

RI 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-0074	2018-V2-GX-0062	2019-V2-GX-0056	2020-V2-GX-0062
Federal Award Amount	\$6,379,467.00	\$11,117,181.00	\$7,614,712.00	\$5,739,014.00
Total Amount of Subawards	\$6,549,653.00	\$10,474,291.00	\$7,236,436.00	\$0.00
Total Number of Subawards	36	50	62	0
Administrative Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Training Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance Remaining	(\$170,186.00)	\$642,890.00	\$378,276.00	\$5,739,014.00

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-0074	2018-V2-GX-0062	2019-V2-GX-0056	2020-V2-GX-0062
Government Agencies Only	0	8	8	0
Corrections	0	0	0	0
Courts	0	1	0	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	1	0
Law Enforcement	0	0	0	0
Prosecutor	0	1	1	0
Other	0	6	6	0
Nonprofit Organization Only	36	42	54	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	0	1	2	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	5	4	3	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	8	8	11	0
Faith-based Organization	0	0	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	4	2	1	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	1	1	1	0

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Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	0	0	1	0
Multiservice agency	16	19	30	0
Other	2	7	5	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	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	36	50	62	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-0074	2018-V2-GX-0062	2019-V2-GX-0056	2020-V2-GX-0062
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	20	22	55	0

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B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	10	14	5	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	6	18	2	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-0074	2018-V2-GX-0062	2019-V2-GX-0056	2020-V2-GX-0062
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	34	47	59	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	27	38	53	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	29	42	55	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	14	24	27	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	24	37	47	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	36	50	61	0

Priority and Underserved Requirements

Priority Area	2017-VA-GX-0074	2018-V2-GX-0062	2019-V2-GX-0056	2020-V2-GX-0062
Child Abuse				
Total Amount	\$58,769.00	\$626,648.00	\$835,212.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	1.00 %	6.00 %	11.00 %	
Domestic and Family Violence				
Total Amount	\$3,361,520.00	\$5,555,639.00	\$2,830,717.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	53.00 %	50.00 %	37.00 %	
Sexual Assault				
Total Amount	\$538,381.00	\$1,075,174.00	\$1,141,272.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	8.00 %	10.00 %	15.00 %	
Underserved				
Total Amount	\$2,590,983.00	\$3,216,830.00	\$2,429,235.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	41.00 %	29.00 %	32.00 %	

Budget and Staffing

Staffing Information	2017-VA-GX-0074	2018-V2-GX-0062	2019-V2-GX-0056	2020-V2-GX-0062
Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	684	424	708	

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Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	110189	624843	234912	
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	127	329	318	
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	9059	20437	41148	

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)	63	1982	2668	2289	2740	2419
Adult Sexual Assault	64	1036	1273	1046	1178	1133
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	51	622	765	631	523	635
Arson	21	10	11	3	2	6
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	48	1107	1183	772	1092	1038
Burglary	33	246	335	62	97	185
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	51	1160	1180	903	861	1026
Child Pornography	35	72	61	25	41	49
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	55	1111	1017	721	621	867
Domestic and/or Family Violence	82	11127	11079	8740	10483	10357
DUI/DWI Incidents	28	100	87	86	87	90
Elder Abuse or Neglect	45	255	256	208	236	238
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	37	217	266	506	518	376
Human Trafficking: Labor	24	43	38	31	30	35
Human Trafficking: Sex	54	238	298	215	215	241
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	31	283	363	242	456	336
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	22	23	20	19	20	20
Kidnapping (custodial)	24	8	12	5	8	8

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Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	19	218	298	283	6	201
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	25	206	266	183	40	173
Robbery	39	349	401	286	124	290
Stalking/Harassment	58	763	756	767	549	708
Survivors of Homicide Victims	41	216	288	301	243	262
Teen Dating Victimization	40	324	119	224	112	194
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	9	6	19	7	15	11
Other	15	2061	2142	2451	2458	2278

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	43	56	48	76	219
Homeless	991	1007	803	842	3339
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	777	887	961	1859	4254
LGBTQ	650	437	664	715	3141
Veterans	57	68	71	81	231
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/Physical /Mental	1107	1334	972	1255	4055
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	993	1188	1165	1768	5283
Other	586	606	1436	954	3584

General Award Information

Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level	Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.	57314	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year	10684	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.	36271	63.28 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?	17002	29.66 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.	6100	

Demographics

Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian or Alaska Native	148	0.41 %
Asian	339	0.93 %
Black or African American	4565	12.59 %

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Hispanic or Latino	4368	12.04 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	68	0.19 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	15543	42.85 %
Some Other Race	747	2.06 %
Multiple Races	821	2.26 %
Not Reported	5337	14.71 %
Not Tracked	4335	11.95 %
Race/Ethnicity Total	36271	
Gender Identity		
Male	7497	20.67 %
Female	21083	58.13 %
Other	968	2.67 %
Not Reported	3274	9.03 %
Not Tracked	3449	9.51 %
Gender Total	36271	
Age		
Age 0- 12	2683	7.40 %
Age 13- 17	1437	3.96 %
Age 18- 24	5939	16.37 %
Age 25- 59	16958	46.75 %
Age 60 and Older	2572	7.09 %
Not Reported	2552	7.04 %
Not Tracked	4130	11.39 %
Age Total	36271	

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	86	33446	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	34929
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	14835
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	18671

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			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	24614
B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	74	19352	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	711
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	446
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	3475
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	39862
			B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	145
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	3160
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	1502
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	822
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	2895
			B10. Interpreter services	6717
C. Emotional Support or Safety Services	80	29736	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	10013
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	21825
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	2067
			C4. Individual counseling	15539
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	2754
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	1481
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	1430
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	40	2296	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	3164
			D2. Transitional housing	5646

			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	1536
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	58	12258	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	11605
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	3812
			E3. Assistance with restitution	2741
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	1298
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	874
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	120
			E7. Immigration assistance	328
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	1254
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	2702
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	4541
E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	1193			

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.	1
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.	
We created a slide show for prospective grantees.	

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

We held a virtual workshop (due to COVID) for the prospective grantees to apply for the 2020 VOCA funds.

Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.

We created a subrecipient match waiver policy which was driven by the COVID pandemic.

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

When there is a crime involving domestic violence or sexual abuse there is usually a response from the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence or Day One, the sexual assault trauma treatment center. The media also covered the drop in VOCA funding and how it is affecting the agencies that receive VOCA funding.

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

The Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence is comprised of a network of member agencies with the purpose to end domestic violence in Rhode Island. It is a statewide coalition that serves every county throughout RI. They have been providing free, confidential services to victims of domestic violence for over forty years. The RICADV has successfully coordinated unduplicated services for victims including emergency shelter, transitional and permanent supportive housing, children's services, community outreach, court advocacy and counseling. To ensure that the domestic violence services cover every county the RICADV partner with the Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center who serve all of Providence County, Crossroads RI's Domestic Violence Program, Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County, Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center and the Women's Resource Center. The RICADV affirms that all people have the right to live their lives free from fear and violence and to that end has worked with its member agencies to meet the needs of the state's racial and ethnic groups, LGBTQ, women and men, both as service providers and as employers. The RICADV and its network of member agencies have played a major role in the development of our state's response to domestic violence. The RICADV is organized to facilitate a statewide system of service delivery, to collect and analyze statewide data, to address gaps in systems, and to facilitate an effective public education program in increased awareness about domestic violence and services available to victims. The RICADV conducts statewide planning and needs assessment work and incorporates input from local community needs assessments from the member agencies and other sources.

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

This has been a year like no other year. The COVID pandemic has made many challenges regarding how we assist victims in 2020. Many of the advocates were working from their homes during the shutdown and worked with the victims by doing virtual meetings and phone calls with victims.

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 Crime Victims Service Provider Project Steering Committee meets monthly during the reporting period (the meetings have changed to virtual meetings with the pandemic). Chaired by the Director of Victim Services, RI Department of the Attorney General and coordinated by the Project Director, Committee members include representatives from Family Service of Rhode Island (FSRI), the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Rhode Island Department of Corrections, the Rhode Island Treasury Department's Victims Compensation Funds, the Rhode Island Coalition against Domestic Violence, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Day One (service victims of sexual assault), the Nonviolence Institute, Roger Williams University's Justice Training and Research Institute and Sisters Overcoming Abusive Relationships.

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

The Statewide coverage of having victim advocates in all the 39 cities and towns to assist the police with the victims of crime.

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

VOCA funds are being used to assist many of the above referenced victims through various agencies in our state. Some examples are: Child Abuse – Sophia Academy is a middle school located in the city of Providence whose student population has a 94% victim of crime rate. They are committed to a policy of nondiscrimination and equal opportunity for all employees and applicants without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, national origin, disability, veteran's status, genetic information, and any other category protected by federal, state, or local law. Every student at Sophia Academy deals with poverty and crime related issues on a daily basis. Sophia students experience crime directly and indirectly through family members killed or injured in street related violence; having incarcerated relatives or family history of incarceration; having been in the cross-fire of gun violence; having witnessed or experienced domestic violence and drug

addiction; and through heightened awareness of school violence and increases in hate crimes. While crime decreased during the coronavirus lockdown, the RICADV saw a 40% increase in demand for services in April 2020 compared to April 2019, confirming fears that shelter-in-place orders would increase incidents of abuse. National statistics indicate that 15% of the 56.6 million K-12 students in the United States essentially disappeared from classes when schools closed in March. At Sophia, attendance averaged 95% in March and 96% in April. Prior to distance learning, Sophia Academy was seeing greater student participation in social media and online gaming that puts them at risk of predators and cyberbullying. Domestic Assault – Crossroads Rhode Island's Rapid Rehousing Program for Domestic Violence Survivors (which is based on their highly successful adult and family Rapid Rehousing and Rental Assistance program), and the supportive services offered to victims of trauma. The Domestic Violence Program of Crossroads Rhode Island provides assistance to Domestic Violence Survivors that allows them to quickly obtain and retain safe and affordable housing, reducing the burden of economic hardship, housing instability and uncertain futures as they work toward establishing safety for their households. The program provides assistance to those victims of domestic violence and trauma who are literally homeless residing within the shelter system or in a place not meant for human habitation; as well as those who are residing in dangerous abusive situations and at-risk of homelessness. Crossroads Domestic Violence Program has a 24-hour volunteer-staffed hotline to offer support, information and advocacy for those impacted by domestic violence, in addition to a safe house available to survivors at any time of the day or night. Their DVP Shelter has the capacity to serve 9 families or 25 women and children at any given time and is always at 100% capacity. Sexual Assault – Thrive Behavioral Health states that the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) study demonstrates that emotional, physical or sexual abuse often leads to serious behavioral health issues and puts victims at an increased risk of early death. ACEs impact an individual's future violence victimization and perpetration. In the U.S., only 60% of adults with serious mental illness receive the treatment they require to recover. People impacted by crime-related trauma can experience enduring psychological ramifications, resulting in a significantly diminished quality of life. Those who are unable to afford the services they require often lack tools to maintain healthy levels of self-care and promote positive lifestyle choices, strong friendships, positive relationships, healthy finances, good parent practices and productive employment. Many Rhode Islanders lack the level of insurance necessary to cover the behavioral health services they require. Mental illness is a primary cause of disability and carries a significant and enduring financial cost to taxpayers in RI. VOCA funding enables Thrive to provide integrated behavioral health screenings, assessments, counseling, case management and psychiatric services to victims of crime who are uninsured or underinsured through traditional funding sources such as private insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare. Underserved – Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island – Their project is called the Immigrant Victims Rights Project and immigrant victims are often reluctant to seek help, report crime, and cooperate with law enforcement due to fear of removal from the United States. Immigration relief for crime victims is an essential part of achieving safety, protection and healing. The goal of this project is to help immigrant victims escape violence, access services, stabilize their lives, and obtain employment authorization, legal residence and citizenship. The project achieves these goals by assessing a victim's immigra

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

In Rhode Island Victims of Federal Crimes are treated without differentiation from any other crime.

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

The number of victims has gone up this year but believe this is due to the added stress that COVID and the lockdowns caused by COVID has greatly increased stress levels in the population.

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

There are no staff retention issues currently.

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

The funding process begins with the VOCA administrator mapping out a timeline of Request for Proposals events for the upcoming year. Once the RFP process has been mapped, the RFP receives any appropriate updates based on federal VOCA guideline changes before being finalized and passed on to the advisory committee with note of the changes. The VOCA Administrator and the VOCA Grant Project Specialist send emails with the attached RFP and call the agencies in the State of Rhode Island that assist with victims informing them of the RFP, the application deadline and the date and time of the mandatory application workshop which was held virtually this year due to COVID-19. Within the timeframe of a month to a month and a half of announcing the RFP, PSGAO conducts the workshop for the applicants and the applications arrive shortly thereafter. Once the RFP deadline has passed, the administrator distributes the applications to each VOCA Advisory Committee member. The Committee then meets weekly and reviews the applications regularly between May and September and makes recommendations to the Rhode Island Criminal Justice Policy Board, which makes the final funding approval decisions.

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

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We continually update our process according to the latest needs assessment and gap analysis that was recommended. Last year we were able to reach out to new agencies to include more underserved individuals but with the reduction in funds to the VOCA program we were not able to do that this year. We had to greatly reduce the amount of all our current awarding agencies by almost 50% which greatly diminishes our ability to assist many of Rhode Island's victims.

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

The PSGAO will have another needs assessment and gap analysis done this year to identify any other/new underserved populations in the State of Rhode Island.

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

None as of this time.