

# MO 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.*

<b>OVC VOCA Assistance Funds</b>				
	<b>2018-V2-GX-0035</b>	<b>2019-V2-GX-0044</b>	<b>2020-V2-GX-0059</b>	<b>2021-15POVC-21-GG-00633-ASSI</b>
<b>Federal Award Amount</b>	\$61,755,273.00	\$41,725,123.00	\$30,852,327.00	\$19,229,300.00
<b>Total Amount of Subawards</b>	\$61,142,832.00	\$33,961,206.00	\$16,239.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Number of Subawards</b>	130	194	2	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>	\$612,441.00	\$7,763,917.00	\$30,836,088.00	\$19,229,300.00

<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>2018-V2-GX-0035</b>	<b>2019-V2-GX-0044</b>	<b>2020-V2-GX-0059</b>	<b>2021-15POVC-21-GG-00633-ASSI</b>
<b>Government Agencies Only</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Corrections	1	1	0	0
Courts	2	2	0	0
Juvenile Justice	1	1	0	0
Law Enforcement	5	6	0	0
Prosecutor	10	12	0	0
Other	4	5	0	0
<b>Nonprofit Organization Only</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	23	24	2	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	0	0	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	20	40	0	0
Faith-based Organization	2	4	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	32	59	0	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	3	4	0	0
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	1	2	0	0
Multiservice agency	8	11	0	0
Other	9	13	0	0

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<b>Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Agencies, and Organizations Only</b>	<b>0</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	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
<b>Campus Organizations Only</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Campus-based victims services	6	7	0	0
Law enforcement	0	0	0	0
Physical or mental health service program	1	1	0	0
Other	2	2	0	0
<b>Total Number of Subawards</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>2</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-0035</b>	<b>2019-V2-GX-0044</b>	<b>2020-V2-GX-0059</b>	<b>2021-15POVC-21-GG-00633-ASSI</b>
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	114	148	1	0
B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	29	73	1	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	7	6	0	0
D. Start up a new <b>Native American</b> victim services project	1	1	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-0035	2019-V2-GX-0044	2020-V2-GX-0059	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00633-ASSI
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	1	183	2	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	1	169	1	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	1	159	0	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	0	116	0	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	0	160	2	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	1	190	2	0

**Priority and Underserved Requirements**

Priority Area	2018-V2-GX-0035	2019-V2-GX-0044	2020-V2-GX-0059	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00633-ASSI
<b>Child Abuse</b>				
Total Amount	\$15,345,076.00	\$9,089,210.00	\$16,239.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	25.00 %	22.00 %	0.00 %	
<b>Domestic and Family Violence</b>				
Total Amount	\$30,231,950.00	\$17,865,562.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	49.00 %	43.00 %	0.00 %	
<b>Sexual Assault</b>				
Total Amount	\$6,749,096.00	\$3,637,543.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	11.00 %	9.00 %	0.00 %	
<b>Underserved</b>				
Total Amount	\$8,340,467.00	\$3,365,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	14.00 %	8.00 %	0.00 %	

**Budget and Staffing**

Staffing Information	2018-V2-GX-0035	2019-V2-GX-0044	2020-V2-GX-0059	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00633-ASSI
Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	2417	3455	20	
Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	49355379	49816452	5559	
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	7793	7561	80	
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	796579	631103	1713	

## 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)	83	6654	5886	6737	8051	6832
Adult Sexual Assault	124	3127	2790	2941	3774	3158
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	85	891	918	928	912	912
Arson	30	154	162	187	223	181
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	68	814	1040	1049	1519	1105
Burglary	29	2083	2193	2154	2374	2201
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	5	7912	8644	9782	14131	10117
Child Pornography	58	309	898	273	457	484
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	1	5749	7096	6953	8242	7010
Domestic and/or Family Violence	20	26239	26022	26853	31638	27688
DUI/DWI Incidents	1	838	961	1169	1435	1100
Elder Abuse or Neglect	70	209	255	251	274	247
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	41	33	45	39	24	35
Human Trafficking: Labor	54	26	41	27	35	32
Human Trafficking: Sex	91	150	170	213	717	312
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	33	1717	1752	1753	1283	1626
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	42	193	220	179	249	210
Kidnapping (custodial)	39	88	146	155	118	126
Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	25	66	79	194	241	145
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	32	2054	2345	2362	3048	2452
Robbery	31	929	994	901	853	919
Stalking/Harassment	97	2089	2027	2500	3477	2523
Survivors of Homicide Victims	46	1242	1021	1368	1140	1192
Teen Dating Victimization	85	101	338	216	131	196
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	20	55	49	88	209	100
Other	1	17176	13092	15473	19709	16362

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	343	389	519	411	2315

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Homeless	3422	2561	2692	2850	17633
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	420	479	506	493	1465
LGBTQ	538	535	580	665	2487
Veterans	145	126	161	145	635
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/ Physical /Mental	2912	2923	3356	4391	12768
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	756	786	912	779	3194
Other	553	32	1047	3283	2740

General Award Information		
Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level	Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.	274205	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year	28356	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.	108280	39.49 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?	33041	12.05 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.	7852	

Demographics		
Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native	343	0.32 %
Asian	551	0.51 %
Black or African American	19852	18.33 %
Hispanic or Latino	2736	2.53 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	708	0.65 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	55396	51.16 %
Some Other Race	552	0.51 %
Multiple Races	2304	2.13 %
Not Reported	15996	14.77 %
Not Tracked	9842	9.09 %
<b>Race/Ethnicity Total</b>	<b>108280</b>	
<b>Gender Identity</b>		
Male	26671	24.63 %
Female	65097	60.12 %
Other	390	0.36 %
Not Reported	8154	7.53 %
Not Tracked	7968	7.36 %
<b>Gender Total</b>	<b>108280</b>	
<b>Age</b>		
Age 0- 12	15647	14.45 %
Age 13- 17	8485	7.84 %
Age 18- 24	9659	8.92 %

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Age 25- 59	46634	43.07 %
Age 60 and Older	5606	5.18 %
Not Reported	13770	12.72 %
Not Tracked	8479	7.83 %
<b>Age Total</b>	<b>108280</b>	

<b>Direct Services</b>				
<b>Service Area</b>	<b># of Subgrantees That Provided Services in This Category</b>	<b># of Individuals/Contacts Receiving Services</b>	<b>Specific Service</b>	<b>Frequency of Service</b>
A. Information & Referral	124	145671	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	114566
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	78735
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	40662
			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	70581
B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	117	64148	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	2433
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	3168
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	5559
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	211084
			B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	5115
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	720
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	4176
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	6484
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	16447
			B10. Interpreter services	3304
C. Emotional Support or Safety	111	113173	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	123608
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	107498
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	1267

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Services			C4. Individual counseling	70323
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	16830
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	24111
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	8207
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	78	15612	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	180868
			D2. Transitional housing	40293
			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	4643
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	117	155663	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	202339
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	23253
			E3. Assistance with restitution	15025
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	19560
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	30607
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	2642
			E7. Immigration assistance	714
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	10575
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	4296
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	281839
E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	14488			

**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.	2746
Number of people trained or attending education events during the reporting period.	15859
Number of events conducted during the reporting period.	102
<b>Did the grant support any coordination activities (e.g., with other service providers, law enforcement agencies) during the reporting period?</b>	
Yes	1
No	0

**Describe any program or educational materials developed during the reporting period.**

During the reporting period of October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021, VOCA funds supported the data gathering and analysis of VOCA sub-recipients and MOCADSV member agencies response to COVID-19. Initially these efforts were to support technical assistance and training activities, however development of a TA publication proved to be worthwhile. The MOCADSV 2020 COVID Impact Snapshot provided valuable information about the challenges and effects COVID-19 had on domestic and sexual violence agencies and ongoing changes in services. Other funding sources were used for the development and distribution of this publication. ProtectMOKids: In the fall of 2021, Missouri KidsFirst updated ProtectMOKids.com, a statewide online reporter training to reflect updated laws surrounding mandated reporter and best practices. This update was last done in 2017. ProtectMOKids is a free, online training recommended by the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children and supported by the Department of Social Services. The training covers the legal requirements for mandated reporters, definitions and indicators of child abuse and neglect and details, how to effectively report abuse and what to expect when making a report. The top 3 professions who participate in this training are school professionals, day care workers, social workers and medical providers. The improvements include more detailed information about sentinel injuries, indicators of neglect and youth with problematic sexual behaviors. Guidance materials on recognizing and responding to sexual abuse: In late fall of 2020, Missouri KidsFirst developed (in partnership with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) developed guidance and training materials for schools for child sexual abuse training. The guidance materials guide schools through an intentional process of preparing for and providing effective sexual abuse education in compliance with Missouri law (Section 170.045, RSMo). Missouri law requires that school districts annually provide trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate sexual abuse training, at minimum for grades 6 through 12. The training includes instruction on (a) providing students with the knowledge and tools to recognize sexual abuse; (b) providing students with the knowledge and tools to report an incident of sexual abuse; (c) Actions that a student who is a victim of sexual abuse could take to obtain assistance and intervention; and (d) Available resources for students affected by sexual abuse. Child abuse multi-disciplinary investigation team training: In 2019 the MDT Workgroup of the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children developed the initial eight hour training which is POST, CLE, CEU and 210 certified which covers the basics of the MDT model. Since 2019 this training was offered in multiple regions throughout the State to over 200 MDT members. To further increase capacity for this training, the MDT Workgroup released an MDT Basics Training Toolkit in 2021 and provided a Train-the-Trainer event in September 2021. 18 people attended and now have the training and materials to facilitate the 8-hour MDT Basics training across the state.

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

Mandated Reporters: Number of users during reporting period: 12,828 (includes users who completed the training and users who are still in progress of completing the training) Number of users completed 10,653 (users who completed the training within this timeframe) Victim Advocates: (197 attendees; 14 hours) 10/1/20: Initial Training for Advocates 7/22/21 and 7/27/22 Non-Violent Communication: A Language of Clarity and Compassion that Builds Resilience to Trauma (Part 1 & 2) Victim Advocates/Mental Health Providers (24 attendees; 17 hours) 8/3/21: Introduction to Motivational Interviewing 9/23/21-9/24/21: Motivational Interviewing-2 Day Initial Training All CAC Staff (82 attendees; 5 hours) 7/12/21 & 7/19/21: Living With Compassion: Part 1 and 2 Multi-Disciplinary Team Members (1,300 attendees; 9 Hours-Children s Division, Law enforcement, prosecutors, advocates, forensic interviews, more) 10/15/20: Crime Victims Compensation Program Overview 11/4/20: SAFE-CARE MDT Medical-Forensic Training: Normal Growth and Development 11/16/20: Multi-Disciplinary Team Basic Training-Child Abuse Investigations 11/20/20: SAFE-CARE MDT Medical-Forensic Training: Failure to Thrive (FTT) and Obesity 12/18/20: SAFE-CARE MDT Medical-Forensic Training: Medical Neglect 1/11/21: SAFE-CARE MDT Medical Forensics Training: Development and Common Behavioral Issues: Birth to 5 Years 2/8/21: SAFE-CARE MDT Medical Forensics Training: Development and Common Behavioral Issues: Adolescents 5/12/2021: Multi-Disciplinary Team Basic Training-Child Abuse Investigations Forensic interviewers and Multi-Disciplinary Team trainings (60 attendees;64 hours) 10/26-10/30/20: ChildFirst National Course 4/19/21-4/23/21: ChildFirst National Course Forensic Interviewers (87 attendees; 25.5 hours) 11/9/20: Forensic Interviewers-Mock Interview Training 3/31/21-4/1/21: Missouri Statewide Forensic Interview Peer Review 5/4/21: Forensic Interviewers-Mock Interview Training 9/21/21: Missouri Statewide Forensic Interview Peer Review MOCADSV provides domestic violence and sexual assault training services at no cost to Missouri crime victim service programs. MOCADSV training supports statewide consistency of core service provision and focuses on service implementation, administration, empowerment and respect for the rights of service recipients. During the reporting period, VOCA supported the following regional, statewide, leadership, capacity building, onsite and community trainings. Regional meetings: St. Louis Regional Meeting: Services, Support and Connection (10/13/2020) Southwest Regional Meeting: Services, Support and Connection (12/04/2020) NW Regional Meeting: Services, Support and Connection (12/16/2020) Description: MOCADSV hosted training with regional advocacy programs about changes in services, what we are doing to support survivors of domestic and sexual violence and how we are taking care of ourselves and each other during these challenging times. Statewide trainings: ADVOCACY IN PRACTICE: Crisis Intervention, Safety Planning and Hotline (10/14/2020, 10/21/2020, 10/28/2020) Stronger Together: Collaborating for student support in light of changing regulations (10/30/2020) ADVOCACY IN PRACTICE: Survivor's Health and Medical Advocacy (11/18/2020, 12/02/2020) ADVOCACY COURSE: Justice System and Community-Based Advocacy Collaborations: A Networking Approach NE and SE Region (02/05/2021,02/05/2021) Let's Talk About Sex and Services: An Introduction to Reproductive Health Advocacy (04/07/2021. Court Advocacy During COVID-19 (04/14/2021, 07/07/2021) PREAMissouri: Providing Support to Incarcerated Survivors (04/22/2021) Grant Writing (07/08/2021) VOCA Grant Writing (07/14/2021) Leadership courses: Senior Leadership Virtual Roundtable: Building and Supporting Your Team (11/17/2020) Mid-Level Management Roundtable: Building and Supporting Your Team (11/20/2020) LEADERSHIP COURSE: Federal and State Grant Compliance (01/26/2021, 02/02/2021) Directors' Academy: Strategic Fundraising (02/11/2021, 02/12/2021) Directors' Academy: More than Words: Telling Your Community Who You Are and What You Do (05/13/2021, 05/14/2021) Capacity Building: Sexual Assault Services Capacity Building (11/12/2020, 01/27/2021, 02/24/2021, 03/22/2021, 05/06/2021, 06/29/2021, 08/03/2021) People of Color Networking Group (10/16/2020, 10/23/2020, 11/13/2020, 12/11/2020, 01/20/2021, 02/17/2021, 03/17/2021, 04/21/2021, 05/19/2021, 06/16/2021, 07/21/2021, 08/18/2021, 09/15/2021. Immigrant and Refugee Services Roundtable (07/16/2021) Onsite Trainings: ONSITE TRAINING: Hope Haven: Shelter Rules and Communication (12/18/2020). Community Trainings: COMMUNITY TRAINING for Drug Court: Power and Control: An Introduction to Domestic Violence (04/23/2021) COMMUNITY TRAINING for the National Organization for Victim Assistance: Military Families and Members Virtual Training (06/01/2021, 06/08/2021)

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

OVC updated match waiver requirements and reporting requirements due to the National Pandemic. All agencies were advised of the update.

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



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none
<b>Describe any coordinated responses/services for assisting crime victims during the reporting period.</b>
The majority of agencies maintain memoranda of understanding with each other to accommodate each other to provide assistance when they are unable to meet a victim's need.
<b>Please discuss the major issues in your state that either assist or prevent victims from receiving assistance during the reporting period.</b>
The majority of the land in Missouri is rural making access to services in those areas challenging. Also many rural service providers serve multiple counties and find that their shelters and services are at capacity, and that they have to refer victims to other agencies for assistance. In addition, the urban areas also face capacity issues due to having large populations and limited space. They also work with other agencies to make sure all victims needs are met, if they are unable to do so.
<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>
The department works closely with advocates, local law enforcement, prosecuting attorney s offices and other agencies to collaborate with community partners to identify the most effective way to serve victims of crime.
<b>Please describe any notable activities at the grantee level during the reporting period that improved delivery of victim services.</b>
Subrecipients provide the following activities aimed to improved service delivery. They include but are not limited to: law enforcement training, victim service training and client satisfaction surveys. The department also worked to identify and eliminate gaps in services in rural areas of the state by working with agencies who provide advocate services in as many prosecutor s offices as possible throughout the state.
<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: The Department continued to work with Children s Advocacy Centers as well as with Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs across the state. Domestic Violence: The Department works closely with the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV) to combat domestic violence in the state. The largest percentage of VOCA funds go to agencies who serve victims of domestic violence. Sexual Assault: The Department continues to work with several agencies who serve victims of sexual assault, such as the Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault. Through this collaboration and others, Missouri is able to meet the 10% requirement in this priority category. Underserved: Providing better access to underserved populations is a top priority for the Department. The Department has partnered with several agencies who provide services to underserved communities including the LGBTQ community, Deaf and Deafblind community, South East Asian Women community, and families affected by drunk driving incidents.
<b>Please briefly describe efforts taken to serve Victims of Federal crime during the reporting period.</b>
All subrecipients are required to certify they will serve all victims of Federal Crimes. Since human trafficking continues to be an area of concern, most subrecipients have developed a process to screen clients for this type of victimization.
<b>Please identify any emerging issues or notable trends affecting crime victim services in your state during the reporting period.</b>
Notable issues reported to be of concern to victim service providers include: - Growing number of clients with mental health and/or substance abuse issues - Lack of shelter space - Lack of transportation - Lack of affordable housing, healthcare, and legal services - Need for services for the older/elderly population - Need for services relating to hate crimes and cyber attacks - Increase in violent crime in urban areas
<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>
The Department has had some staff turnover during this reporting period. Many subrecipients continue to report issues with staff retention and turnover.
<b>Please explain your state process to publicize its victim assistance funding for services to victims of crime during the reporting period.</b>
The Department publicizes the availability of funding through our agency website, email communications, word of mouth, and social media.
<b>Please explain how your state is able to direct funding to new/underserved populations during the reporting period.</b>
The Department is able to direct fund new/underserved populations through discretionary awards, competitive bid process, and amending current contracts to provide additional funding and services.
<b>Please explain how your program is able to respond to gaps in services during the reporting period.</b>
The Department provides resources to organizations to connect them with similar agencies throughout the state to provide more streamlined service coordination. MOUs and letters of collaboration between entities are required at the time they submit their proposal to ensure gaps in services are kept to a minimum. The Department encourages all subrecipients to collaborate with each other in order to meet the needs of all victims.
<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>
Data collected during the budget review process is utilized in creating efficiency and effectiveness measures that are reviewed by the Director of Social Services, Governor, and Legislature. Also, the quarterly and annual reports are made available to the governor, legislature and other entities.