

# ME Annual State Performance Report

## Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program

Reporting Period: [Oct 1, 2020 to Sept 30, 2021]

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

OVC VOCA Assistance Funds				
	2018-V2-GX-0065	2019-V2-GX-0065	2020-V2-GX-0038	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00631-ASSI
<b>Federal Award Amount</b>	\$13,885,282.00	\$9,506,170.00	\$7,147,730.00	\$4,610,705.00
<b>Total Amount of Subawards</b>	\$13,250,582.00	\$7,888,384.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Number of Subawards</b>	31	13	1	0
<b>Administrative Funds Amount</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Training Funds Amount</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Balance Remaining</b>	\$634,700.00	\$1,617,786.00	\$7,077,730.00	\$4,610,705.00

Subgrantee Organization Type				
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.				
Type of Organization	2018-V2-GX-0065	2019-V2-GX-0065	2020-V2-GX-0038	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00631-ASSI
<b>Government Agencies Only</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Corrections	0	0	0	0
Courts	1	1	0	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	2	1	0	0
Prosecutor	15	6	0	0
Other	2	0	0	0
<b>Nonprofit Organization Only</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	0	0	0	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	4	1	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	0	0	0	0
Faith-based Organization	0	0	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	0	0	0	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	2	1	0	0
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	0	0	0	0
Multiservice agency	0	0	0	0
Other	4	3	1	0

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<b>Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Agencies, and Organizations Only</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</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	1	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
<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>31</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</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>2018-V2-GX-0065</b>	<b>2019-V2-GX-0065</b>	<b>2020-V2-GX-0038</b>	<b>2021-15POVC-21-GG-00631-ASSI</b>
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	31	12	0	0
B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	1	1	1	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	0	0	0	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

	2018-V2-GX-0065	2019-V2-GX-0065	2020-V2-GX-0038	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00631-ASSI
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	19	10	1	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	10	7	1	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	12	7	1	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	4	3	0	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	21	12	1	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	21	12	1	0

**Priority and Underserved Requirements**

Priority Area	2018-V2-GX-0065	2019-V2-GX-0065	2020-V2-GX-0038	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00631-ASSI
<b>Child Abuse</b>				
Total Amount	\$2,437,631.00	\$1,327,821.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	18.00 %	14.00 %	0.00 %	
<b>Domestic and Family Violence</b>				
Total Amount	\$6,352,987.00	\$3,679,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	46.00 %	39.00 %	0.00 %	
<b>Sexual Assault</b>				
Total Amount	\$1,822,136.00	\$542,959.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	13.00 %	6.00 %	0.00 %	
<b>Underserved</b>				
Total Amount	\$2,617,901.00	\$2,338,203.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	19.00 %	25.00 %	1.00 %	

**Budget and Staffing**

Staffing Information	2018-V2-GX-0065	2019-V2-GX-0065	2020-V2-GX-0038	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00631-ASSI
Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	682	260	8	
Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	817949	395998	7383	
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	283	274	5	
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	84265	43468	2331	

## 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)	11	1427	1446	1528	1679	1520
Adult Sexual Assault	13	556	722	715	973	741
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	7	64	103	109	61	84
Arson	7	12	20	18	38	22
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	6	243	300	315	369	306
Burglary	8	218	246	270	270	251
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	1	318	296	300	323	309
Child Pornography	7	9	11	14	11	11
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	11	375	448	349	395	391
Domestic and/or Family Violence	13	4407	4449	4754	5079	4672
DUI/DWI Incidents	7	35	35	36	47	38
Elder Abuse or Neglect	11	99	96	106	101	100
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	4	0	0	2	1	0
Human Trafficking: Labor	4	4	8	21	23	14
Human Trafficking: Sex	7	57	80	55	66	64
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	9	769	897	862	865	848
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	5	18	12	14	18	15
Kidnapping (custodial)	5	5	4	4	4	4
Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	2	0	0	0	0	0
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	7	77	67	71	82	74
Robbery	8	75	38	51	49	53
Stalking/Harassment	13	767	686	782	822	764
Survivors of Homicide Victims	1	182	260	305	273	255
Teen Dating Victimization	5	18	25	23	8	18
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	3	0	0	0	0	0
Other	4	3674	3755	3248	4690	3841

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	16	6	13	11	71

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Homeless	603	620	727	808	2931
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	73	94	88	133	518
LGBTQ	66	83	112	148	410
Veterans	45	47	43	46	223
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/ Physical /Mental	544	539	623	677	3010
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	90	106	76	102	479
Other	1	2	2	3	4295

General Award Information		
Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level	Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.	43045	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year	48	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.	25284	58.74 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?	11521	26.77 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.	567	

Demographics		
Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native	76	0.30 %
Asian	65	0.26 %
Black or African American	424	1.68 %
Hispanic or Latino	99	0.39 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	17	0.07 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	8230	32.55 %
Some Other Race	255	1.01 %
Multiple Races	100	0.40 %
Not Reported	10091	39.91 %
Not Tracked	5927	23.44 %
<b>Race/Ethnicity Total</b>	<b>25284</b>	
<b>Gender Identity</b>		
Male	2709	10.71 %
Female	13130	51.93 %
Other	79	0.31 %
Not Reported	3508	13.87 %
Not Tracked	5858	23.17 %
<b>Gender Total</b>	<b>25284</b>	
<b>Age</b>		
Age 0- 12	701	2.77 %
Age 13- 17	592	2.34 %
Age 18- 24	1594	6.30 %

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Age 25- 59	9910	39.19 %
Age 60 and Older	1423	5.63 %
Not Reported	5224	20.66 %
Not Tracked	5840	23.10 %
<b>Age Total</b>	<b>25284</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	13	30521	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	45739
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	22491
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	5732
			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	10262
B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	7	8917	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	598
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	285
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	398
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	30250
			B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	497
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	46
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	226
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	116
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	1109
			B10. Interpreter services	157
C. Emotional Support or Safety	8	14469	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	27977
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	26539
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	44

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Services			C4. Individual counseling	6479
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	3478
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	0
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	2205
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	3	2041	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	36893
			D2. Transitional housing	44286
			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	5389
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	15	28949	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	12942
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	490
			E3. Assistance with restitution	9463
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	15174
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	9727
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	1031
			E7. Immigration assistance	15
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	444
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	466
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	4270
E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	1932			

**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	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
<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>
No program or educational materials were developed during this reporting period.
<b>Describe any planning or training events held during the reporting period.</b>
Not applicable
<b>Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.</b>
The Department of Health and Human Services continues to work on our policy and procedure manual.
<b>Describe any earned media coverage events/episodes during the reporting period.</b>
No media coverage of events/episodes were earned during the reporting period.
<b>Describe any coordinated responses/services for assisting crime victims during the reporting period.</b>
During this reporting period, coordinated responses for assisting crime victims occurred through collaboration between domestic violence service providers, sexual assault service providers, law enforcement, and community partners, when appropriate. Examples include The Domestic Violence (DV) Liaison Program in which DV Advocates partner with Child Welfare Caseworkers on individual cases when domestic violence is suspected in the home. Additionally, The Child Advocacy Centers (CAC) in Maine provide a place and an opportunity for victims in alleged child sexual abuse investigations to be interviewed by a trained forensic interviewer in the presence of multiple stakeholders at one time, in order to prevent the need for multiple interviews. This coordinated response often includes law enforcement, Child Welfare staff, forensic interviewers, family advocates, District Attorney's Offices, etc.
<b>Please discuss the major issues in your state that either assist or prevent victims from receiving assistance during the reporting period.</b>
DHHS continues to find ways to increase support to victims located in rural areas of the state. Our state's geography continues to be challenging, especially around transportation, emergency shelter services, and support groups. The COVID-19 pandemic also has continued to complicate existing challenges within our state while creating entirely new barriers to service. Examples include meeting with survivors of domestic violence in person for court advocacy, support groups, or youth advocacy in schools. Alternatively, online support groups for sexual assault survivors are becoming more popular in our state because some survivors find it easier to attend virtual support groups.
<b>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.</b>
DHHS required coordinated responses and routine collaboration of our contractors, serving victims of crimes. These contractors included Victims Witness Advocates working in local District Attorney's Offices, statewide coalitions serving victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, the Elder Abuse Institute of Maine, the Immigrant Resource Center of Maine, Legal Services for the Elderly, and Pine Tree Legal Assistance, Inc.
<b>Please describe any notable activities at the grantee level during the reporting period that improved delivery of victim services.</b>
A full-time program coordinator position dedicated to VOCA continued to be funded during this cycle. In addition, a new Violence Prevention Program Manager was hired on September 20, 2021.
<b>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</b>
Child Abuse: This priority was met by providing funding to the statewide Children's Advocacy Centers housed within the Maine Coalition to End Sexual Assault (MECASA) and the DV liaison program housed within the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence (MCEDV). Additionally, the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program with the Maine Judicial Branches also serve victims of child abuse and neglect, involved in the court system. Sexual Assault (SA): Victims of sexual violence are served through local SA resource centers that are managed by the statewide coalition MECASA. Victim Witness Advocates are also funded with VOCA dollars and work at local District Attorney's Offices to assist victims of violence on a one-to-one basis. Domestic Violence (DV): Victims of domestic violence are served through local DV resource centers that are managed by the statewide coalition MCEDV. Victim Witness Advocates are also funded with VOCA dollars and work at local District Attorney's Offices to assist victims of violence on a one-to-one basis. Underserved Populations: This priority was met by providing funding to providers supporting victims who are: immigrants or refugees, members of a Native American Tribe, over the age of 65, and surviving family members of homicide victims. During the reporting period, we continued to contract with the Immigrant Refugee Center of Maine (IRCM) to directly fund and support their work with victims of sexual violence and/or domestic violence within immigrant and refugee communities and first-and second-generation Mainers. Our contracts with the Elder Abuse Institute of Maine the Legal Services for the Elderly continue to support victims of violence in Maine over the age of 65.
<b>Please briefly describe efforts taken to serve Victims of Federal crime during the reporting period.</b>
The Maine Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Network (Maine STEN) is a program of our SA coalition and our Statewide Provider Council. Maine STEN provides training, technical assistance, and resources to direct service providers engaged in anti-trafficking efforts in Maine, as well as community awareness. Through a continued collaborative effort between DHHS, local coalitions, law enforcement, the Attorney General's Office, and other community providers, the addition of multiple safe houses, including emergency shelter procedures for survivors of human sex trafficking, continue to be managed and improved upon.
<b>Please identify any emerging issues or notable trends affecting crime victim services in your state during the reporting period.</b>
DHHS continued its collaboration with community partners and other state agencies to identify safe and sustainable housing options for crime victims. The COVID-19 pandemic has compounded the challenges to sustainable housing issues for victims of crimes.

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

Our community partners and coalitions are experiencing retention issues because of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the economy and job market as a whole. Qualified staff members of local organizations are juggling childcare needs, limits to working from home, and COVID-related illnesses and deaths. Some staff are also citing low pay and benefits as reasons why they're leaving the agencies.

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

DHHS is currently developing a website in which this information will be available to the public.

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

DHHS directed funds to underserved populations via contracting directly with local providers working with immigrants, refugees, and first and second-generation Mainers as well as victims over the age of 65. Additionally, DHHS provides funding to our DV and SA coalitions who partner with community organizations prioritizing underserved populations and fund staff positions dedicated to this issue, including the LGBTQ community.

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

DHHS continues to meet monthly with some providers and quarterly with others to identify gaps in services and discuss possible solutions. Within this reporting period, DHHS began a statewide victim needs assessment, which will be completed in June of 2022.

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

The Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) must annually report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on the number of Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs), an overview of the protocols adopted by CACs, the effectiveness of the centers in coordinating both the investigation and prosecution of child sexual abuse, and the number of referrals of victims of child sexual abuse for treatment. Additionally, victims of crime that have accessed our VOCA-funded services report that they now were "more aware of community resources available to them; better able to plan for their safety;" and "more aware of what to expect through the legal processes."