agency had made in their life. The victim's father shared that before coming to the agency, he really hadn't understood the effects of sexual assault or why people may wait to come forward after experiencing sexual violence. He was shocked to hear that his daughter had been assaulted and felt that he had failed to protect her. The client's parents reported that after coming to the agency, they felt more connected as a family and their daughter was laughing, smiling, and sharing things with them at home. The victim's father reported that his perspective about survivors of assault has completely changed. The victim shared that before coming to the agency, she felt dirty and ashamed and she now feels brave. Underserved Category—provided by a District Attorney's Office: A 72-year-old widow who, in her own words, is limited in (her) abilities not only physically, but also financially, had a railing in her home that needed repair. Unfortunately, when she paid the defendant to complete the repairs, he not only failed to do the work, he messed it up so that she would end up having to pay even more to fix it. The defendant then stole over \$1,500 worth of items from the victim, including her checkbook that he used to forge checks. As a result, the victim was not able to make her car insurance payment and had to go through the stressful situation of freezing her accounts and contacting businesses to stop payments. While she was reimbursed by her bank for the forged checks, she was still out of pocket for the original \$320 that she had given the defendant. The widow said she felt that she could no longer feel safe in my own home or feel that I can trust others to help me when I am in need... Fortunately, the District Attorney's VOCA-funded Advocate was able to advocate for the victim and assist with completing the request for assistance from the Property Crimes Compensation fund, which granted her the \$320. While we cannot take away the entire hardship, we were able to at least remind her that there are people out there that she can trust in her time of need.

Please briefly describe efforts taken to serve Victims of Federal crime during the reporting period.

Any federal crime victim seeking assistance from a VOCA-funded subgrantee is entitled to and will receive direct services. In addition, all crime victims receive compensation information when they come in contact with a subgrantee program. Federal victim/witness staff is invited to participate in trainings sponsored by this office, including the Kansas Academy for Victim Assistance and the Annual Crime Victims Rights Conference co-hosted by the Kansas Governor and Attorney General. VOCA subgrantees serve federal crime victims by going to court proceedings with the victims to offer support and answer questions about the court process; helping victims file applications with the Crime Victims Compensation Board, providing information and referrals regarding other community resources; and providing counseling, therapy, treatment, and safe shelter for victims.

Please identify any emerging issues or notable trends affecting crime victim services in your state during the reporting period.

Feedback from subgrantees regarding issues impacting services continue to include navigating services for victims with more specialized needs, which also increases the demand for qualified trained staff. Human trafficking continues as an ever-increasingly discussed issue, at both the national level as well as in Kansas. Domestic violence agencies are still reporting that the level of violence continues to escalate. As has been the case for several years, the lack of affordable housing, mental health and substance abuse counseling, child care, and qualified legal assistance continues as major challenges in Kansas. VOCA funds have assisted with expansion of mental health and legal assistance in numerous areas around the State, although with each expansion of services, more needs arise. As the overall population ages, agencies are working to increase elder abuse-focused services and outreach efforts. As is the case nationally, there is an increase in the connection between drug use and crime. Methamphetamine and opioid addiction is showing a direct impact on numbers of crimes committed against victims, including violent crimes, fraud-related crimes, abuse of the elderly and children, and property crimes. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, subgrantee organizations were forced to adapt to the disaster declaration, stay-at-home orders, social distancing, and quarantine measures. These organizations quickly and impressively developed new procedures and service delivery methods, particularly the implementation of teleservices, with minor interruptions in services.

Please briefly outline any staffing retention issues that your victim assistance program has and why these issues may occur during the reporting period.

While the increase in VOCA funds has allowed programs to increase staff, salaries and benefits, retention of qualified staff continues to challenge agencies in rural areas. Also, with larger projects to manage, the need for qualified administrative staff increases. As is true across the country, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a direct impact on staffing retention. Fear of exposure in the workplace and the necessity to stay home with young children who are receiving remote education has resulted in staff turnover.

Please explain your state process to publicize its victim assistance funding for services to victims of crime during the reporting period.

The KGGP maintains a distribution list of email addresses for organizations and agencies eligible to apply. The League of Kansas Municipalities and the Kansas Association for Counties also are notified and post information to their membership. Our office provides the Kansas Secretary of State's Office with a copy of the notice to be published in the Kansas Register. In addition, the grant solicitation packet may be accessed via the Internet on the Governor's website.

Please explain how your state is able to direct funding to new/underserved populations during the reporting period.

The Kansas VOCA Strategic Plan includes the goal of funding services to identify underserved communities and underserved populations. Applicants for VOCA funding are encouraged to address the goals of the Kansas VOCA strategic plan. During this reporting period, there was a concerted effort to increase services for the elderly.

Please explain how your program is able to respond to gaps in services during the reporting period.

By enhancing and expanding access to victim services such as crisis response agencies; law enforcement-based advocates; prosecutor-based advocates, both county and city level; and agencies providing services specifically to disabled victims, many of the service needs and/or gaps have been met or alleviated. The KGGP has responded by funding additional mileage requests, requests for additional court service providers and additional legal service funds, additional advocacy services dollars for therapeutic services, bilingual services providers, translation services, and specialized training opportunities. There are projects that provide specialized elder abuse and human trafficking services as well. As subgrantees responded to service delivery in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, VOCA funds assisted with the purchase of supplies and technology to better assist programs with maintaining a clean and healthy service delivery environment and with remote services through virtual telecommunications methods. Open communication is maintained with the Kansas Attorney General's office, the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, and the KGGP to encourage discussion to identify gaps and respond. In addition, subgrantees are encouraged to contact their Analyst if any issues arise. The KGGP is in the final stages of developing an updated state strategic plan, which will be a comprehensive plan to address strategies for using not only VOCA funding, but also dollars available from the Federal Family Violence Prevention and Services, STOP Violence Against Women, and Sexual Assault Services Programs. Through the planning process, gaps in services have been identified and are being addressed through specific recommended

strategies.

Please list and explain any outcome measure(s) that are reported to the governor, legislature, or other state entity during the reporting period.

The KGGP prepares and compiles statistical data from the Subgrantees reports. The information is now being transferred to a dashboard report on the KGGP website. In addition, the KGGP provides information to elected officials as requested.