

# MS 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.*

<b>OVC VOCA Assistance Funds</b>				
	<b>2017-VA-GX-0049</b>	<b>2018-V2-GX-0168</b>	<b>2019-V2-GX-0032</b>	<b>2020-V2-GX-0021</b>
<b>Federal Award Amount</b>	\$17,133,550.00	\$30,399,551.00	\$20,596,471.00	\$15,218,388.00
<b>Total Amount of Subawards</b>	\$15,849,868.00	\$26,250,852.00	\$15,537,308.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Number of Subawards</b>	69	61	41	0
<b>Administrative Funds Amount</b>	\$856,677.00	\$1,519,977.00	\$1,029,823.00	\$760,919.00
<b>Training Funds Amount</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Balance Remaining</b>	\$427,005.00	\$2,628,722.00	\$4,029,340.00	\$14,457,469.00

<b>Subgrantee Organization Type</b>				
<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>				
<b>Type of Organization</b>	<b>2017-VA-GX-0049</b>	<b>2018-V2-GX-0168</b>	<b>2019-V2-GX-0032</b>	<b>2020-V2-GX-0021</b>
<b>Government Agencies Only</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>
Corrections	2	0	1	0
Courts	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	13	7	4	0
Prosecutor	13	7	6	0
Other	5	3	3	0
<b>Nonprofit Organization Only</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	17	20	16	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	2	1	1	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	4	6	4	0
Faith-based Organization	2	4	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	3	6	1	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	0	0	1	0

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Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	1	2	0	0
Multiservice agency	5	4	3	0
Other	0	1	0	0
<b>Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Agencies, and Organizations Only</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
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	2	0	1	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
<b>Campus Organizations Only</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Campus-based victims services	0	0	0	0
Law enforcement	0	0	0	0
Physical or mental health service program	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Number of Subawards</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>0</b>

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

<b>Subaward Purpose</b>				
A single SAR can select multiple purposes. Numbers are not unique				
	<b>2017-VA-GX-0049</b>	<b>2018-V2-GX-0168</b>	<b>2019-V2-GX-0032</b>	<b>2020-V2-GX-0021</b>
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	62	56	41	0

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B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	5	3	2	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	3	2	1	0
D. Start up a new <b>Native American</b> victim services project	0	0	0	0
E. Expand or enhance an existing <b>Native American</b> project	0	0	0	0

**VOCA and Match Funds**

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

	2017-VA-GX-0049	2018-V2-GX-0168	2019-V2-GX-0032	2020-V2-GX-0021
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	67	61	40	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	61	59	37	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	63	53	34	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	34	32	16	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	59	54	37	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	69	61	41	0

**Priority and Underserved Requirements**

Priority Area	2017-VA-GX-0049	2018-V2-GX-0168	2019-V2-GX-0032	2020-V2-GX-0021
<b>Child Abuse</b>				
Total Amount	\$6,131,425.00	\$12,043,583.00	\$6,843,548.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	36.00 %	40.00 %	33.00 %	
<b>Domestic and Family Violence</b>				
Total Amount	\$4,845,319.00	\$7,925,292.00	\$4,198,528.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	28.00 %	26.00 %	20.00 %	
<b>Sexual Assault</b>				
Total Amount	\$1,770,266.00	\$3,235,423.00	\$2,049,918.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	10.00 %	11.00 %	10.00 %	
<b>Underserved</b>				
Total Amount	\$2,439,807.00	\$3,041,521.00	\$1,400,291.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	14.00 %	10.00 %	7.00 %	

**Budget and Staffing**

Staffing Information	2017-VA-GX-0049	2018-V2-GX-0168	2019-V2-GX-0032	2020-V2-GX-0021
Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	533	787	378	

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Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	787934	1075637	618517	
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	843	818	599	
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	80846	68891	37494	

**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)	57	753	880	665	642	735
Adult Sexual Assault	70	363	459	383	405	402
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	70	84	79	82	90	83
Arson	35	27	35	24	27	28
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	51	37	44	27	122	57
Burglary	38	468	620	327	631	511
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	96	2223	2238	1859	1830	2037
Child Pornography	70	48	22	49	60	44
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	96	2896	2883	2303	2880	2740
Domestic and/or Family Violence	93	2419	2307	1847	2197	2192
DUI/DWI Incidents	40	47	60	33	33	43
Elder Abuse or Neglect	56	24	26	13	21	21
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	34	0	0	0	3	0
Human Trafficking: Labor	53	1	2	0	3	1
Human Trafficking: Sex	81	50	65	72	96	70
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	38	201	234	165	227	206
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	47	34	66	26	40	41
Kidnapping (custodial)	46	5	17	5	8	8

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Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	24	0	0	0	2	0
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	39	34	40	21	76	42
Robbery	41	228	147	75	135	146
Stalking/Harassment	65	77	110	80	115	95
Survivors of Homicide Victims	62	415	586	410	444	463
Teen Dating Victimization	71	11	9	6	17	10
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	19	0	2	0	2	1
Other	23	787	1265	1289	1430	1192

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	11	14	14	21	98
Homeless	316	280	185	313	1913
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	22	65	27	158	378
LGBTQ	32	30	31	41	248
Veterans	13	19	14	37	241
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/Physical /Mental	374	389	296	317	2292
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	63	67	60	168	605
Other	127	30	31	20	271

General Award Information				
Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level			Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.			38352	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year			1868	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.			24463	63.79 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?			5697	14.85 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.			7899	

Demographics		
Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native	466	1.90 %
Asian	71	0.29 %
Black or African American	10379	42.43 %

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Hispanic or Latino	549	2.24 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	13	0.05 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	10816	44.21 %
Some Other Race	183	0.75 %
Multiple Races	469	1.92 %
Not Reported	1131	4.62 %
Not Tracked	386	1.58 %
<b>Race/Ethnicity Total</b>	<b>24463</b>	
<b>Gender Identity</b>		
Male	7133	29.16 %
Female	16259	66.46 %
Other	69	0.28 %
Not Reported	701	2.87 %
Not Tracked	301	1.23 %
<b>Gender Total</b>	<b>24463</b>	
<b>Age</b>		
Age 0- 12	8445	34.52 %
Age 13- 17	3948	16.14 %
Age 18- 24	1555	6.36 %
Age 25- 59	8458	34.57 %
Age 60 and Older	828	3.38 %
Not Reported	1129	4.62 %
Not Tracked	100	0.41 %
<b>Age Total</b>	<b>24463</b>	

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	62	23022	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	11426
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	16808
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	12699

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			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	13665
B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	55	10093	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	408
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	338
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	3316
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	17387
			B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	2411
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	212
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	1657
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	3449
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	16779
			B10. Interpreter services	277
C. Emotional Support or Safety Services	53	11094	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	11705
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	7923
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	254
			C4. Individual counseling	13010
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	4903
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	5099
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	1751
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	25	2456	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	44552
			D2. Transitional housing	23098

			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	1465
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	51	9071	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	6562
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	1781
			E3. Assistance with restitution	1051
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	1297
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	3152
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	234
			E7. Immigration assistance	19
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	1662
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	1041
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	1911
			E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	893

### ANNUAL QUESTIONS

#### Grantee Annually Reported Questions

Question/Option	Count
<b>Were any administrative and training funds used during the reporting period?</b>	
Yes	1
No	0
<b>Did the administrative funds support any education activities during the reporting period?</b>	
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.	152
Number of events conducted during the reporting period.	1
<b>Did the grant support any coordination activities (e.g., with other service providers, law enforcement agencies) during the reporting period?</b>	
Yes	0
No	1
<b>Describe any program or educational materials developed during the reporting period.</b>	



During the reporting period, OAIV conducted its subgrantee orientation virtually on 7/27/2020 thru 7/30/2020. OAIV worked with MS Public Health Institute to coordinate and host training virtually for the department. Training topics consisted of the following: 1.) General Orientation- Overview of Subgrant Manual, Reimbursements, Modifications, Inventory and Closeout Process 2.) VOCA Orientation- Grant Allowables and Non-Allowables, Match, Equipment, COVID allowables, Monthly Activity logs 3.) FVPSA Orientation- 4.) VAWA SASP 5.) STOP-7/30/20 (2 sessions)

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

As stated previously, OAIV conducted its subgrantee orientation virtually on 7/27/2020 thru 7/30/2020. OAIV worked with MS Public Health Institute to coordinate and host the training virtually for the department. Participation for the training topics consisted of the following: 1.) General Orientation-7/27/20 and 7/28/20- 190 participants 2.) VOCA Orientation-7/29/20-152 participants 3.) FVPSA Orientation-7/29/20-48 Participants 4.) VAWA SASP-7/30/20-37 participants 5.) STOP-7/30/20 (2 sessions) -75 participants

**Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.**

Since COVID-19 became MSDH's major issue and focal point during the reporting period, MSDH changed some of its administrative policies regarding teleworking, equipment and IT security.

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

None

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

VOCA staff worked in cooperation with VAWA and FVPSA grant staff to ensure shared providers were prorating successfully across the grants and grant activities supported grant funding.

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

COVID-19 became OAIV and MSDH major issue during the reporting period. Its was during this time that the state of Mississippi was leading the nation with the highest number of COVID-19 cases. OAIV begin allowing its providers to modify its agreements due to the impact of COVID-19. Most modifications were to increase the following program cost categories: Commodities (COVID-cleaning supplies, door and floor signs for social distances; Equipment needs such as increase for up to date technology- smartphones, computers, ipads, etc.; Contractual services costs include amending networks needs for IT, software application updates and requests to purchase Microsoft Teams, Zoom, Skype, contracted staff for overtime and social media; Salary changes due to overtime pay.

**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 MS VOCA program continued to fund the enhanced multi-disciplinary team efforts provided through the 11 local chapters and 1 state executive chapter in response to child abuse by funding advocates dedicated to serve as liaisons between MDT and child protection services to ensure all cases are being referred to and addressed by the MDT.

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

None during the reporting period.

**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**

During the project period, OAIV awarded 60 VOCA sgrants to serve all of the categories. Providers consisted of VOCA programs within prosecutors offices, law enforcement agencies and state agencies often address a variety of victimizations. Child Abuse: VOCA funds continued to support child advocacy centers, children's homes, and CASA programs. VOCA continued to fund these organizations because there target populations and victimizations address the needs of victims and their families regarding physical and sexual abuse and neglect. Children's emergency shelters and homes are funded, provided they meet the MS State Department of Mental Health standards and are licensed as placements through MS Department of Child Protection Services. Additionally, the Children's Safe Center, performs medical forensic examinations for children services. Domestic Violence- VOCA funding supports domestic violence shelters, non-residential services for victims of domestic violence, transitional housing for victims of domestic violence and legal services for domestic violence victims. Also, the victim assistance coordinators and advocates housed within law enforcement agencies and prosecutors offices statewide address victims of domestic violence.

<b>Please briefly describe efforts taken to serve Victims of Federal crime during the reporting period.</b>
There were no specific efforts taken during the reporting period to serve victims of federal crimes. All subgrantees are aware of the VOCA requirements and they must certify to comply with these requirements in order to receive VOCA funding.
<b>Please identify any emerging issues or notable trends affecting crime victim services in your state during the reporting period.</b>
One of the emerging issues identified during the project period was transportation for rural pockets throughout the state.
<b>Please briefly outline any staffing retention issues that your victim assistance program has and why these issues may occur during the reporting period.</b>
OAIV and the VOCA Unit is stable but there were some personnel turnovers during the reporting period. OAIV hired two (2) program assistance to help with federal reporting for SARs, FFATA and basic data entry for tracking reimbursements that were processed by the department. OAIV's Director resigned during the month of June and MSDH hired a replacement on September 1st. OAIV also filled the VOCA grant administrator position on May 16th. The organizational structure of OAIV is currently under review to identify appropriate duties/tasks for OAIV staff.
<b>Please explain your state process to publicize its victim assistance funding for services to victims of crime during the reporting period.</b>
The RFP was published on the MSDH website.
<b>Please explain how your state is able to direct funding to new/underserved populations during the reporting period.</b>
OAIV continued its efforts to expand legal services to victims of identity theft/fraud. The state continued to work with its subrecipient North MS Rural legal to identify barriers to staffing during the pandemic and the impact of COVID-19 had on any victims accessing legal services. Additionally, VOCA funding was utilized to expand the availability of sexual assault and medical services to support the state's only shelter program for adult victims of human trafficking.
<b>Please explain how your program is able to respond to gaps in services during the reporting period.</b>
During the project period, OAIV began the process of revising its Standard Operating Procedures, developing program standards as required by state statute and responding to OVC's audit which help the state to identify and access the gaps in services. Additionally, OAIV began working to correct its PMT data so that the state could use its data outcomes to accurately identify gaps in services and population needs within the state.
<b>Please list and explain any outcome measure(s) that are reported to the governor, legislature, or other state entity during the reporting period.</b>
OAIV submitted its report to be included in the MSDH annual report. This report highlighted the funding provided to the different victim service organizations, types of services provided, and the numbers of individuals. This information is published and shared with the general public and MSDH website.