

NH Annual State Performance Report

Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program

Reporting Period: [Oct 1, 2022 to Sept 30, 2023]

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

OVC VOCA Assistance Funds					
	2019-V2-GX-0050	2020-V2-GX-0042	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00586-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00780-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00401-ASSI
Federal Award Amount	\$9,627,656.00	\$7,224,379.00	\$4,659,827.00	\$6,327,276.00	\$5,979,846.00
Total Amount of Subawards	\$9,242,680.00	\$6,648,555.00	\$3,395,843.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Number of Subawards	59	26	12	0	0
Administrative Funds Amount	\$371,469.00	\$235,695.00	\$232,991.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Training Funds Amount	\$13,507.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance Remaining	\$0.00	\$340,129.00	\$1,030,993.00	\$6,327,276.00	\$5,979,846.00

Subgrantee Organization Type					
<small>The total number of subgrantees represents all subgrantees 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.</small>					
Type of Organization	2019-V2-GX-0050	2020-V2-GX-0042	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00586-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00780-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00401-ASSI
Government Agencies Only	17	7	0	0	0
Corrections	1	0	0	0	0
Courts	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	2	0	0	0	0
Prosecutor	7	0	0	0	0
Other	7	7	0	0	0
Nonprofit Organization Only	40	18	11	0	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	6	0	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	1	0	0	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	22	12	10	0	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	2	1	1	0	0
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	0	0	0	0	0
Multiservice agency	3	0	0	0	0
Other	6	5	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
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	2	1	1	0	0
Campus-based victims services	2	1	1	0	0

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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	59	26	12	0	0

*This number is not unique across fiscal years as there are subgrantee organizations that are funded from multiple federal awards.

Subaward Purpose <small>A single SAR can select multiple purposes. Numbers are not unique</small>					
	2019-V2-GX-0050	2020-V2-GX-0042	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00586-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00780-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00401-ASSI
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	41	26	12	0	0
B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	14	0	0	0	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	4	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 <small>A single SAR can select multiple service types. Numbers are not unique</small>					
	2019-V2-GX-0050	2020-V2-GX-0042	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00586-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00780-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00401-ASSI
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	56	25	12	0	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	48	25	12	0	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	42	23	12	0	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	29	17	12	0	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	43	25	12	0	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	58	26	12	0	0

Priority and Underserved Requirements					
Priority Area	2019-V2-GX-0050	2020-V2-GX-0042	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00586-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00780-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00401-ASSI
Child Abuse					
Total Amount	\$2,262,329.00	\$1,071,915.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	23.00 %	15.00 %	0.00 %		
Domestic and Family Violence					
Total Amount	\$2,851,386.00	\$2,157,385.00	\$2,133,419.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	30.00 %	30.00 %	46.00 %		
Sexual Assault					
Total Amount	\$2,325,713.00	\$1,916,681.00	\$1,262,424.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	24.00 %	27.00 %	27.00 %		
Underserved					
Total Amount	\$1,801,337.00	\$1,376,099.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	19.00 %	19.00 %	0.00 %		

Budget and Staffing					
Staffing Information	2019-V2-GX-0050	2020-V2-GX-0042	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00586-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00780-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00401-ASSI
Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	572	459	149		
Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	295696	231608	84364		
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	1128	1953	137		
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	265009	308196	33278		

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)	27	263	242	257	367	282

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Adult Sexual Assault	32	387	258	238	426	327
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	34	151	128	104	109	123
Arson	5	10	10	7	14	10
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	28	162	127	140	202	157
Burglary	5	86	55	53	117	77
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	30	1404	1370	1374	1353	1375
Child Pornography	26	29	15	27	40	27
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	33	558	390	431	566	486
Domestic and/or Family Violence	34	2364	1555	1734	1977	1907
DUI/DWI Incidents	9	27	14	13	36	22
Elder Abuse or Neglect	29	10	4	6	5	6
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	15	13	11	12	13	12
Human Trafficking: Labor	20	0	1	5	2	2
Human Trafficking: Sex	27	28	25	24	29	26
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	7	18	18	41	74	37
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	9	21	9	8	8	11
Kidnapping (custodial)	11	7	7	6	9	7
Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	5	3	2	2	2	2
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	5	11	10	9	8	9
Robbery	5	133	86	60	206	121
Stalking/Harassment	34	248	196	218	264	231
Survivors of Homicide Victims	14	179	194	176	341	222
Teen Dating Victimization	29	33	27	24	24	27
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	4	1	8	0	0	2
Other	9	697	594	599	1002	723

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	30	25	31	31	198
Homeless	262	250	268	312	1571
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	38	29	40	44	820
LGBTQ	99	82	90	106	713
Veterans	8	10	11	8	99
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/ Physical /Mental	844	760	779	755	10423
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	24	21	28	24	766
Other	414	208	200	429	4980

General Award Information				
Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level			Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.			14919	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year			658	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.			8536	57.22 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?			3974	26.64 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.			4876	

Demographics			
Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served		Number	Percent
Race/Ethnicity			
American Indian or Alaska Native		6	0.07 %
Asian		70	0.82 %
Black or African American		135	1.58 %
Hispanic or Latino		201	2.35 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		4	0.05 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian		3824	44.80 %
Some Other Race		18	0.21 %
Multiple Races		221	2.59 %
Not Reported		1769	20.72 %
Not Tracked		2288	26.80 %
Race/Ethnicity Total		8536	

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Gender Identity		
Male		1633 19.13 %
Female		5398 63.24 %
Other		51 0.60 %
Not Reported		1421 16.65 %
Not Tracked		33 0.39 %
Gender Total		8536
Age		
Age 0- 12		1543 18.08 %
Age 13- 17		655 7.67 %
Age 18- 24		467 5.47 %
Age 25- 59		2353 27.57 %
Age 60 and Older		360 4.22 %
Not Reported		1824 21.37 %
Not Tracked		1334 15.63 %
Age Total		8536

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	16	11026	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	3689
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	16642
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	3738
			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	10779
B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	15	7957	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	247
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	8
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	5
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	93776
			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)	0
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	641
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	34
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	306
			B10. Interpreter services	3
C. Emotional Support or Safety Services	15	6439	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	11271
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	4811
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	228
			C4. Individual counseling	9609
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	649
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	340
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	433
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	14	593	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	12328
			D2. Transitional housing	2048
			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	939
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	16	4712	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	2846
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	651
			E3. Assistance with restitution	28
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	1069
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	412
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	2260
			E7. Immigration assistance	28
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	158

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	E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	81
	E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	530
	E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	6977

ANNUAL QUESTIONS

Grantee Annually Reported Questions	Count
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.	610
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	1
No	0
Describe any program or educational materials developed during the reporting period.	
<p>The NH DOJ supported a Program Administrator position. During this reporting period, the Program Administrator conducted the following activities: During this reporting period, revisions of the following documents continued: Stalking Protocol: The grantee continued reviewing and updating the Stalking protocol to reflect changes in law and practice since the protocol was first released in 2009. It is anticipated the revision process will be completed in 2024. Human Trafficking Protocol: The grantee continued collaborating with the New Hampshire Human Trafficking Collaborative Task Force to create the first statewide multidisciplinary protocol for responding to human trafficking cases. It is anticipated that the protocol will be completed in the spring of 2024. Sexual Assault Protocol: The grantee participated in several meetings to review and update the Model Protocol for Adult Sexual Assault Cases. It is anticipated the revision process will be completed in spring of 2024. Additionally, the Program Administrator position spent time working on the following initiatives related to training and education: 2023 Partnering for a Future Without Violence Conference: The grantee spent a significant amount of time planning and coordinating this conference which was held September 6-7, 2023.</p>	
Describe any planning or training events held during the reporting period.	
<p>Program Administrator position: The annual Law Review Day was held virtually on October 26, 2022. There were 134 attendees including attorneys, correction personnel, court personnel, governmental agencies, health professionals, law enforcement, legal services, prosecutors, social service organizations, victim advocates, and victim assistants. The 2023 Partnering for a Future Without Violence Conference was conducted in-person on September 6-7, 2023. Thirty-five workshops were offered over the 2 days and covered a range of topics related to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and child and elder abuse. 476 professionals, from a variety of agencies attended this conference. Planning for the 2023 Law Review Day and the 2024 Partnering for a Future Without Violence Conference began during this reporting period, even though these events will be held after the reporting period has concluded.</p>	
Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.	
<p>Most activities of this grantee involve improving the multidisciplinary approach to responding to victims of crime including: Attorney General's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect: The goal of this Task Force is to look at the response of different systems to victims of child abuse and neglect and to make recommendations to reduce trauma for the children and their families. Members of the Task Force include law enforcement, medical and mental health providers, representatives from child protection, CASAs and CACs, prosecutors, and victim advocates. The biggest project of this committee is the statewide, multidisciplinary, Child Abuse and Neglect Protocol. Conference Committee: This multidisciplinary committee is tasked with organizing the annual Partnering For a Future Without Violence Conference. This conference annually brings together members from law enforcement, the judiciary, advocacy, and other allied professionals to learn best practice approaches to working with victims of crime. The conference is also designed to promote collaboration between different professions and agencies. Governor's Commission on Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking: This multidisciplinary commission was created by an Executive Order in April of 2022. This grantee was selected to participate in the Commission which will work to develop, implement, and support initiatives that address the needs of victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking in New Hampshire. HIV Notifications: This grantee worked with the New Hampshire Department of Corrections (NHDOC) to refine the process by which NHDOC provides information to the grantee regarding HIV results of inmates convicted of sexual assault, for the purposes of providing notification to sexual assault victims (NH RSA 632-A:10-b). DVFRC: This grantee engaged with a multidisciplinary group to discuss revitalizing New Hampshire's domestic violence fatality review committee. Statewide Human Trafficking Needs Assessment: This grantee will provide leadership on a multidisciplinary needs assessment to gather data regarding the scope and prevalence of human trafficking in New Hampshire, as well as conducting an analysis of the systems that respond to this human trafficking. Crime Victims Fund Steering Committee: This grantee participated in New Hampshire's Crime Victim Fund Steering Committee, which is a multidisciplinary group of stakeholders tasked with identifying and clarifying unmet needs of crime victims and providing guidance to leverage and coordinate the work of the stakeholders to maximize the impact of grant funding.</p>	
Describe any earned media coverage events/episodes during the reporting period.	
<p>In order to sustain levels or current funding for victim service organizations under the declining VOCA funding, the NH DOJ asked for American Rescue Act (ARPA) funding to assist. The media coverage release by NH Journal includes: "New Hampshire is getting \$5 million in federal funding for critical crime victim services as the needs across the state increase." "The Executive Council approved the funding, which allows the Department of Justice to make sure the victim service programs can continue helping Granite Staters in sometimes dire circumstances." "These approvals will allow the Department of Justice to continue to address the need for crime victim services across New Hampshire by sub-granting funds to the amazing organizations that provide these services throughout our state."</p>	
Describe any coordinated responses/services for assisting crime victims during the reporting period.	
<p>Many activities of this grantee involve improving the multi-disciplinary approach to responding to victims of crime and include such activities as The Lethality Assessment Program Steering Committee (LAP), Attorney General's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect, Steering Committee and the State Victim Assistance Academy.</p>	
Please discuss the major issues in your state that either assist or prevent victims from receiving assistance during the reporting period.	
<p>Due to funding reductions of the Victims Crime Fund, VOCA services will decline in the next fiscal year as funding cuts will occur in the State Fiscal 25 contracts to victim service organizations. During this reporting period, ARPA funds were utilized for VOCA subrecipients to allow victim services to continue in the state without any reductions in funding. NH DOJ focused on sustainability after having connected with OVC TTAC to conduct a multidisciplinary sustainability study with victim service partners in the last annual reporting period. This helped to establish funding priorities through various meetings, SWOT analysis and strategic planning sessions. Some of these reductions will take place in the upcoming funding cycle. American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Funds have been utilized during this reporting period to assist in mitigating VOCA reductions. The ARPA funds were awarded to NH DOJ to administer in direct response to the lower VOCA award. A majority of the VOCA subrecipients have been shifted to the award from ARPA to allow the continued victim services for victims of the state and the number of VOCA subrecipients have been drastically lowered in the current funding year. The NH DOJ Address Confidentiality Program was funded under VOCA and victim services requested were provided pursuant to NH law. The New Hampshire Address Confidentiality Program provides victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking an opportunity to keep their home address protected from public records. Participants in this program designate the NH Attorney General as their legal agent for service of process or legal documents and receipt of mail. The VOCA funded Homicide Advocate advised mental health resources is still the challenge with a lack of resources for all the people who need it. The Homicide Advocate Program provided comprehensive services for victims in New Hampshire of homicides, drug uses and other crimes by coordinating all aspects or support beginning with next of kin death notifications in homicide and continuing with advocacy during all related criminal justice system processes.</p>	
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.	
<p>The NH DOJ Elder Abuse Unit educated law enforcement, service providers and the public about elder abuse and how to spot and assist victims of elder abuse or financial exploitation. The VOCA funded Homicide Advocate educated the police academy the public, state victim service providers and others regarding victimization and victim services. The NH DOJ Address Confidentiality Program provided information about the program to advocates across the state.</p>	
Please describe any notable activities at the grantee level during the reporting period that improved delivery of victim services.	
<p>The Statewide Human Trafficking Needs Assessment: This grantee will provide leadership on a multidisciplinary needs assessment to gather data regarding the scope and prevalence of human trafficking in New Hampshire, as well as conducting an analysis of the systems that respond to this human trafficking. The Crime Victims Fund Steering Committee: This grantee participated in New Hampshire's Crime Victim Fund Steering Committee, which is a multidisciplinary group of stakeholders tasked with identifying and clarifying unmet needs of crime victims and providing guidance to leverage and coordinate the work of the stakeholders to maximize the impact of grant funding. Conference Committee: This multidisciplinary committee is tasked with organizing the annual Partnering For a Future Without Violence Conference. This conference annually brings together members from law enforcement, the judiciary, advocacy, and other allied professionals to learn best practice approaches to working with victims of crime. The conference is also designed to promote collaboration between different professions and agencies. viding guidance to leverage and coordinate the work of the stakeholders to maximize the impact of grant funding.</p>	

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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 – New Hampshire's VOCA funds are granted statewide to the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program for forensic interviews and services to victims who are children. Additionally, a mental health provider that provides clinical services to child abuse victims in the rural northern part of the state is funded under VOCA. The state SANE program coordinator, who provides specialized services to child victims of sexual assault at a Child Advocacy Center in the NH lakes region. Sexual Assault - The New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (NHCADSV) provides a toll-free hotline and through their 12 crisis centers, provides crisis and advocacy services to survivors of sexual assault. Domestic Violence- The NHCADSV is a dual service organization in the state of New Hampshire. They have a toll-free hotline and through their member crisis centers, direct victim services are provided to domestic violence victims in the state. VOCA funding also supports NHCADSV's Housing First Program and a public awareness campaign. Underserved- The State's rural county attorney victim advocates provide services to many different crime types. The advocates ensure they continuously provide crime victims with high quality and consistent advocate services and ensure victims are educated about the criminal justice process. It is important to develop a positive and effective relationship with the victim/witnesses and maintain an up-to-date exchange of information regarding the status of the case. Early and increased contact has improved cooperation between victims and prosecution, and some agencies are seeing that victims are more involved in the process. Some positive results of this is an increase in victims' compensation claims and awards, and prompt collection of restitution data. The Elder Abuse advocate and The VOCA funded Homicide Advocate at the NH DOJ provides advocacy to older adults and families of individuals that have experienced an overdose death of a loved one where the drug dealer is prosecuted.
Please briefly describe efforts taken to serve Victims of Federal crime during the reporting period.
All victims of crime can access services equally no matter the jurisdiction of the crime.
Please identify any emerging issues or notable trends affecting crime victim services in your state during the reporting period.
The reduction in VOCA funds is an issue that NH DOJ has been working to stabilize. To date, the state has been able to maintain funding amounts to most agencies due to strategic planning; but will not be able to sustain these victim services with the diminished VOCA funding alone. During the reporting period several victim service providers across the state requested American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Funds to assist in mitigating VOCA reductions. ARPA funds were awarded to NH DOJ to administer in direct response to those requests. Homicide Advocate identified that the biggest challenges are mental health resources for the families of homicide victims. This year, there was an increased challenge of finding mental health resources for eyewitnesses of crime. The problem is more prevalent in the areas of the state that are more rural. The NH DOJ Address Confidentiality program faced the challenge of major staffing changes as well as adjusting to a newly upgraded database.
Please briefly outline any staffing retention issues that your victim assistance program has and why these issues may occur during the reporting period.
During the reporting period an experienced NH DOJ VOCA Assistance Grant Manager left the position. The Grant Manager that was working as the second on the VOCA Assistance Grant covered during the vacancy and has since taken over the management of the VOCA Assistance Grant. A second Grant Manager has recently been put in place on the VOCA Assistance Grant and is currently in the training process. The NH DOJ Address Confidentiality program faced the challenge of major staffing changes. The program coordinator and the program specialist both left the unit. The program coordinator position was filled in March, 2023 and the new specialist should be starting before the end of the calendar year.
Please explain your state process to publicize its victim assistance funding for services to victims of crime during the reporting period.
Request for Proposal (RFP) are announced on the NH DOJ website, the state procurement website and local newspapers. Additionally, an e-mail distribution to victim service providers and thousands of individuals on a conference listserv is sent out.
Please explain how your state is able to direct funding to new/underserved populations during the reporting period.
NH directs funding to new/underserved populations through the RFP process and collaboration with other agencies. In the previous grant periods a statewide victim services needs assessment was conducted that collected the needs of the most vulnerable population such as LGBTQ, and Culturally Specific organizations. The Grants Management unit specifically targeted culturally diverse organizations and culturally specific organizations to respond to the needs assessment.
Please explain how your program is able to respond to gaps in services during the reporting period.
In 2019 NH DOJ conducted a statewide victim services needs assessment that concluded that the priority gaps were Housing, Mental Health, and Legal Services. An RFP was distributed to solicit programs that provided these services. As a result of this RFP, on July 1, 2020 eight programs began new initiatives to improve the gaps in mental health, housing and legal services. During this reporting period NH DOJ did not release any new funding RFPs due to upcoming VOCA funding cuts. NH DOJ focused on sustainability and previously connected with OVC TTAC to conduct a multidisciplinary sustainability study with victim service partners. This helped to establish funding priorities through various meetings, SWOT analysis and strategic planning sessions. One of the funding priorities established was to provide equitable access to services. The recommendation indicates funding should be prioritized in ways most likely to ensure that services will be available and accessible for historically underserved groups and communities. This commitment to equity recognizes the impacts of factors such as race, socioeconomic status, language proficiency, membership in the LGBTQ+ community, and being a resident of a rural area on one's status as a victim or survivor and their ability to access and utilize services.
Please list and explain any outcome measure(s) that are reported to the governor, legislature, or other state entity during the reporting period.
Bi-Annually, the NH DOJ submits an overall report to the Governor and Executive Councilors. This report encompasses the Grants Management Unit activities as well as all other bureaus of the NH DOJ.