

RI 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-0056	2020-V2-GX-0062	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00596-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00800-ASSI
Federal Award Amount	\$7,614,712.00	\$5,739,014.00	\$3,718,574.00	\$5,096,442.00
Total Amount of Subawards	\$7,479,732.00	\$5,654,196.00	\$3,283,950.00	\$0.00
Total Number of Subawards	67	73	57	0
Administrative Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Training Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance Remaining	\$134,980.00	\$84,818.00	\$434,624.00	\$5,096,442.00

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-0056	2020-V2-GX-0062	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00596-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00800-ASSI
Government Agencies Only	9	8	5	0
Corrections	0	0	0	0
Courts	0	1	1	0
Juvenile Justice	1	1	1	0
Law Enforcement	0	0	0	0
Prosecutor	2	1	0	0
Other	6	5	3	0
Nonprofit Organization Only	58	65	52	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	2	2	2	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	6	2	1	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	11	13	12	0
Faith-based Organization	0	0	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	1	1	1	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	1	2	2	0
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	1	1	1	0
Multiservice agency	31	41	31	0
Other	5	3	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	67	73	57	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				
	2019-V2-GX-0056	2020-V2-GX-0062	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00596-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00800-ASSI
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	60	72	57	0
B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	5	0	0	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	2	1	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-0056	2020-V2-GX-0062	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00596-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00800-ASSI
A. INFORMATION & REFERRAL	62	71	54	0
B. PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	55	67	49	0
C. EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	58	68	51	0
D. SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	27	37	28	0
E. CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	48	61	49	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	65	72	56	0

Priority and Underserved Requirements				
Priority Area	2019-V2-GX-0056	2020-V2-GX-0062	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00596-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00800-ASSI
Child Abuse				
Total Amount	\$856,811.00	\$526,274.00	\$362,744.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	11.00 %	9.00 %	10.00 %	
Domestic and Family Violence				

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Total Amount	\$3,022,628.00	\$2,357,564.00	\$1,449,324.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	40.00 %	41.00 %	39.00 %	
Sexual Assault				
Total Amount	\$1,157,506.00	\$1,079,174.00	\$586,737.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	15.00 %	19.00 %	16.00 %	
Underserved				
Total Amount	\$2,442,787.00	\$1,622,684.00	\$885,145.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	32.00 %	28.00 %	24.00 %	

Budget and Staffing				
Staffing Information	2019-V2-GX-0056	2020-V2-GX-0062	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00596-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00800-ASSI
Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	712	968	688	
Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	237497	221454	96919	
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	346	309	203	
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	41138	84555	33723	

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)	70	1481	1474	1510	1411	1469
Adult Sexual Assault	68	684	742	722	701	712
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	55	455	233	226	1124	509
Arson	13	7	3	7	2	4
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	46	1315	1455	1527	1766	1515
Burglary	20	73	131	47	73	81
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	47	676	636	609	500	605
Child Pornography	30	32	29	21	29	27
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	58	631	649	714	680	668
Domestic and/or Family Violence	83	9226	8369	8819	9354	8942
DUI/DWI Incidents	19	101	93	48	110	88
Elder Abuse or Neglect	47	208	195	157	343	225
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	41	469	702	699	896	691
Human Trafficking: Labor	27	29	22	34	27	28
Human Trafficking: Sex	58	190	141	133	157	155
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	27	509	711	715	894	707
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	20	16	13	15	11	13
Kidnapping (custodial)	20	6	15	15	13	12
Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	13	7	2	1	1	2
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	21	57	54	47	50	52

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Robbery	29	76	61	45	98	70
Stalking/Harassment	66	487	506	562	686	560
Survivors of Homicide Victims	42	75	55	42	59	57
Teen Dating Victimization	49	78	102	105	121	101
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	6	5	4	3	1	3
Other	17	1004	853	775	814	861

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	46	54	61	71	259
Homeless	440	339	477	605	3730
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	1001	1324	1211	1348	5102
LGBTQ	792	802	770	787	3746
Veterans	48	21	38	52	265
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/ Physical /Mental	775	472	439	1290	4594
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	1227	1501	1397	1640	6326
Other	233	92	249	156	3709

General Award Information				
Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level			Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.			42454	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year			8609	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.			29153	68.67 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?			15136	35.65 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.			6320	

Demographics		
Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian or Alaska Native	152	0.52 %
Asian	457	1.57 %
Black or African American	2524	8.66 %
Hispanic or Latino	3589	12.31 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	24	0.08 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	10025	34.39 %
Some Other Race	392	1.34 %
Multiple Races	637	2.19 %
Not Reported	10466	35.90 %
Not Tracked	887	3.04 %
Race/Ethnicity Total	29153	
Gender Identity		
Male	5354	18.37 %
Female	16966	58.20 %
Other	826	2.83 %
Not Reported	5495	18.85 %
Not Tracked	512	1.76 %
Gender Total	29153	
Age		
Age 0- 12	2268	7.78 %
Age 13- 17	1497	5.13 %

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Age 18- 24	4150	14.24 %
Age 25- 59	12739	43.70 %
Age 60 and Older	2020	6.93 %
Not Reported	5684	19.50 %
Not Tracked	795	2.73 %
Age Total	29153	

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	66	26842	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	30935
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	17216
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	8839
			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	13948
B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	58	16081	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	940
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	1458
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	2132
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	24431
			B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	392
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	1997
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	3366
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	889
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	5035
B10. Interpreter services	9907			
C. Emotional Support or Safety Services	64	26662	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	10123
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	14176
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	3593
			C4. Individual counseling	20415
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	1641
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	1954
C7. Emergency financial assistance	3220			
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	31	622	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	405
			D2. Transitional housing	236

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			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	680
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	46	8864	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	5915
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	1066
			E3. Assistance with restitution	615
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	1976
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	742
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	245
			E7. Immigration assistance	1945
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	1295
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	1861
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	3865
			E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	727

ANNUAL QUESTIONS

Grantee Annually Reported Questions	
Question/Option	Count
Were any administrative and training funds used during the reporting period?	
Yes	1
No	0
Did the administrative funds support any education activities during the reporting period?	
Yes	0
No	1
Number of requests received for education activities during the reporting period.	0
Number of people trained or attending education events during the reporting period.	0
Number of events conducted during the reporting period.	0
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.	
Administrative funds did not pay for any materials	
Describe any planning or training events held during the reporting period.	
No administrative funds were used for any planning or training events.	
Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.	
No program policies were changed during the reporting period.	
Describe any earned media coverage events/episodes during the reporting period.	
When there is a crime involving domestic violence or sexual abuse there is usually a response from the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence or Day One, the sexual assault trauma treatment center.	
Describe any coordinated responses/services for assisting crime victims during the reporting period.	
The Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence is comprised of a network of member agencies with the purpose to end domestic violence in Rhode Island. It is a statewide coalition that serves every county throughout RI. They have been providing free, confidential services to victims of domestic violence for over forty years. The RICADV has successfully coordinated unduplicated services for victims including emergency shelter, transitional and permanent supportive housing, children's services, community outreach, court advocacy, law enforcement advocates and counseling. To ensure that the domestic violence services cover every county the RICADV full member agencies are the Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center who serve Central Falls, Cumberland, Lincoln, Pawtucket, Providence, Woonsocket, and all northern Rhode Island communities. Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County who serve Charlestown, Exeter, Hopkinton, Narragansett, New Shoreham, North Kingstown, Richmond, south Kingstown and Westerly. Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center serves Coventry, Cranston, East Greenwich, Foster, Johnston, North Providence, Scituate, Warwick, West Greenwich and West Warwick. The Women's Resource Center serves Barrington, Bristol, East Providence, Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton, and Warren. The Affiliate Member Agencies are the Center for Southeast Asians, Crossroads Rhode Island, Family Service of Rhode Island, McAuley Ministries, Progreso Latino and YWCA of Rhode Island. The RICADV affirms that all people have the right to live their lives free from fear and violence and to that end has worked with its member agencies to meet the needs of the state's racial and ethnic groups, LGBTQ+, women and men, both as service providers and as employers. The RICADV and its network of member agencies have played a major role in the development of our state's response to domestic violence. The RICADV is organized to facilitate a statewide system of service delivery, to collect and analyze statewide data, to address gaps in systems, and to facilitate an effective public education program in increased awareness about domestic violence and services available to victims. The RICADV conducts statewide planning and needs assessment work and incorporates input from	

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local community needs assessments and from the member agencies and other sources

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

The decrease in funding has had an effect on our victims who were receiving assistance. We have had to deny funds to new agencies and new programs to current agencies due to the decrease in funding.

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.

Family Service of Rhode Island held a RI State Victim Assistance Academy at Roger Williams University in the summer of 2022. The academy had 59 attendees spanning law enforcement, victim services, child welfare, social services, court advocacy, helpline advocacy, clinicians, community health and outreach workers, physicians, homeless shelter staff, RI Air National Guard, campus security, school personnel immigration advocates, and others attended. They provided 31 hours of training. Days 1-3 had trainings on Trauma Across the Lifespan; Critical Issues in Addressing Domestic Violence; Restorative Justice; VOCA/VAWA; Navigating the Justice System (arrest through parole); Crime Victims Rights; Crime Victim Compensation Program; Creating Safe Spaces for LGBTQ* Victims of Crime; U.S. Attorney and FBI resources; Office for Victims of Crime; and Ethics in Victim Services. Day 4 had Healthcare Initiatives for Minor Sex Trafficking; Behavioral Health Considerations for Victims; Victimization in the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf/Blind Community; On-scene Response with Law Enforcement; Mothers Against Drunk Driving/Alcohol Misuse; Immigration Options for Victims of Crime; Elder Abuse; Sexual Victimization; and, Internet Safety/Cyber Crime. Day 5 had Secondary Traumatic Stress; Compassion Fatigue; Self Care; and an open discussion with Law Enforcement.

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

We have statewide coverage of Law Enforcement Victim Advocates in all the 39 cities and towns but due to the decrease in funding we have had to reduce the number of advocates and the remaining advocates have had to cover much greater geographic areas than they did previously.

Please discuss each priority (i.e., child abuse, domestic assault, sexual assault, and underserved) in which VOCA funds have been used to assist crime victims during the reporting period

VOCA funds are being used to assist many of the above referenced victims through various agencies in our state. Some examples are: Child Abuse – Adoption Rhode Island serves children in state care who have experienced abuse, neglect, trauma, victimization, and abandonment, serving over 350 youth per month and reaching over 2,000 individuals each year through a wide spectrum of education and advocacy. Adoption Rhode Island has been successful in recruiting highly skilled and specialized staff, who are dedicated to serving children who are victims of crime and has also been able to expand their ability to serve diverse populations through their selection of interns and contract staff. The children who are referred to the VOCA Child and Family Support program have experienced physical or sexual abuse, neglect, abandonment, trafficking and/or other traumatic crimes. Sexual Assault – St. Mary's Home for Children provides services through The Shepard Program working with survivors of trauma, specifically sexual abuse and sexual exploitation. The victims served include children impacted by sexual abuse, and their families, and children and adults impacted by sexual exploitation/human trafficking, and their families. They have a highly skilled and trained sexual trauma treatment team to provide in-home psychological and social service support for up to six months to ameliorate the disruption caused by the trauma and aid in the healing of the victim and the family unit. The overall goal is to preserve families by maintaining the victim in their home and preventing re-victimization. Domestic Assault – East Bay Community Action Program serves all types of victims, but the majority of its clients are victims of domestic violence and seniors. They provide their clients with comprehensive, trauma informed assessment, case management, advocacy, support and access to multiple resources, including legal, basic needs, health/behavioral health, housing, substance recovery services and others. Most of EBCAP's VOCA clients are victims of physical crimes and see a high need for services to women, domestic violence victims and seniors who experience high rates of abuse/neglect and fraud. Underserved – Sojourner House RISE and Woonsocket Program which is a Safe House for women and children in Woonsocket. The RISE Program (Respect, Inclusion, Safety, and Empowerment) is the only domestic and sexual violence organization in the state with dedicated programming for victims who identify as LGBTQ+ and male. They offer emergency shelter available 24/7 along with a 24/7 hotline to assist victims in crisis, advocacy, support groups, access to basic needs and case management to support clients in achieving their long-term goals. They have expertise for serving victims from some of the most marginalized populations, including individuals who identify as LGBTQ, male-identified victims, immigrants, those who live in rural and isolated areas and victims of human trafficking. People who are additionally marginalized, such as male victims and LGBTQ+ individuals, are as likely (and in some cases more likely) to experience intimate partner and/or sexual violence as any other group, and often have a harder time accessing services due to stigma, discrimination, and lack of programs tailored to their needs.

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

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

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

The number of crime victims has still been high this year with the added stress that COVID and the economy has caused.

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

The PSGAO has had no issues with staffing retention but some of our nonprofits have some difficulty retaining their therapists and counselors because of the decrease in the VOCA awards.

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

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

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

We continually update our process according to the latest needs assessment and gap analysis that was recommended. We did reach out to some new agencies to include more underserved individuals, but the committee decided not to fund the new projects due to the amount of funding that we received.

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

The PSGAO was again hoping to have an updated needs assessment done but decided against it so that we could use the funds for our current subrecipients and keep the programs funded.

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

None at this time.