

KS Annual State Performance Report

Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program

Reporting Period: [Oct 1, 2021 to Sept 30, 2022]

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

OVC VOCA Assistance Funds					
	2018-V2-GX-0003	2019-V2-GX-0069	2020-V2-GX-0047	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00626-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00746-ASSI
Federal Award Amount	\$29,688,388.00	\$20,091,625.00	\$14,907,641.00	\$9,371,512.00	\$12,811,531.00
Total Amount of Subawards	\$28,630,517.00	\$16,817,892.00	\$8,642,240.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Number of Subawards	95	58	35	0	0
Administrative Funds Amount	\$1,057,871.00	\$1,004,581.00	\$745,380.00	\$468,575.00	\$640,576.00
Training Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance Remaining	\$0.00	\$2,269,152.00	\$5,520,021.00	\$8,902,937.00	\$12,170,955.00

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-0003	2019-V2-GX-0069	2020-V2-GX-0047	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00626-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00746-ASSI
Government Agencies Only	23	10	0	0	0
Corrections	1	0	0	0	0
Courts	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	10	5	0	0	0
Prosecutor	11	4	0	0	0
Other	1	1	0	0	0
Nonprofit Organization Only	69	48	35	0	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	24	20	22	0	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	9	5	4	0	0
Faith-based Organization	0	0	0	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	16	16	5	0	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	4	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	5	2	1	0	0
Multiservice agency	11	5	3	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Agencies, and Organizations Only	0	0	0	0	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	0	0	0	0	0
Court	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence organization	0	0	0	0	0
Faith-based organization	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile justice	0	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	0	0	0	0	0
Organization provides domestic and family violence and sexual assault services	0	0	0	0	0
Prosecutor	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	0	0	0	0	0

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Other justice-based agency	0	0	0	0	0
Other agency that is NOT justice-based (e.g., human services, health, education)	0	0	0	0	0
Organization by and/or for a specific traditionally underserved community	0	0	0	0	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Campus Organizations Only	3	0	0	0	0
Campus-based victims services	3	0	0	0	0
Law enforcement	0	0	0	0	0
Physical or mental health service program	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Subawards	95	58	35	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					
	2018-V2-GX-0003	2019-V2-GX-0069	2020-V2-GX-0047	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00626-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00746-ASSI
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	92	56	34	0	0
B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	3	0	1	0	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	0	2	0	0	0
D. Start up a new Native American victim services project	0	0	0	0	0
E. Expand or enhance an existing Native American project	0	0	0	0	0

VOCA and Match Funds					
A single SAR can select multiple service types. Numbers are not unique					
	2018-V2-GX-0003	2019-V2-GX-0069	2020-V2-GX-0047	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00626-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00746-ASSI
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	90	53	29	0	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	89	53	30	0	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	78	45	24	0	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	44	27	12	0	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	81	48	22	0	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	93	57	31	0	0

Priority and Underserved Requirements					
Priority Area	2018-V2-GX-0003	2019-V2-GX-0069	2020-V2-GX-0047	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00626-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00746-ASSI
Child Abuse					
Total Amount	\$6,876,419.00	\$3,518,616.00	\$4,342,871.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	23.00 %	18.00 %	29.00 %		
Domestic and Family Violence					
Total Amount	\$14,183,016.00	\$9,497,742.00	\$3,664,681.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	48.00 %	47.00 %	25.00 %		
Sexual Assault					
Total Amount	\$3,889,551.00	\$2,260,402.00	\$634,688.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	13.00 %	11.00 %	4.00 %		
Underserved					
Total Amount	\$3,681,531.00	\$1,541,132.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	12.00 %	8.00 %	0.00 %		

Budget and Staffing					
Staffing Information	2018-V2-GX-0003	2019-V2-GX-0069	2020-V2-GX-0047	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00626-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00746-ASSI

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Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	1692	1056	447		
Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	1275921	695659	363407		
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	1674	793	791		
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	85083	60001	38589		

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)	22	740	829	1319	1122	1002
Adult Sexual Assault	36	880	931	922	1074	951
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	18	136	154	165	173	157
Arson	12	8	12	17	16	13
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	12	40	39	42	27	37
Burglary	14	366	459	1114	1044	745
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	41	1365	1526	1739	1675	1576
Child Pornography	11	49	53	111	99	78
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	44	2897	3451	3517	3751	3404
Domestic and/or Family Violence	43	10380	10921	12141	11428	11217
DUI/DWI Incidents	14	154	82	112	92	110
Elder Abuse or Neglect	14	66	64	95	74	74
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	6	1	2	2	0	1
Human Trafficking: Labor	17	10	3	5	3	5
Human Trafficking: Sex	25	84	93	76	77	82
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	15	203	241	809	623	469
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	13	11	11	11	8	10
Kidnapping (custodial)	13	6	4	13	10	8
Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	7	44	45	41	35	41
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	10	17	22	21	32	23
Robbery	13	59	75	137	113	96
Stalking/Harassment	29	561	655	743	687	661
Survivors of Homicide Victims	13	214	163	207	234	204
Teen Dating Victimization	15	25	18	38	19	25
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	4	0	0	0	0	0
Other	10	421	535	1058	941	738

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	40	144	59	63	300
Homeless	188	168	156	182	1739
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	231	280	192	242	1617
LGBTQ	216	243	212	232	1452
Veterans	90	94	97	71	756
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/ Physical /Mental	851	934	926	1048	6244
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	560	633	661	628	5665

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Other	95	78	110	92	979
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General Award Information		
Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level	Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.	75847	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year	9545	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.	52601	69.35 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?	1361	1.79 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.	1921	

Demographics		
Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian or Alaska Native	454	0.86 %
Asian	370	0.70 %
Black or African American	6727	12.79 %
Hispanic or Latino	7266	13.81 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	73	0.14 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	27980	53.19 %
Some Other Race	176	0.33 %
Multiple Races	1457	2.77 %
Not Reported	8098	15.40 %
Not Tracked	0	0.00 %
Race/Ethnicity Total		52601
Gender Identity		
Male	12661	24.07 %
Female	34171	64.96 %
Other	125	0.24 %
Not Reported	5644	10.73 %
Not Tracked	0	0.00 %
Gender Total		52601
Age		
Age 0- 12	6744	12.82 %
Age 13- 17	4059	7.72 %
Age 18- 24	5036	9.57 %
Age 25- 59	26488	50.36 %
Age 60 and Older	3069	5.83 %
Not Reported	2578	4.90 %
Not Tracked	4627	8.80 %
Age Total		52601

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	59	40691	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	31536
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	33508
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	14651
			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	36623
			Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	541
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	743
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	3536
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	52132

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B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	58	22069	B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	1100
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	871
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	3410
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	1860
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	12003
			B10. Interpreter services	2271
C. Emotional Support or Safety Services	52	44842	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	39617
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	24996
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	1313
			C4. Individual counseling	76392
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	8168
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	12241
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	6531
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	31	4063	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	89895
			D2. Transitional housing	261
			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	876
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	55	32859	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	39566
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	1629
			E3. Assistance with restitution	1612
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	11359
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	5987
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	1428
			E7. Immigration assistance	81
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	4404
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	525
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	7706
E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	2315			

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	1
No	0
Number of requests received for education activities during the reporting period.	86
Number of people trained or attending education events during the reporting period.	308
Number of events conducted during the reporting period.	24
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.	
The CACs of KS have developed a foundational CAC victim advocacy training curriculum as a 24-hour course for both new and experienced CAC advocates. The Kansas CASA Association and KCSDV developed topic-focused training modules for CASA staff and sexual assault response hospital-based staff, respectively. The KDCF Adult Protective Services Division (APS) revised the APS training manual to emphasize APS Specialists trauma-informed, victim-centered response to victims of crime.	
Describe any planning or training events held during the reporting period.	

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The SAA hosted one multi-week virtual-based KAVA class for victim service providers across the state. In addition, an advanced, topic-focused class was held for prior KAVA graduates. No VOCA administrative or training funds were used for these training expenses. The Kansas CASA Association began providing virtual victim services training to local CASA program staff and directors. Topics included diversity, equity, and inclusion; racial equity; and volunteer management capacity building. The KCSDV held numerous planning and technical assistance meetings to enhance the sexual assault response training. In addition, the KDCF held multiple planning meetings as part of its efforts to complete the APS Training Manual. The CACs of KS provided virtual training on diversity, equity, and inclusion. A two-day training for staff at each of the 17 local CACs was held in August 2022, the first in-person training since the pandemic. Training topics included neurobiology and effects of trauma, how to navigate secondary trauma, emotional intelligence, and mindful self-care practices.

Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.

N/A

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

N/A

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

Applicants must promote coordinated public and private efforts to aid crime victims within the community. Coordination may include but is not limited to, serving on state, federal, local, or Native American task forces, commissions, working groups, coalitions, and/or multi-disciplinary teams. Coordination efforts also include developing written agreements that contribute to better and more comprehensive services to crime victims. Each VOCA subgrant applicant must address how and what entities the applicant collaborates or proposes to collaborate with to carry out the grant project.

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

Subgrantee descriptions of issues their communities face includes challenges reaching the geographically isolated survivors, with the vast majority of the state being rural. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, subgrantee agencies have worked hard to develop protocols and purchase equipment to provide virtually based services. Shelter programs continue to rely on the use of hotels to assist with shelter needs while dealing with social distancing, sanitization, and quarantine issues for the health and safety of clients and staff. Because of the limited low-cost housing, an issue in rural and urban Kansas, domestic violence victims and survivors stay longer in a shelter, which means more programs operate more days at total capacity. The challenges surrounding access to legal services and resources for crime victims with mental health issues continue to rise toward the top of the list.

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 KGGP continues to coordinate with the Kansas Crime Victims Compensation Board Office. The Executive Director of the Office participates in committees that coordinate training for those who work with crime victims (including advocates, law enforcement, and other criminal justice professionals) and presents a workshop on crime victim compensation at the Annual Crime Victims Rights Conference. In addition, the KGGP works closely with the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Children's Advocacy Centers of Kansas to ensure coordination of efforts. Both agencies also participate in the above-referenced committees. Although these are not VOCA-funded activities, they illustrate the collaborative effort encouraged by VOCA. Coordination with community partners is an essential topic of discussion when Analysts conduct on-site compliance reviews. Both successes and challenges are discussed, and technical assistance is provided to explore ideas to enhance community coordination. Subgrantees provide outreach through efforts that identify crime victims and ensure they are provided the necessary services.

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

The Governor and Attorney General hosted the Annual Crime Victims' Rights Conference in April of 2022, in a virtual platform, for more than 500 attendees. The agenda focused on training for those serving crime victims. Professionals in victim services, law enforcement, prosecution, mental health, corrections, criminal justice personnel, and crime victims attend the training to discuss and learn about services and working with crime victims. All agencies receiving VOCA funding must send at least one person to this conference. All subgrantees must attend training on the grant assurances, civil rights, and reporting requirements for the grant. In addition, the VOCA program analysts conduct site visits and compliance reporting for each grant project and provide ongoing technical assistance. During the pandemic, site visits are conducted via Teams or Zoom meetings, including a virtual tour of facilities. The KGGP is the host agency for the KAVA, with two virtual-based classes held during the reporting period. At least two virtual academies will be scheduled through the end of 2023 to continue the opportunity for advocates to receive this essential foundational skill-based training.

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

Child Abuse Category—provided by child advocacy center: During a forensic interview, a 15-year-old female disclosed sexual abuse by her older brother. The Family Advocate at the [Subgrantee] had the chance to sit down with the mother and caregiver of this teen. At the time, the mother had described several concerning behaviors her daughter had been displaying and voiced her struggles with mental health. The Family Advocate noted the family's needs and worked on finding placements for their mental health needs. Soon after the first advocacy session with this family, the Family Advocate found support groups for the mother to attend and a therapist that fit the teen's needs. When following up with the mother, the Family Advocate learned the teen's behaviors had improved. She enjoys therapy and feels like her provider is helping her heal. She is enjoying art therapy to express her experiences and feelings. This teen will be testifying in court next month and has expressed her frustrations with having to do this. The Family Advocate will be present to accompany the teen for the courtroom tour, meeting with the prosecutor, and first court appearance. Domestic Violence Category—provided by a domestic violence services agency: A woman moved to the United States with her husband to begin her new life. After several years and two children, their marriage began to change. The husband became verbally, mentally, and physically abusive. After a physically abusive incident, the woman ran into the bathroom with her children and called the [Subgrantee's] 24-Hour Crisis Center for assistance. An Advocate helped her with a safety plan, and she was admitted to the emergency shelter. The woman and her children were very timid when they arrived at the shelter. She was assigned a bilingual shelter Advocate to partner with her in achieving her chosen goals to work toward obtaining citizenship, employment, and housing. With the assistance of the assigned bilingual Advocate, she received transportation for necessary appointments, clothing vouchers for her and her children, and transportation assistance for her children to get to and from school. The children attended a support group which was helpful for them to express their thoughts in a creative and fun way. The mother was referred to legal services to assist with filing for divorce. This survivor chose to relocate to another state away from her abuser, so she could start a new life with her children. She left the shelter feeling confident and empowered. Sexual Assault Category—provided by a sexual assault services agency: [Subgrantee] received a Hotline call from a Spanish-speaking female survivor who the city police department referred. After some discussion about what services are provided, the survivor decided to make an appointment with the Advocate to fill out the online Protection From Abuse (PFA) form against her ex-husband, and make a police report. Because she was Spanish-speaking and undocumented, the Advocate contacted a Spanish-speaking city police department detective to come to the [Subgrantee] office. Once the survivor submitted the PFA form and police report, the Advocate accompanied the survivor to an immigration legal group to begin applying for one of the visas for victims of sexual violence. Due to the pandemic, the PFA court hearing kept getting rescheduled, but the survivor remained in contact with the Advocate and received supportive counseling. The survivor stated appreciation for the support. The Advocate continues to provide open communication while the investigation continues. Underserved Category—provided by a legal services agency: The Elder Rights program had a senior client whose daughter had shoved her and caused her to fall. An ambulance was called. The survivor filed a protection order which removed the daughter from the property. The judge did not take the situation seriously and attempted to convince the survivor to dismiss the case when she was pro se. Because the daughter was the homeowner, the other attorney filed a motion to return possession of the home to his client. Technically, the law was on his side, and the survivor did not have a right to stay on the property. [Subgrantee] entered an appearance and began negotiating with the other attorney to arrange additional time to move. [Subgrantee] also told the judge that the survivor was unwilling to dismiss the case. [Subgrantee] worked out a day and time for her to move. Unfortunately, she did not have anywhere else to go and was at risk of homelessness. Adult Protective Services (APS) was called on her behalf with her permission. APS was able to provide the funding needed for a hotel until she could obtain low-income housing. The case itself was continued several times. [Subgrantee] was able to keep the survivor from becoming homeless. She felt supported and cared for when everyone else had abandoned her and was incredibly grateful for [Subgrantee's] assistance.

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

Any federal crime victim seeking assistance from a VOCA-funded subgrantee is entitled to and will receive direct services. In addition, all crime victims receive compensation information when they contact a subgrantee program. Federal victim/witness staff are invited to participate in trainings sponsored by this office, including the Kansas Academy for Victim Assistance, and the Annual Crime Victims Rights Conference co-hosted by the Kansas Governor and Attorney General. VOCA subgrantees serve federal crime victims by going to court proceedings with the victims to offer support and answer questions about the court process; helping victims file applications with the Crime Victims Compensation Board, providing information and referrals regarding other community resources; and providing counseling, therapy, treatment, and safe shelter for victims.

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

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Feedback from subgrantees regarding issues impacting services continues to include navigating services for victims with more specialized needs and increasing demand for qualified trained staff. Finding staff has become increasingly challenging in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly bilingual and therapeutic staff. The pandemic has also increased the need for affordable housing, mental health and substance abuse counseling, childcare, and qualified legal assistance. VOCA funds have assisted with expanding mental health and legal assistance in numerous areas around the state, although more needs arise with each expansion of services. As the overall population ages, agencies work to increase elder abuse-focused services and outreach efforts. As is the case nationally, there is an increase in the connection between drug use and crime. Methamphetamine and opioid addiction directly impact the number of crimes committed against victims, including violent crimes, fraud-related crimes, abuse of the elderly and children, and property crimes. Human trafficking continues as an ever-increasingly discussed issue at the national level and in Kansas. Domestic violence agencies are still reporting that the level of violence continues to escalate. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, subgrantee organizations were forced to adapt to the disaster declaration, stay-at-home orders, social distancing, and quarantine measures. These organizations quickly and impressively developed new procedures and service delivery methods, particularly the implementation of teleservices, with minor interruptions in services.

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

While the increase in VOCA funds has allowed programs to increase staff, salaries, and benefits, retaining qualified staff continues to challenge agencies, particularly rural areas. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a direct impact on staffing retention. Crime victim service programs have been severely impacted by increased staff burnout and turnover. COVID's impact on scheduling issues with the courts, clinics, and other services creates additional work and stress for victims and staff. For emergency shelter programs, challenges occur when clients and/or staff test positive for COVID-19, resulting in clients and staff needing to quarantine while other staff provides survivors services. With the need to find alternative shelter options such as hotels, staff has the added responsibility of increased travel time to provide essential services.

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

The KGGP maintains a distribution list of email addresses for organizations and agencies eligible to apply. The League of Kansas Municipalities and the Kansas Association for Counties also are notified and send the information to their membership. The KGGP office provides the Kansas Secretary of State's Office with a copy of the notice for publication in the Kansas Register. Additionally, anyone may access the grant solicitation packet via the Internet on the Governor's website.

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

In July 2022, the KGGP finalized the 2022-2025 Kansas Implementation Plan to guide the direction of several federal grants, including the Federal Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance funding. The Implementation Plan includes identifying and enhancing services for underserved communities and populations. Applicants for VOCA funding are encouraged to develop VOCA project goals and objectives supporting the Implementation Plan.

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

By enhancing and expanding access to victim services such as crisis response agencies; law enforcement-based advocates; prosecutor-based advocates, both county and city level; and agencies providing services specifically to disabled victims, many of the service needs and/or gaps have been met or alleviated. The KGGP has responded by funding requests for additional court service providers and legal service funds, additional advocacy services dollars for therapeutic services, bilingual services providers, translation services, and specialized training opportunities. Some projects provide specialized elder abuse and human trafficking services. As subgrantees responded to service delivery amid the COVID-19 pandemic, VOCA funds assisted in purchasing supplies and professional services to better assist programs with maintaining a clean and healthy service delivery environment and with remote services through virtual telecommunications methods. Open communication is maintained with the Kansas Attorney General's office, the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, and the KGGP to encourage discussion to identify gaps and respond. In addition, subgrantees are encouraged to contact their Analyst if any issues arise.

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

The KGGP prepares and compiles statistical data from the subgrantee reports. The information is transferred to a dashboard report on the KGGP website. In addition, the KGGP provides information to elected officials as requested.