

# UT 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-0063	2020-V2-GX-0015	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00601-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00810-ASSI
<b>Federal Award Amount</b>	\$21,771,193.00	\$16,354,897.00	\$10,394,739.00	\$14,503,897.00
<b>Total Amount of Subawards</b>	\$21,997,754.00	\$17,977,704.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Number of Subawards</b>	127	117	0	0
<b>Administrative Funds Amount</b>	\$1,088,559.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Training Funds Amount</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Balance Remaining</b>	(\$1,315,120.00)	(\$1,622,807.00)	\$10,394,739.00	\$14,503,897.00

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-0063	2020-V2-GX-0015	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00601-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00810-ASSI
<b>Government Agencies Only</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Corrections	0	0	0	0
Courts	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	32	33	0	0
Prosecutor	25	25	0	0
Other	19	18	0	0
<b>Nonprofit Organization Only</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	0	0	0	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	1	1	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	7	5	0	0
Faith-based Organization	0	0	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	21	15	0	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	3	3	0	0
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	4	2	0	0
Multiservice agency	1	1	0	0
Other	11	11	0	0
<b>Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Agencies, and Organizations Only</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</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

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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	1	1	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>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Campus-based victims services	1	1	0	0
Law enforcement	1	1	0	0
Physical or mental health service program	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Number of Subawards</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>0</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				
	2019-V2-GX-0063	2020-V2-GX-0015	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00601-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00810-ASSI
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	120	117	0	0
B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	2	0	0	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	6	0	0	0
D. Start up a new <b>Native American</b> victim services project	0	0	0	0
E. Expand or enhance an existing <b>Native American</b> project	0	0	0	0

<b>VOCA and Match Funds</b>				
A single SAR can select multiple service types. Numbers are not unique				
	2019-V2-GX-0063	2020-V2-GX-0015	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00601-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00810-ASSI
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	124	110	0	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	118	106	0	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	117	105	0	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	65	59	0	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	112	102	0	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	126	111	0	0

<b>Priority and Underserved Requirements</b>				
Priority Area	2019-V2-GX-0063	2020-V2-GX-0015	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00601-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00810-ASSI
<b>Child Abuse</b>				
Total Amount	\$3,823,760.00	\$3,291,803.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	18.00 %	20.00 %		
<b>Domestic and Family Violence</b>				

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Total Amount	\$9,808,010.00	\$7,462,421.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	45.00 %	46.00 %		
<b>Sexual Assault</b>				
Total Amount	\$2,727,328.00	\$2,170,193.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	13.00 %	13.00 %		
<b>Underserved</b>				
Total Amount	\$5,638,626.00	\$5,053,246.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	26.00 %	31.00 %		

<b>Budget and Staffing</b>				
<b>Staffing Information</b>	<b>2019-V2-GX-0063</b>	<b>2020-V2-GX-0015</b>	<b>2021-15POVC-21-GG-00601-ASSI</b>	<b>2022-15POVC-22-GG-00810-ASSI</b>
Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	41412	1147		
Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	752192	559240		
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	1493	2209		
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	93479	68098		

**AGGREGATED SUBGRANTEE PERFORMANCE MEASURE DATA**

<b>Victimization Type</b>						
<b>Victimization Type</b>	<b>Number of Subgrantees Indicating Intent to Serve This Victim Type</b>	<b>Number of Individuals Who Actually Received Services Based on a Presenting Victimization</b>				
		<b>Quarter 1 Total</b>	<b>Quarter 2 Total</b>	<b>Quarter 3 Total</b>	<b>Quarter 4 Total</b>	<b>Per Quarter Average</b>
Adult Physical Assault (includes Aggravated and Simple Assault)	164	3931	4210	4834	5051	4506
Adult Sexual Assault	191	2292	2422	2387	2585	2421
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	167	541	560	635	638	593
Arson	90	37	25	35	37	33
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	135	772	892	824	797	821
Burglary	115	360	331	408	296	348
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	188	2387	2446	2522	2472	2456
Child Pornography	139	175	213	209	189	196
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	197	4457	4133	4278	3845	4178
Domestic and/or Family Violence	206	16063	14798	15246	17981	16022
DUI/DWI Incidents	111	219	230	261	166	219
Elder Abuse or Neglect	145	198	211	226	284	229
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	103	128	129	129	102	122
Human Trafficking: Labor	107	126	124	111	134	123
Human Trafficking: Sex	153	151	200	169	168	172
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	108	574	550	877	571	643
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	117	96	109	115	145	116
Kidnapping (custodial)	132	57	59	60	93	67
Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	76	34	4	5	4	11
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	104	250	203	290	351	273

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Robbery	113	185	165	204	170	181
Stalking/Harassment	183	1634	1753	1828	1953	1792
Survivors of Homicide Victims	130	280	273	307	368	307
Teen Dating Victimization	160	160	141	150	160	152
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	66	9	10	10	7	9
Other	92	3485	3372	3990	2101	3237

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	130	129	109	112	638
Homeless	1309	1316	1315	1491	6315
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	553	824	720	531	4232
LGBTQ	334	402	481	511	2203
Veterans	98	106	101	125	595
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/ Physical /Mental	1206	1634	1701	1306	8344
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	1626	1551	1644	1441	8438
Other	294	105	194	307	8042

General Award Information				
Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level			Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.			122123	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year			10623	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.			93712	76.74 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?			23261	19.05 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.			22236	

Demographics		
Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native	1664	1.78 %
Asian	818	0.87 %
Black or African American	2107	2.25 %
Hispanic or Latino	15345	16.37 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1265	1.35 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	55572	59.30 %
Some Other Race	1117	1.19 %
Multiple Races	1288	1.37 %
Not Reported	10291	10.98 %
Not Tracked	4245	4.53 %
<b>Race/Ethnicity Total</b>	<b>93712</b>	
<b>Gender Identity</b>		
Male	23286	24.85 %
Female	60392	64.44 %
Other	314	0.34 %
Not Reported	7915	8.45 %
Not Tracked	1805	1.93 %
<b>Gender Total</b>	<b>93712</b>	
<b>Age</b>		
Age 0- 12	10032	10.71 %
Age 13- 17	7843	8.37 %

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Age 18- 24	11435	12.20 %
Age 25- 59	45686	48.75 %
Age 60 and Older	4286	4.57 %
Not Reported	10711	11.43 %
Not Tracked	3719	3.97 %
<b>Age Total</b>	<b>93712</b>	

Direct Services				
Service Area	# of Subgrantees That Provided Services in This Category	# of Individuals/Contacts Receiving Services	Specific Service	Frequency of Service
A. Information & Referral	110	79471	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	80698
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	62070
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	58349
			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	67449
B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	100	43912	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	1789
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	2222
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	4265
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	102326
			B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	1564
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	1284
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	2364
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	17720
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	7014
B10. Interpreter services	5512			
C. Emotional Support or Safety Services	101	49793	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	46174
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	35441
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	3279
			C4. Individual counseling	31780
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	16498
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	2523
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	6585
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	58	6095	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	71572
			D2. Transitional housing	2191

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			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	5044
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	105	63145	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	86723
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	10066
			E3. Assistance with restitution	9901
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	13209
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	7769
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	2436
			E7. Immigration assistance	1670
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	7911
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	9153
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	37161
			E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	9170

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.	69
Number of people trained or attending education events during the reporting period.	1716
Number of events conducted during the reporting period.	15
<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
<b>Describe any program or educational materials developed during the reporting period.</b>	
Training, grant management and resources created during this reporting period by UOVC staff include updated video modules with accompanying materials for subrecipients. All training sessions are available on our website and Youtube channel. We also continued to make conferences and events available in a hybrid format so that they could easily be viewed statewide. All of the resources and materials shared with attendees were compiled in resource folders online and also emailed to the participants to increase ease of access.	
<b>Describe any planning or training events held during the reporting period.</b>	
Over the past reporting period, we held three victim assistance academies, four quarterly statewide trainings for victim advocates, several grant management trainings, and a Train the Trainer for Mass Casualty response tabletop with state agencies such as DPS and Emergency Management.	
<b>Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.</b>	
UOVC staff has made significant progress over the past year in making external policies available to subrecipients statewide via a Grant Assistance Center (GAC) portal on our website. The process for creating a portal for our state has provided staff with the opportunity to review each individual policy and provide feedback to the management team doing yearly policy updates. The statewide match waiver is still available and was utilized by the majority of agencies during the Year 2 of their grant cycle. The other main policy change was regarding the way in which wages are reimbursed with the creation of a total position salary per grant funded employee which improved the billing of personnel throughout the life cycle of the grant reducing the number of amendments required due to wage changes.	
<b>Describe any earned media coverage events/episodes during the reporting period.</b>	
There was no earned media coverage during the reporting period.	
<b>Describe any coordinated responses/services for assisting crime victims during the reporting period.</b>	

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UOVC highly encourages subgrantees to coordinate with other local services providers and state coalitions in order to ensure the highest delivery of victim services in their area. In the last year we have seen two major projects reach completion with the assistance of UOVC and the coordination between service providers across the state. Our Outreach Language Access and Civil Rights Coordinator worked to create The UOVC Victim Resource Connect which connects victims with appropriate resources based on location as well as specific concerns they may have. It provides enhanced search functionality and provides more targeted results to connect victims to the resources they need in each county. This is used often by victim service providers in the referral process and was completed with their help in providing accurate and up to date information. UOVC's Training Coordinator assisted in the development of the State of Utah Mass Casualty Victim Response Leadership team to improve the state's collaborative capacity to serve victims after a mass casualty event. These partnerships connect existing plans and processes to work in conjunction with each other by identifying strengths and gaps in available resources, while creating new opportunities. In 2020 The Utah Office for Victims of Crime and the Utah Department of Public Safety started working with ICPTTA to create a victim response appendix to the State of Utah Emergency Operations Plan, anticipated completion date August 2023. As part of this process we identified what state resources might be utilized during a mass casualty event.

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

Most subrecipients are describing the major issue in the state to be COVID related after effects of crimes that have become more aggravated that are occurring more often. Job loss, and close contact quarantine with offenders as well as quarantine in general stymied victim access to outside detection and provision of resources. Programs articulate the need for more victim advocates and service providers to serve the growing number of clients. Agencies are assisting victims with service methods learned during COVID, creating a dual approach to victim services, combining online assistance with in-person now that some COVID restrictions have been lifted. Reports indicate this does assist victims in receiving more individualized initial and some follow up services often reducing the time frame victims wait to see or be in contact with service providers and advocates.

### **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 UOVC Victim Assistance Program requires that each successful subrecipient coordinate and collaborate with victim service providers throughout their local communities. VOCA grant applicants are required to provide information detailing their coordination and collaboration efforts. UOVC contracted with a research team to conduct a needs assessment with crime victims and victim service providers. The needs assessment gave us valuable information on what victims need and what victim service providers need. Our Training Coordinator and Outreach Coordinator (VOCA funded) collaborated with our State Victim Advocate Liaison (OVC Discretionary Grant), and state coalitions for domestic violence and sexual assault to meet with victim service providers all across the state. The staff went to each of the eight districts across the state and gave training on victim rights, confidentiality, our needs assessment findings, and then held an open discussion about what needs and gaps in services they have in their region. We discussed ways UOVC and coalitions could provide support to the regions to improve victim services across the state of Utah. A strategic planning task force has been formed to address ways to improve victim services in Utah.

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

UOVC has been working to roll out an updated grant management system. This new system is much more user-friendly for subgrantees: reducing questions, streamlining reports, and increasing favorable overall user experience options. These are the most commonly cited feedback items from our agencies. UOVC has also created a Grant Access Center " or GAC for subgrantees to search for help much like the VOCApedia. The GAC has general grant definitions, training videos and handouts, subgrantee procedures, and other pertinent information regarding receiving and managing a grant on the subgrantee level. The GAC is highly customizable and will be updated often, providing crucial, congruent information to all subgrantees.

### **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**

In order to ensure that each of the priority categories are being met, UOVC divides its funding into eight categories: Legal Services, Child Abuse and Treatment, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Criminal Justice Victim Services Programs, Underserved Populations, Housing, and Outreach/Awareness. By delineating these categories, we are better able to reserve funding for certain areas where more services are needed and curb funding in others where the priority category is already over-exceeded. This report will mainly highlight what our office has been funding regarding Domestic Violence Programs, Sex Assault Programs, and Child Abuse. We currently have 15 DV Programs, 15 Sex Assault Programs, and 20 programs who focus on Child Abuse. We fund other programs that provide services to underserved populations. Of the programs we fund, one of them assists Native Americans/Tribes, two of them assist victims of plural families, one assists victims who are deaf. We also have two agencies who provide immigration/U-visa service. In addition to those categories, UOVC has two self award grants. One is an outreach and awareness program and the other is a victim advocate program that is housed under our Compensation department. Our victim advocate has a statewide housing program which has experienced great success working in conjunction with our compensation program. In FY22, the UOVC advocacy program spent \$109,026 on housing and emergency funds which mainly covered rent for victims. This housing first model has shown to be very effective at keeping families out of shelter and in a situation where they can seek work and build a new life. The other expenses covered in that amount were hotels, legal assistance, brief counseling, emergency food, broken windows, phones, safety supplies that were destroyed in the crime, utilities, and bus passes. A highlight from this program is when they had to collaborate with the Salt Lake City Police Department when a shooting victim was discharging. The victim could not return home due to the shooter living below him and was still at large so we coordinated with the Salt Lake City advocates to pay for a week of hotel stay while our advocates expedited the compensation claim. Once processed, they worked with the Reparation Officer, leasing agent and the victim to pay for deposit and first month's rent. One of our legal agencies, Utah Homicide Survivors, has experienced a large increase (28%) in new clients and in total victims served (32%). One of their highlights of the last year was helping two young children under 12. Their father killed their mother (they also witnessed the killing). The Estate of the mother consisted of the marital home, and a joint bank account (total value \$450,000). Through the probate courts they were able to disinherit the killer as an heir and transfer the mother's "half" of the marital home and joint bank account to the children. They helped the maternal grandmother get custody of the minor children and establish a conservatorship. They also were able to get the father to pay a lump sum of child support that would be used to care for the minor children until they turned 18. This equated to the remainder of the marital assets (father's half of the home and joint bank account.) After they received this settlement for the minor children we were able to terminate the father's parental rights and the maternal grandmother adopted the minor children. All of these cases took about 1.5 years to complete. The criminal case is still ongoing. Utah Homicide Survivors has recovered 2 million dollars in assets that were disinherited from accused killers. The legal fees, had this not been a nonprofit organization, were estimated to be approximately \$300,000.

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

The Utah Office for Victims of Crime supports efforts to serve victims of Federal crimes through policies that require programs to serve victims of Federal crimes with the same prioritization they would with local and State crimes and through efforts to fund organizations that are likely to interact with these victims. Utah organizations that frequently serve federal crime victims include agencies and nonprofits in the local vicinity of Hill Air Force Base which is located approximately 30 miles north of Salt Lake City. HAFB employs victim advocates that are federally funded and therefore receive no VOCA funding; however, servicemen who live off base frequently come into contact with local law enforcement who collaborate with military police. VOCA funded victim advocates work extensively with the advocates on base to ensure that these victims receive the highest standard of care available while retaining the autonomy of victims of crime. Within the state of Utah there are six federally recognized tribes and a large amount of tribal land. Support for tribal community programs which include a newly opened tribal run domestic violence shelter remain a priority through funding, training and advocacy support. As many crimes which occur on tribal land are considered under federal jurisdiction, the VOCA funded advocates are vital to providing survivor centered, culturally responsive services. We also fund two programs that assist victims from polygamist communities. Many of these victims live in Hildale, Utah which straddles the southern border and is adjacent to Colorado City, Arizona. This is a unique situation because although the towns are in two separate states, the locals consider Hildale one community and crimes frequently become cross jurisdictional. For this reason, the Colorado City Marshal's Office was formed directly under a federal judge. Officers are cross-deputized in both Arizona and Utah making this particular police department one of a kind in the entire nation. Advocates working with victims in this area are well versed

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in the jurisdictional issues and take that into account when serving crime victims.

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

As can be expected, the major emerging issue and notable trend that has been affecting crime victim services in the past reporting period is still the COVID-19 pandemic. Subrecipients report vital programs either being closed down or cut back significantly due to staffing and other elements related to the pandemic. Housing services, especially for low income families and people living in rural areas were affected either by halted construction or in some areas a boom that resulted in rising rent prices for both situations. Many agencies report local police agencies struggling to hire and retain trauma informed police officers who can respond to victims in a timely, appropriate manner. Court based agencies also describe extended victim wait times for hearings, while the courts move through backlogged cases. Funding cuts for the 2023-2025 cycle has been a significant emerging issue for UOVC. Overall this two year grant cycle will require an approximate 40% decrease in subgrant requests for VOCA funding.

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

We only lost one grant analyst in our VOCA program last year. That person had been with our office for 5 years and left to manage another federal grant with a different office. We rehired immediately and have a staff that have been with our office for multiple years. Our main concerns is still the possibility of a decline in Federal funds that may still be happening in the future. Our staff are our most valuable resource and we hope to do everything in our power to retain the amazing staff we have at UOVC.

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

The UOVC funding cycle starts on the state fiscal year, July 1st. We began publicizing the opportunity for victim assistance funding in February. We have a master emailing list that contains over 1,200 agencies statewide. An electronic notification is sent out notifying them of the funding opportunity. Additionally we advertise through various email listservs throughout the state including the Statewide Advocates for Victims Organization (SWAVO), Utah Domestic Violence Coalition (UDVC), Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault (UCASA), Utah Nonprofits Association, Utah Prosecution Council, Utah Law Enforcement and Chiefs Association, and the Utah Bar Association. UOVC also makes concerted efforts to have face to face meetings regarding funding opportunities to cities/counties that need victim services.

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

The prioritization of underserved populations remains a funding priority for programs whose mission it is to provide services to an underserved population. We currently fund seven such programs including two tribal and/or serving tribal populations, two that serve members of the polygamous community as well as an organization that serves deaf and hard of hearing, two which focus on serving immigrants and one of our newest funded programs has a mission dedicated to working with human trafficking. UOVC s support of underserved populations extends beyond funding, as grant analysts are instructed to provide ongoing support and mentorship so that funds can be utilized to their fullest potential and these newer organizations can thrive and continue to stabilize their respective populations. UOVC s dedicated Outreach Specialist specifically works with underserved populations in the state and provides ongoing support and education. The focus of our Outreach Specialist efforts this year has been a focus on language access for all UOVC funded programs. Her efforts have made great strides in ensuring all agencies are providing meaningful language access for all victims of crime.

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

UOVC grant staff meet each week to discuss needs in the programs that are funded with VOCA dollars. At this time grant amendments are discussed in reference to how they respond to gaps in services. Due to funding we have to be very judicious in decisions of moving or increasing awards. We have been working to connect subgrantees with each other so they can determine which nearby agencies may be able to assist in either the situation or with a particular victim. We have been encouraging subrecipients to build relationships with their governing boards and other funding sources to promote funding opportunities.

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

We have had a recent change in our governor over this past reporting period, thus the reports that we used to submit to the governor's office through their SUCCESS program have been discontinued. The state legislature did not request any reports from our program over this past reporting period either.