

VI 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-0059	2019-V2-GX-0016	2020-V2-GX-0030	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00603-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00683-ASSI
Federal Award Amount	\$1,574,785.00	\$1,219,852.00	\$1,027,338.00	\$823,616.00	\$944,159.00
Total Amount of Subawards	\$1,432,687.00	\$555,491.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Number of Subawards	6	2	0	0	0
Administrative Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Training Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance Remaining	\$142,098.00	\$664,361.00	\$1,027,338.00	\$823,616.00	\$944,159.00

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-0059	2019-V2-GX-0016	2020-V2-GX-0030	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00603-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00683-ASSI
Government Agencies Only	0	0	0	0	0
Corrections	0	0	0	0	0
Courts	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	0	0	0	0	0
Prosecutor	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Nonprofit Organization Only	6	2	0	0	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	1	1	0	0	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	0	0	0	0	0
Faith-based Organization	0	0	0	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	2	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
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	0	0	0	0	0
Multiservice agency	1	1	0	0	0
Other	2	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	0	0	0	0	0
Campus-based victims services	0	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	6	2	0	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-0059	2019-V2-GX-0016	2020-V2-GX-0030	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00603-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00683-ASSI
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	6	2	0	0	0
B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	0	0	0	0	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	0	0	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-0059	2019-V2-GX-0016	2020-V2-GX-0030	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00603-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00683-ASSI
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	5	1	0	0	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	5	1	0	0	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	5	1	0	0	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	2	0	0	0	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	6	2	0	0	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	6	2	0	0	0

Priority and Underserved Requirements					
Priority Area	2018-V2-GX-0059	2019-V2-GX-0016	2020-V2-GX-0030	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00603-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00683-ASSI
Child Abuse					
Total Amount	\$299,815.00	\$195,594.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	19.00 %	16.00 %			
Domestic and Family Violence					
Total Amount	\$884,270.00	\$179,948.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	56.00 %	15.00 %			
Sexual Assault					
Total Amount	\$180,725.00	\$112,468.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	11.00 %	9.00 %			
Underserved					
Total Amount	\$67,877.00	\$67,481.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	4.00 %	6.00 %			

Budget and Staffing					
Staffing Information	2018-V2-GX-0059	2019-V2-GX-0016	2020-V2-GX-0030	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00603-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00683-ASSI

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Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	37	11		
Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	27739	11512		
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	46	40		
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	1190	7250		

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)	3	52	27	56	15	37
Adult Sexual Assault	3	17	26	11	22	19
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	2	25	38	11	13	21
Arson	2	0	0	0	0	0
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	3	18	34	26	21	24
Burglary	2	2	1	2	9	3
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	4	27	41	40	23	32
Child Pornography	1	1	7	3	9	5
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	3	2	4	13	2	5
Domestic and/or Family Violence	3	295	269	259	226	262
DUI/DWI Incidents	1	0	0	3	0	0
Elder Abuse or Neglect	3	26	27	24	17	23
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	1	0	5	6	2	3
Human Trafficking: Labor	2	1	8	2	0	2
Human Trafficking: Sex	3	1	10	2	4	4
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	2	2	7	1	4	3
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	1	1	1	1	0	0
Kidnapping (custodial)	1	3	2	0	0	1
Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	1	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	2	0	1	0	0	0
Stalking/Harassment	3	37	43	68	41	47
Survivors of Homicide Victims	2	29	31	22	16	24
Teen Dating Victimization	3	8	9	4	0	5
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	1	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	9	4	6	0	4

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	4	0	17	8	49
Homeless	41	36	38	27	282
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	28	31	30	25	260
LGBTQ	16	8	24	17	84
Veterans	6	10	12	5	63
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/ Physical /Mental	20	17	22	14	191
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	29	23	21	24	270

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Other	0	0	0	0	25
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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.	1942	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year	62	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.	1585	81.62 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?	350	18.02 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.	28	

Demographics		
Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	0.06 %
Asian	7	0.44 %
Black or African American	821	51.80 %
Hispanic or Latino	478	30.16 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.00 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	192	12.11 %
Some Other Race	20	1.26 %
Multiple Races	60	3.79 %
Not Reported	6	0.38 %
Not Tracked	0	0.00 %
Race/Ethnicity Total	1585	
Gender Identity		
Male	386	24.35 %
Female	1167	73.63 %
Other	27	1.70 %
Not Reported	5	0.32 %
Not Tracked	0	0.00 %
Gender Total	1585	
Age		
Age 0- 12	179	11.29 %
Age 13- 17	178	11.23 %
Age 18- 24	409	25.80 %
Age 25- 59	730	46.06 %
Age 60 and Older	88	5.55 %
Not Reported	1	0.06 %
Not Tracked	0	0.00 %
Age Total	1585	

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	3	912	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	360
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	401
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	267
			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	454
			Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	40
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	2
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	66
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	291

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B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	4	573	B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	0
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	106
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	142
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	52
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	154
			B10. Interpreter services	57
C. Emotional Support or Safety Services	3	934	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	608
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	513
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	53
			C4. Individual counseling	1244
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	63
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	148
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	211
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	2	136	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	90
			D2. Transitional housing	40
			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	110
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	4	264	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	104
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	52
			E3. Assistance with restitution	11
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	162
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	131
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	24
			E7. Immigration assistance	62
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	22
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	28
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	5
E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	41			

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.	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	0
No	1
Describe any program or educational materials developed during the reporting period.	
N/A	
Describe any planning or training events held during the reporting period.	
N/A	
Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.	

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Service providers maintained and submitted COVID-19 protocols for their agencies as it related to service delivery, staff, and client safety for this grant period.
Describe any earned media coverage events/episodes during the reporting period.
Noted below are the earned media coverage event during the reporting period: 1. Women s Coalition of St. Croix (WCSC): participation on a local radio talk show that focused on issues affecting crime victims. Several press conferences were held in conjunction with community awareness events sponsored by WCSC. 2. Family Resource Center (FRC): several events during the reporting period garnered media attention and support from the community. The most noted events were: Candlelight Vigil on the Island of St. John, Take Back the Night on the island of St. John, School backpack giveaways, Dog Walk on island of St. Thomas Octoberfest Appreciation on Magens Bay Beach Domestic Violence Awareness 7-Mile Walk, The Virgin Islands Police Department Purple Showcase for Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), The Big Badd Morning Show with George Silcott FRC Executive Director was featured in an article in the Virgin Islands Daily News.
Describe any coordinated responses/services for assisting crime victims during the reporting period.
1. Services providers collaborated with other providers and agencies thru the hosting of outreach events, through interagency meetings and through court hearing that provided the opportunity to promote availability of services and crisis intervention. 2. Victim service agencies coordinated services with the local Department of Human Services, the local police department and other non-traditional services to provide services to victims. 3. The legal advocate agency collaborated with other services providers such as the Court, and the law enforcement to assist victims of crime and to address concerns regarding the violations of restraining orders. They also assisted victims with getting victim compensation. They also worked with law enforcement to assist clients in submitting U-Visa petitions to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. 4. State agency and service providers participated in domestic violence and sexual assault council meetings. 5. Service providers collaborated with the VI Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Council, Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), and The St. Croix Child Abuse and Neglect Task Force, the Virgin Islands Police Departments Domestic Violence Unit, Men s Coalition of the VI, and Legal services of the VI.
Please discuss the major issues in your state that either assist or prevent victims from receiving assistance during the reporting period.
Issues that Assist 1. Outreach campaigns for Domestic Violence Awareness Month; Sexual Awareness Month; Child Abuse Prevention Month March and Candlelight Vigil provide service providers with the opportunity to reach victims and potential victims. 2. Mainstream service providers continue to ensure their presence in the community and the services available. Outside of awareness months ads and notices are displayed often. Issues that Prevent Assistance as Presented by Funded Service Providers: 1. Currently, the Department of Human Services (DHS) is experiencing staff shortages, lack of written policies and procedures, and their lack of willingness to collaborate makes it difficult to resolve matters in the best interest of the child victims of crime. 2. DHS has not filed new petitions, thus essentially creating a system in which victims are not receiving services. 3. The issuance of Permanent Mutual Restraining Orders by the Magistrate of Superior Court 4. Service providers are not able to provide assistance to victims of crime during Civil Hearings in Domestic Violence Court, despite the fact that the proceedings are conducted virtually. 5. Staff shortages and lack of adequate funding to hire new staff has affected service providers ability to provide assistance during the reporting period. 6. Slow response to Domestic Violence calls by the Virgin Islands Police Department (VIPD). 7. VIPD is not arresting batterers for violation of Retraining Orders. 8. The VIPD Domestic Violence Unit is grossly understaffed.
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.
1. State agency encouraged collaboration among victim service providers and governmental agencies. 2. Encouraged the participation of victim and social service providers in community outreach efforts bringing awareness of services for victims of crime. 3. Service providers have been able to assist victims through the participation and coordination of the services and assistance garnered from the involvement in the Child Abuse Task Force, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Council and other related groups to assist new and returning clients. 4. Service providers have raised awareness via Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, radio talk shows, the Virgin Islands Daily News (local newspapers) and in person services.
Please describe any notable activities at the grantee level during the reporting period that improved delivery of victim services.
1. Conducted regular monitoring and compliance reviews. 2. Provided technical assistance to subgrantees and potential subgrants where applicable or when requested. 3. The Law Enforcement Planning Commission (LEPC) launched its website on August 11, 2022. 4. Service providers maintained a visible presence in the community by radio, television and on the internet to let victims know that services were being provided during the COVID-19 Global Pandemic 24/7/365 an after. 5. Participation during Domestic Violence Awareness and Child Abuse/Sexual Assault month activities increased. 6. Insured that the child victim had a voice and advocated for appropriate services to be provided. 7. The Mobile Justice Unit (MJU) conducted weekly intakes at high traffic and convenient and strategic locations to victims of crime. 8. Service providers participated in the National Night Out 2022 sponsored by LEPC and the Virgin Islands Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group Board event on St. Thomas on September 10, 2022, St. Croix on September 24, 2022 and St. John on October 14, 2022.
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 the reporting period, the VOCA Assistance funding enabled victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and neglect to obtain services including advocacy, individual counseling, support/group counseling, crisis intervention, assistance with filing out restraining orders, accompanied to the court, the hospital, local police department, and other governmental agencies as well as other related services referrals. Additionally, VOCA funding provided domestic violence shelters and other types of temporary housing i.e. Airbnb and hotels for victims of crime. The case histories that are attached provide more information about the services that were rendered.
Please briefly describe efforts taken to serve Victims of Federal crime during the reporting period.
1. Provision of victim centered services to federal crime victims, maintaining working relationship with the Victim Witness Coordinator office (at the District Attorney s Office), Homeland Security Investigations, and Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE). Victims of federal crimes were provided with advice and counsel regarding victim s compensation assistance. 2. Provided assistance to victims referred by the Dept. Homeland Security with immigration related matters. 3. Service providers collaborated with local and federal law enforcement agencies, and other organizations providing services to victims of crime. 4. Service providers work closely with the Victim Advocate Coordinator in the US Attorney s Office. 5. Victims were assisted with filing of police reports, restraining orders, court preparation, notification of court dates, and other means of support, etc. in order to lessen their anxiety.
Please identify any emerging issues or notable trends affecting crime victim services in your state during the reporting period.
Below are several issues affecting victim services as noted by service providers: 1. Increase in unemployment. 2. Lack of adequate resources and activities for the youth in the Virgin Islands. 3. VIPD failing to enforce court orders. 4. The Victims of Crime Compensation funds have not been made available to victims for a least a year.
Please briefly outline any staffing retention issues that your victim assistance program has and why these issues may occur during the reporting period.
Agencies that reported staffing retention issues cited the following issues: 1. Staff retention issues due to relocation for better opportunities in pay or families issues. 2. Increasing inflation and the high cost of living in the Virgin Islands contribute to employees leaving victim service agencies. 3. Programs experienced challenges retaining and attracting potential staff due to their inability to offer lucrative benefit packages. 5. There is a shortage of qualified candidates for the open positions.
Please explain your state process to publicize its victim assistance funding for services to victims of crime during the reporting period.
The availability of victim assistance funding is publicized in the local print media, radio, the State Administering Agency website, governmental press releases, notices are sent to stakeholders and other partners when possible.
Please explain how your state is able to direct funding to new/underserved populations during the reporting period.
Funding is directed through the request for proposals process. The solicitation invites proposals to address the underserved populations in the territory.
Please explain how your program is able to respond to gaps in services during the reporting period.
Responding to gaps in services during the reporting period was aided by; Making appropriate referrals to other agencies to address the gaps or needs Children advocates have been addressing systemic issues impacting the care and welfare of foster care and protective children. Through fundraising, friend raising, and donations from concerned citizens and well-wishers in the community.
Please list and explain any outcome measure(s) that are reported to the governor, legislature, or other state entity during the reporting period.
Awarded agencies and their funded amount are reported to the governor and the legislature. Included in the report is a description of the program scope, types of services and the number of persons served.