

ME 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				
	2019-V2-GX-0065	2020-V2-GX-0038	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00631-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00760-ASSI
Federal Award Amount	\$9,506,170.00	\$7,147,730.00	\$4,610,705.00	\$6,257,025.00
Total Amount of Subawards	\$8,684,837.00	\$7,577,169.00	\$5,144,703.00	\$70,000.00
Total Number of Subawards	25	28	19	1
Administrative Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Training Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance Remaining	\$821,333.00	(\$429,439.00)	(\$533,998.00)	\$6,187,025.00

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	2019-V2-GX-0065	2020-V2-GX-0038	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00631-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00760-ASSI
Government Agencies Only	18	9	3	0
Corrections	0	0	0	0
Courts	2	0	1	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	2	1	0	0
Prosecutor	13	7	1	0
Other	1	1	1	0
Nonprofit Organization Only	7	19	16	1
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	0	1	0	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	1	2	2	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	0	6	6	0
Faith-based Organization	0	0	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	0	2	2	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	3	3	1	1
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	0	0	3	0
Multiservice agency	0	3	0	0
Other	3	2	2	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

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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	25	28	19	1

*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				
	2019-V2-GX-0065	2020-V2-GX-0038	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00631-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00760-ASSI
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	23	26	19	1
B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	2	2	0	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	0	0	0	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				
	2019-V2-GX-0065	2020-V2-GX-0038	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00631-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00760-ASSI
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	10	13	15	1
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	7	9	14	1
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	7	9	16	1
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	3	2	9	1
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	12	13	17	1
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	12	13	18	1

Priority and Underserved Requirements				
Priority Area	2019-V2-GX-0065	2020-V2-GX-0038	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00631-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00760-ASSI
Child Abuse				
Total Amount	\$1,453,779.00	\$1,291,816.00	\$1,399,634.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	15.00 %	18.00 %	30.00 %	0.00 %
Domestic and Family Violence				

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Total Amount	\$3,939,737.00	\$3,457,393.00	\$1,624,617.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	41.00 %	48.00 %	35.00 %	0.00 %
Sexual Assault				
Total Amount	\$574,751.00	\$647,833.00	\$419,046.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	6.00 %	9.00 %	9.00 %	0.00 %
Underserved				
Total Amount	\$2,716,567.00	\$2,180,126.00	\$1,658,908.00	\$70,000.00
% of Total Federal Award	29.00 %	31.00 %	36.00 %	1.00 %

Budget and Staffing				
Staffing Information	2019-V2-GX-0065	2020-V2-GX-0038	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00631-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00760-ASSI
Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	319	352	323	10
Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	550798	531755	373790	6790
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	399	205	313	4
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	58960	54000	72482	4160

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)	19	1629	1730	1914	1754	1756
Adult Sexual Assault	28	828	679	743	822	768
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	13	183	59	61	91	98
Arson	8	21	38	42	36	34
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	14	386	348	255	274	315
Burglary	9	279	336	454	263	333
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	10	398	314	388	335	358
Child Pornography	14	27	18	17	12	18
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	17	980	461	553	558	638
Domestic and/or Family Violence	25	5102	5130	5224	5234	5172
DUI/DWI Incidents	9	51	52	53	42	49
Elder Abuse or Neglect	24	105	95	129	126	113
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	10	3	5	3	4	3
Human Trafficking: Labor	10	3	4	5	31	10
Human Trafficking: Sex	22	125	133	162	285	176
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	10	901	1028	1285	996	1052
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	6	20	13	18	30	20
Kidnapping (custodial)	5	12	2	4	6	6
Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	2	0	0	0	0	0
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	8	105	105	110	108	107

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Robbery	10	41	64	74	90	67
Stalking/Harassment	27	801	802	938	882	855
Survivors of Homicide Victims	13	225	250	235	295	251
Teen Dating Victimization	15	12	14	18	19	15
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	2	1	0	0	1	0
Other	6	4376	4572	4577	3797	4330

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	17	15	15	25	98
Homeless	808	736	807	870	4164
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	137	84	74	169	701
LGBTQ	131	114	129	167	616
Veterans	44	28	50	54	291
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/ Physical /Mental	714	578	666	695	4004
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	96	90	79	116	622
Other	2	1	3	2	4302

General Award Information				
Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level			Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.			48409	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year			65	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.			24054	49.69 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?			13565	28.02 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.			1965	

Demographics		
Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian or Alaska Native	91	0.38 %
Asian	74	0.31 %
Black or African American	485	2.02 %
Hispanic or Latino	133	0.55 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	8	0.03 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	8255	34.32 %
Some Other Race	237	0.99 %
Multiple Races	158	0.66 %
Not Reported	8786	36.53 %
Not Tracked	5827	24.22 %
Race/Ethnicity Total	24054	
Gender Identity		
Male	2828	11.76 %
Female	14246	59.23 %
Other	119	0.49 %
Not Reported	1140	4.74 %
Not Tracked	5721	23.78 %
Gender Total	24054	
Age		
Age 0- 12	1087	4.52 %
Age 13- 17	732	3.04 %

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Age 18- 24	1821	7.57 %
Age 25- 59	10153	42.21 %
Age 60 and Older	1422	5.91 %
Not Reported	3123	12.98 %
Not Tracked	5716	23.76 %
Age Total	24054	

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	28	34234	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	48596
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	23843
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	5496
			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	13080
B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	20	9132	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	1242
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	106
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	243
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	254807
			B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	1081
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	52
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	161
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	284
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	2510
			B10. Interpreter services	505
C. Emotional Support or Safety Services	22	16940	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	28078
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	28825
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	12
			C4. Individual counseling	10137
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	5572
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	3
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	2317
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	9	2124	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	38287
			D2. Transitional housing	62800

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			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	1123
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	30	28850	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	12651
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	798
			E3. Assistance with restitution	9452
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	14398
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	11724
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	355
			E7. Immigration assistance	4
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	597
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	803
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	5004
			E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	1228

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.	2
Number of people trained or attending education events during the reporting period.	60
Number of events conducted during the reporting period.	2
Did the grant support any coordination activities (e.g., with other service providers, law enforcement agencies) during the reporting period?	
Yes	0
No	1
Describe any program or educational materials developed during the reporting period.	
All Things VOCA Webinar Slides VOCA 101 Technical Assistance Resource Packet VOCA FAQ's VOCA Sample Subgrant Award Report (SAR) with Tips VOCA Sample Performance Management Tool (PMT) Report with Tips General Subgrantee Reporting Schedule	
Describe any planning or training events held during the reporting period.	
The Maine Violence Prevent Program (VPP), within the Office of Child and Family Services, Department of Health and Human Services, helped to support the efforts of providers to develop and offer a Victim Assistance Academy for victim service providers statewide. The academy consisted of a 1.5 day in person event in September of 2022 and will be followed by virtual sessions that will occur over the course of 6 months, concluding in March of 2023. The first cohort of participants consists of about 40 individuals, half of whom are Victim Witness Advocates. It s hoped that training is something that will be able to be offered annually. The VPP also worked with OVC TTAC to develop the VOCA resources listed in #6 above and provided a VOCA webinar that was presented to VOCA subgrantees on 9/13/23. The webinar was also recorded and has been placed on the VPP website for future use of subgrantees.	
Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.	
The process of updating the VPP policy and procedure manual is ongoing. During this performance period (November, 2021), the program developed a written policy pertaining to match waiver entitled DHHS Violence Prevention Program National Emergency Pandemic Mandatory VOCA Match Waiver Process.	
Describe any earned media coverage events/episodes during the reporting period.	
Not applicable	
Describe any coordinated responses/services for assisting crime victims during the reporting period.	
During this reporting period, coordinated responses for assisting crime victims continued to occur in a number of ways. The DV-CPS Liaison Program, which houses a DV advocate in each child welfare district office, provided ongoing opportunities for DV and child welfare staff to collaborate and coordinate their work with survivors and their children. Additionally, The Children s Advocacy Centers (CAC) in Maine continued to provide a place 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, referred to as a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) often includes law enforcement, child welfare staff, forensic interviewers, family advocates, etc. On 5/26/21, the CAC network also hosted the first statewide forum for Maine s MDTs responding to commercial sexual exploitation of children. Another example of collaboration is that the first statewide Victim Witness Advocate (VWA) Coordinator, hired in January of 2021, continued during this performance period to provide VWAs statewide with training, technical assistance, opportunities to connect, stakeholder outreach, policy coordination, and research on national best practices, all with the goal of improving victim services and victim rights access. The VPP program has also	

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participated in a number of diverse stakeholder groups over the past year, committed to improving victim services, including the Elder Justice Coordinating Partnership, the Victim Advisory Board, the New Mainer s Advisory Board, the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Advisory Board, among others.

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

One barrier to service provision that s been cited by providers over this performance period has again been difficulty in hiring and retaining staff due to the job market. To address this issue, some providers have engaged in internal needs assessments and/or other strategies to better understand the needs of their staff and how to best support them. The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to be a challenge, as it continues to impact the provision of some in-person services and has the potential to result in service disruption due to either the victim or the provider becoming ill. Transportation continues to present challenges in a rural state like Maine. While the increase in virtual services that were created during the pandemic have mitigated some transportation barriers, it hasn t solved the probably completely as some victims lack the resources and technology to access online services.

Please describe ways that your agency promoted the coordination of public and private efforts within the community to help crime victims during the reporting period.

During this performance period, the VPP met with both current subgrantees and other service providers, through participation in a number of different workgroups, advisory boards, and other partnerships, with the goal of staying abreast of the current issues and best practices in victim service provision as well as promoting the importance of statewide collaboration in this challenging work.

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

A full-time program coordinator position dedicated to VPP continued to be funded during this performance period and the program manager completed her first year in this role. Lack of VPP program staff turnover has been beneficial for the program s ability to remain responsive to subgrantees and others. Subgrantees have shared that the VOCA tools referenced in #6 have been beneficial to their work, including the onboarding of new staff. The VWA Statewide Coordinator position was also funded during this period providing consistency and support for the VWAs.

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: This priority continued to be met by providing funding to the statewide Children's Advocacy Centers, within the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MECASA), and the DV-CPS liaison program housed within the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence (MCEDV). Additionally, the VOCA funded Court Appointed Special Advocate Program, within the Maine Judicial Branch, served 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 subgrantees of MECASA, the statewide SA coalition. The Immigrant Resource Center of Maine (IRCM) also provides culturally specific gender-based violence services for SA victims. Victim Witness Advocates are also funded with VOCA dollars and work with crime victims, including those of SA, within in the District Attorney s Offices and the Office of the Attorney General. Domestic Violence (DV): Victims of domestic violence are served through local DV resource centers that are subgrantees of MCEDV, the statewide DV coalition. The Immigrant Resource Center of Maine (IRCM) also provides culturally specific gender-based violence services for DV victims. Victim Witness Advocates are also funded with VOCA dollars and work with crime victims, including those of DV, within in the District Attorney s Offices and the Office of the Attorney General. Underserved Populations: This priority was met by providing funding to providers supporting: victims who are low income, victims who are immigrants, refugees or asylum seekers, victim over the age of 65, and providing support for the unfunded needs of survivors of homicide. During the performance period, the VPP continued the contract with Pine Tree Legal to provide free legal services and representation to low-income Mainers. The VPP also continued to contract with the Immigrant Resource Center of Maine (IRCM) to directly fund and support their culturally specific gender-based violence work with victims. Our contracts with the Elder Abuse Institute of Maine and the Legal Services for the Elderly continued to support victims of violence in Maine over the age of 65. An MOU with the Office of the Attorney General Funded three VWAs and funds for the survivors of homicide and MECASA provided support for MaineTransNet, Maine s only transgender led and focused community organization.

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

The Maine Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Network continued to provide training, technical assistance, and resources to direct service providers engaged in anti-trafficking efforts in Maine, as well as community awareness and public policy support. The effort is supported by a statewide Provider Council, and it is a program of the Maine Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

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

Lack of transportation and housing continue to present significant challenges for crime victims in Maine. VPP has recently completed a statewide victim needs assessment, in order to better understand the emerging issues/trends affecting crime victims and over the coming year will be working with providers to gather additional information to supplement that assessment, in order to determine what s most needed moving forward.

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 continued to experience hiring and retention issues because of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the economy and job market. Qualified staff members of local organizations are still juggling issues such as childcare needs, challenges resulting from telework, and COVID-related illnesses. Some staff continue to cite low pay and benefits as reasons why they're leaving the agencies and the agencies are working diligently to try to problems solve these issues.

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

All DHHS funding opportunities for which the Department has issued Requests for Proposals are located at <https://www.maine.gov/dafs/bbm/procurementservices/vendors/rfps> and as such this information is available to the public. The VPP website <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/support-for-families/violence-prevention-resources> also lists all providers that are currently funded by the program.

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

VPP directed funds to underserved populations via continuing to contract directly with providers of culturally specific gender-based violence services as well as victims over the age of 65. Additionally, VPP continued to provide funding to our DV and SA coalitions who partner with community organizations prioritizing underserved populations, including the LGBTQ+ community and those with disabilities.

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

The VPP continued to meet monthly with some subgrantee providers, and quarterly with others, to discuss any present/emerging issues, including gaps in services and discuss possible solutions. The VPP also met with a number of programs that are not currently subgrantees, in order to learn more about these organizations and gather additional perspectives on service gaps/solutions/opportunities. Within this reporting period, VPP also completed a statewide victim needs assessment.

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) continues to be required to 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.