

NE 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-0010	2018-V2-GX-0021	2019-V2-GX-0061	2020-V2-GX-0060
Federal Award Amount	\$11,113,923.00	\$19,738,434.00	\$13,482,116.00	\$10,066,500.00
Total Amount of Subawards	\$13,165,596.00	\$18,431,251.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Number of Subawards	74	64	0	0
Administrative Funds Amount	\$555,696.00	\$986,921.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Training Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance Remaining	(\$2,607,369.00)	\$320,262.00	\$13,482,116.00	\$10,066,500.00

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-0010	2018-V2-GX-0021	2019-V2-GX-0061	2020-V2-GX-0060
Government Agencies Only	19	16	0	0
Corrections	0	0	0	0
Courts	2	1	0	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	6	8	0	0
Prosecutor	8	4	0	0
Other	3	3	0	0
Nonprofit Organization Only	52	47	0	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	21	22	0	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	1	1	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	6	5	0	0
Faith-based Organization	0	0	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	21	15	0	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	0	0	0	0

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Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	0	0	0	0
Multiservice agency	3	4	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Agencies, and Organizations Only	3	1	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	1	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	2	1	0	0
Campus Organizations Only	0	0	0	0
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
Total Number of Subawards	74	64	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-0010	2018-V2-GX-0021	2019-V2-GX-0061	2020-V2-GX-0060
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	69	61	0	0

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B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	2	2	0	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	4	7	0	0
D. Start up a new Native American victim services project	1	0	0	0
E. Expand or enhance an existing Native American project	1	0	0	0

VOCA and Match Funds

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

	2017-VA-GX-0010	2018-V2-GX-0021	2019-V2-GX-0061	2020-V2-GX-0060
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	44	59	0	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	47	57	0	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	38	50	0	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	17	30	0	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	40	57	0	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	48	64	0	0

Priority and Underserved Requirements

Priority Area	2017-VA-GX-0010	2018-V2-GX-0021	2019-V2-GX-0061	2020-V2-GX-0060
Child Abuse				
Total Amount	\$2,410,998.00	\$3,364,478.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	22.00 %	17.00 %		
Domestic and Family Violence				
Total Amount	\$6,585,625.00	\$8,148,678.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	59.00 %	41.00 %		
Sexual Assault				
Total Amount	\$2,016,104.00	\$3,624,699.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	18.00 %	18.00 %		
Underserved				
Total Amount	\$2,049,139.00	\$2,826,450.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	18.00 %	14.00 %		

Budget and Staffing

Staffing Information	2017-VA-GX-0010	2018-V2-GX-0021	2019-V2-GX-0061	2020-V2-GX-0060
Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	742	526		

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Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	611876	485070		
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	1321	746		
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	135146	72768		

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)	25	4290	4026	3871	4422	4152
Adult Sexual Assault	44	1891	1947	1496	1902	1809
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	35	122	154	96	106	119
Arson	15	34	40	44	60	44
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	32	187	210	66	73	134
Burglary	16	792	707	563	781	710
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	2	2923	3590	2834	3723	3267
Child Pornography	37	402	312	176	147	259
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	54	3712	3867	3071	4127	3694
Domestic and/or Family Violence	1	10435	10933	9230	10830	10357
DUI/DWI Incidents	18	288	396	322	532	384
Elder Abuse or Neglect	32	158	117	134	181	147
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	17	1	4	14	12	7
Human Trafficking: Labor	35	9	19	21	18	16
Human Trafficking: Sex	53	111	176	152	168	151
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	17	781	821	571	565	684
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	25	34	32	30	66	40
Kidnapping (custodial)	27	20	5	29	7	15

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Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	14	0	0	0	3	0
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	17	1005	817	590	832	811
Robbery	16	499	497	389	510	473
Stalking/Harassment	43	1483	1287	1021	990	1195
Survivors of Homicide Victims	26	759	578	534	434	576
Teen Dating Victimization	40	140	147	111	100	124
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	13	10	3	2	2	4
Other	16	12162	11610	13691	11012	12118

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	47	50	65	121	375
Homeless	1227	1039	803	901	4405
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	227	354	315	321	1973
LGBTQ	98	87	78	90	341
Veterans	85	116	92	63	436
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/Physical /Mental	1354	1344	1078	1146	5101
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	870	749	726	744	3644
Other	185	1066	106	136	2309

General Award Information

Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level	Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.	99273	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year	14433	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.	36453	36.72 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?	16644	16.77 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.	2949	

Demographics

Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian or Alaska Native	764	2.10 %
Asian	297	0.81 %
Black or African American	2542	6.97 %

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Hispanic or Latino	4928	13.52 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	46	0.13 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	23266	63.82 %
Some Other Race	487	1.34 %
Multiple Races	800	2.19 %
Not Reported	2982	8.18 %
Not Tracked	341	0.94 %
Race/Ethnicity Total	36453	
Gender Identity		
Male	10576	29.01 %
Female	24322	66.72 %
Other	56	0.15 %
Not Reported	1372	3.76 %
Not Tracked	127	0.35 %
Gender Total	36453	
Age		
Age 0- 12	5627	15.44 %
Age 13- 17	2861	7.85 %
Age 18- 24	4389	12.04 %
Age 25- 59	17558	48.17 %
Age 60 and Older	3163	8.68 %
Not Reported	2770	7.60 %
Not Tracked	85	0.23 %
Age Total	36453	

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	52	73293	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	71394
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	70448
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	13026

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			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	42032
B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	57	29788	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	2723
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	1432
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	13266
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	55875
			B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	3197
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	1522
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	640
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	2050
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	5980
			B10. Interpreter services	7245
C. Emotional Support or Safety Services	44	45539	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	34553
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	53945
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	566
			C4. Individual counseling	9593
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	6355
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	1855
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	16646
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	29	2625	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	32474
			D2. Transitional housing	22466

			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	6889
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	53	39668	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	56531
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	3169
			E3. Assistance with restitution	3116
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	10617
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	4697
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	3108
			E7. Immigration assistance	420
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	8688
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	945
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	13511
E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	1641			

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	0
No	1
Number of requests received for education activities during the reporting period.	0
Number of people trained or attending education events during the reporting period.	0
Number of events conducted during the reporting period.	0
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.	
None under the VOCA grant.	

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

None under the VOCA grant.

Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.

There policy changes during the reporting period, mostly due to the pandemic. To allow programs to continue to provide services in a way that provided safety measures to victims and staff we had allowed some flexibilities that otherwise would not be allowed. This includes allowing gift cards to purchase food and other emergent needs for victims; equipment for staff working remotely, hazard pay, and allowing more budget revisions to be done as needed for programs. The biggest policy change that we made was to modify the Match Waiver Policy that had been in place to allow the Federal Grants and Programs Director to issue a blanket match waiver or as needed based on certain circumstances such as the pandemic. The statewide match wavier was extremely helpful to programs as they were dealing with reduced or lost volunteers, funding and donations.

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

As the SAA we have not had any earned media coverage during this reporting period.

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

The Federal Grants and Programs Division coordinates with victim service providers across the state during the year. The Nebraska Victim Advocacy Coordinator serves on the Board of Directors for the Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime that is made up of victim service professionals from various types of victim service agencies. The Victim Training Specialist is on the steering committee for the Nebraska Victim Assistance Academy and provides input on trainings provided by the academy and assists with the facilitation. The VAWA Administrator participates in the Tribal Coalition meetings, Statewide CRT and other coordination efforts.

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

Nebraska is a largely rural state with only two towns with a population exceeding 60,000; yet, we are the 15th largest state in land square miles (netstate.com). This presents unique challenges to ensure that all victims of crime in the state have timely and adequate access to services. Often times this requires the investment in satellite offices, hefty travel budgets, additional staff to account for travel time, and cost of retaining staff to avoid high turn-over that is often common in the human services field. The increase of VOCA funding since FFY 2015 has gone a long way to increase or enhance the services that have been made available to victims of crime, however, we still have a long way to go in Nebraska. Affordable housing and mental health services continue to be the two needs we hear most from programs that are needed. Affordable and safe housing is difficult to locate even in the urban areas of Nebraska as they also tend to be college towns that then raises the cost that landlords will charge since it is typically easier for 3-4 college students to cover rent on a 3 bedroom house than it is for a single family. If affordable housing can be located it is often in need of repair. Mental health services are fairly easy to find in the Lincoln or Omaha areas, however, in rural Nebraska especially in the panhandle and south central to south west Nebraska the availability of mental health providers is limited. When seeking a provider that has experience working with victims of crime and trauma, that further limits the resources. During this reporting period the main Human Trafficking service provider in Nebraska decided to end operations, this was not a program that was funded with VOCA. However, the closure of their services had a direct impact on human trafficking victims and VOCA funded agencies. Other victim service agencies in the state have been able to absorb some of the services and coordinate efforts to ensure human trafficking victims continue to receive services.

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 staff of the Federal Grants and Programs Division participate in various boards, committees and work groups across the state that promote collaboration on victim services. This is done by attending meetings and/or conferences that the separate coalitions have as a time to share information and stay informed on what is happening in victims services in Nebraska. During this reporting period the Federal Grants and Programs Division did undergo a Strategic Planning process to be comprehensive of all funding streams administered by the division. The onset of the pandemic did create some barriers in the process. We had focus groups scheduled right as the pandemic started in mid March. We did transition to online focus groups, however, attendance was much lower in terms of victim service representation. We will be conducting additional sessions that will focus on the main victim service funding administered to include VOCA.

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

During this reporting period victim service providers were able to modify their services fairly quickly to ensure that victims were being provided services during the pandemic. Programs in Nebraska really embraced the use of technology and thinking outside the box to ensure services were still being provided. As states across the country have seen, with the courts and schools being closed there were added challenges that victims and programs were facing. Victims not having the ability to be away from their abuser to report, courts were continuing protection order hearings and divorce proceedings, schools were no longer a safe place during the day for children who are being abused. With the approach of fall and schools going back into session and businesses essentially opening back up, victim service providers in Nebraska saw a significant increase in victims needing services. Programs have done a great job ensuring that services continued and that the influxes of need have been able to be met within the limitations of resources being available.

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 this reporting period Nebraska continued funding 15 CASA programs and 6 Child Advocacy Centers. Collectively, those programs are providing services to victims of child abuse and child sexual assault. VOCA funding in Nebraska also provides funding for the Sexual Assault Payment Program that pays for SANE exams of all sexual assault victims in the state. Nebraska has also continued funding for the 20 domestic violence and sexual assault programs that are located throughout the state. Of those 20 programs, three of them are recipients of the Transitional Housing funding that serves victims of domestic violence and underserved populations. There are also 13 victim witness programs that are located either in the county attorney office or with law enforcement. These programs are typically exclusive to 1 or 2 counties and there are 93 counties in Nebraska. VOCA funds are used to fund a couple statewide programs to provide the criminal justice advocacy that victim witness units typically provide. One is the Nebraska Probation system that advocates that work with the victims of probationers in various locations across the state. The next program we use to meet this underserved need is the Nebraska Victim Advocacy Program that has a statewide Victim Advocacy Coordinator who provides advocacy to those victims in areas that other services are not available. This program also has a direct victim assistance fund that can provide emergency assistance to the needs of victims.

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

Programs that receive VOCA funding are required to serve victims of federal crimes at the same level they do all other crime victims. This information is provided in the funding announcement, Special Conditions and reviewed during monitoring activities.

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

Outside of what the entire country is experiencing with the pandemic, Nebraska has seen an increase of sexual assault over the last couple years. There is one urban location in the state where the number of forcible rape has increased by 101% since 2016; while other crimes in that area have not had such significant increases (Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. (2016-2019). Uniform Crime Reporting. Retrieved from <https://ncc.nebraska.gov/arrest-and-offense-data>). While the reasoning behind this significant increase is unknown and could be attributed to a change in how crime data is reported, programs are also reporting an increase of sexual assault victims.

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

During the reporting period we had one staff member that was promoted to another position within the agency. Over the summer we also parted ways with a member of our leadership team. This position was filled as the Victim Services Grant Section Administrator by one of our Grant Managers that has been with the team for several years monitoring VOCA subgrantees. We utilized this opportunity in staff to change to add another leadership position and created the Criminal Justice Grant Section Administrator. This position was needed as the Office of Violence Prevention that provides funding to decrease gang and gun violence was moved under the Federal Grants and Programs Division. This position was also an internal promotion for one of our Grant Managers. We recently hired a new Grant Manager to replace the vacancy created by the promotion of the Victim Services Grant Section Administrator.

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

Funding opportunity announcements for VOCA are made available through our online grant management application system. This information is then emailed out to all currently funded programs, coalitions and stakeholders. We ask that they pass it on to other agencies that would qualify for VOCA funding. The link for the RFP is also listed on the Nebraska Crime Commission website. During this reporting period we were in year 2 of a two year grant cycle for our traditional VOCA applications. We did have our Transitional Housing Program that is VOCA funded available for solicitation during the reporting period.

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

During this reporting period we had our Transitional Housing Program available for application. This is a program what was started two years ago and we had received two applications, one in rural Nebraska and one in Lincoln. This round, we received four applications, three of them being rural and the one in Lincoln. We did fund the two that were previously funded and an additional program in another rural area of Nebraska. The Transitional Housing program has been extremely beneficial to allow the programs to work with the victims on a long-term basis and increase their ability to be self-sufficient upon leaving the program. Victims are able to focus on their immediate safety needs and also addressing the impacts of trauma that they are dealing with while feeling securely housed and provided on-going case management services.

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

With the increased funding received for FFY 2018 VOCA Assistance, we were able to award additional funds to programs during the pandemic. Examples of some of the items funded are equipment, hazard pay, personal protective equipment, cleaning/sanitation items, and increase funds to assist victims with emergency needs such as housing and food. During this reporting period we were also able to expand our Transitional Housing program to include an additional rural program.

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

N/A