

UT 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-0063 | 2020-V2-GX-0015 | 2021-15POVC-21-GG-00601-ASSI | 2022-15POVC-22-GG-00810-ASSI | 2023-15POVC-23-GG-00470-ASSI |
| Federal Award Amount | \$21,771,193.00 | \$16,354,897.00 | \$10,394,739.00 | \$14,503,897.00 | \$13,778,276.00 |
| Total Amount of Subawards | \$21,092,866.00 | \$15,538,046.00 | \$11,318,281.00 | \$2,259,282.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Number of Subawards | 127 | 117 | 95 | 11 | 0 |
| Administrative Funds Amount | \$1,088,559.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Training Funds Amount | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Balance Remaining | (\$410,232.00) | \$816,851.00 | (\$923,542.00) | \$12,244,615.00 | \$13,778,276.00 |

| 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-0063 | 2020-V2-GX-0015 | 2021-15POVC-21-GG-00601-ASSI | 2022-15POVC-22-GG-00810-ASSI | 2023-15POVC-23-GG-00470-ASSI | |
| Government Agencies Only | 76 | 76 | 47 | 5 | 0 | |
| Corrections | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Courts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Juvenile Justice | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Law Enforcement | 34 | 34 | 22 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Prosecutor | 24 | 24 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 18 | 18 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nonprofit Organization Only | 48 | 38 | 45 | 6 | 0 | |
| Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Domestic and Family Violence Organization | 7 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Faith-based Organization | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services | 21 | 15 | 26 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse) | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center) | 4 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Multiservice agency | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 11 | 11 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Agencies, and Organizations Only | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Court | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Domestic and Family Violence organization | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Faith-based organization | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Juvenile justice | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Law Enforcement | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Organization provides domestic and family violence and sexual assault services | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Prosecutor | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other justice-based agency | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other agency that is NOT justice-based (e.g., human services, health, education) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Organization by and/or for a specific traditionally underserved community | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Campus Organizations Only | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| Campus-based victims services | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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|---|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Law enforcement | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Physical or mental health service program | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Number of Subawards | 127 | 117 | 95 | 11 | 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-0063 | 2020-V2-GX-0015 | 2021-15POVC-21-GG-00601-ASSI | 2022-15POVC-22-GG-00810-ASSI | 2023-15POVC-23-GG-00470-ASSI |
| A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year | 120 | 117 | 93 | 11 | 0 |
| B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| C. Start up a new victim services project | 6 | 0 | 1 | 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 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

| VOCA and Match Funds <small>A single SAR can select multiple service types. Numbers are not unique</small> | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | 2019-V2-GX-0063 | 2020-V2-GX-0015 | 2021-15POVC-21-GG-00601-ASSI | 2022-15POVC-22-GG-00810-ASSI | 2023-15POVC-23-GG-00470-ASSI |
| A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL | 120 | 105 | 91 | 9 | 0 |
| B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT | 114 | 99 | 82 | 10 | 0 |
| C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES | 113 | 98 | 86 | 9 | 0 |
| D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES | 61 | 51 | 45 | 5 | 0 |
| E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE | 108 | 97 | 80 | 9 | 0 |
| F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS | 122 | 106 | 93 | 10 | 0 |

| Priority and Underserved Requirements | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Priority Area | 2019-V2-GX-0063 | 2020-V2-GX-0015 | 2021-15POVC-21-GG-00601-ASSI | 2022-15POVC-22-GG-00810-ASSI | 2023-15POVC-23-GG-00470-ASSI |
| Child Abuse | | | | | |
| Total Amount | \$3,503,262.00 | \$2,740,146.00 | \$1,966,080.00 | \$240,571.00 | \$0.00 |
| % of Total Federal Award | 16.00 % | 17.00 % | 19.00 % | 2.00 % | |
| Domestic and Family Violence | | | | | |
| Total Amount | \$9,550,388.00 | \$6,618,046.00 | \$5,068,862.00 | \$1,359,565.00 | \$0.00 |
| % of Total Federal Award | 44.00 % | 40.00 % | 49.00 % | 9.00 % | |
| Sexual Assault | | | | | |
| Total Amount | \$2,625,559.00 | \$1,841,741.00 | \$2,317,208.00 | \$214,915.00 | \$0.00 |
| % of Total Federal Award | 12.00 % | 11.00 % | 22.00 % | 1.00 % | |
| Underserved | | | | | |
| Total Amount | \$5,413,627.00 | \$4,338,102.00 | \$1,966,118.00 | \$444,231.00 | \$0.00 |
| % of Total Federal Award | 25.00 % | 27.00 % | 19.00 % | 3.00 % | |

| Budget and Staffing | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Staffing Information | 2019-V2-GX-0063 | 2020-V2-GX-0015 | 2021-15POVC-21-GG-00601-ASSI | 2022-15POVC-22-GG-00810-ASSI | 2023-15POVC-23-GG-00470-ASSI |
| Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services | 41417 | 1159 | 1377 | 189 | |
| Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services | 759132 | 579343 | 513597 | 66063 | |
| Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services | 1534 | 2064 | 5360 | 72 | |
| Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services | 90161 | 67768 | 74761 | 7320 | |

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) | 139 | 4076 | 4509 | 3927 | 2623 | 3783 |

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|--|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Adult Sexual Assault | 168 | 2668 | 2346 | 2367 | 1652 | 2258 |
| Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children | 143 | 607 | 682 | 627 | 429 | 586 |
| Arson | 74 | 21 | 21 | 26 | 8 | 19 |
| Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical) | 106 | 809 | 782 | 717 | 269 | 644 |
| Burglary | 92 | 276 | 259 | 241 | 90 | 216 |
| Child Physical Abuse or Neglect | 156 | 2261 | 2318 | 2181 | 1327 | 2021 |
| Child Pornography | 117 | 165 | 168 | 136 | 127 | 149 |
| Child Sexual Abuse/Assault | 173 | 3464 | 3689 | 3717 | 2658 | 3382 |
| Domestic and/or Family Violence | 181 | 15907 | 14450 | 16196 | 11330 | 14470 |
| DUI/DWI Incidents | 92 | 165 | 215 | 159 | 108 | 161 |
| Elder Abuse or Neglect | 125 | 192 | 159 | 194 | 105 | 162 |
| Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required) | 84 | 94 | 94 | 105 | 73 | 91 |
| Human Trafficking: Labor | 87 | 139 | 131 | 142 | 144 | 139 |
| Human Trafficking: Sex | 126 | 179 | 138 | 151 | 134 | 150 |
| Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime | 94 | 493 | 525 | 415 | 109 | 385 |
| Kidnapping (non-custodial) | 99 | 135 | 125 | 107 | 77 | 111 |
| Kidnapping (custodial) | 109 | 48 | 70 | 66 | 55 | 59 |
| Mass Violence (Domestic/International) | 60 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run) | 86 | 281 | 229 | 220 | 78 | 202 |
| Robbery | 94 | 125 | 143 | 147 | 86 | 125 |
| Stalking/Harassment | 156 | 1712 | 1949 | 2063 | 1321 | 1761 |
| Survivors of Homicide Victims | 111 | 335 | 365 | 359 | 258 | 329 |
| Teen Dating Victimization | 140 | 126 | 145 | 139 | 64 | 118 |
| Terrorism (Domestic/International) | 52 | 13 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 7 |
| Other | 75 | 1772 | 2548 | 2157 | 1123 | 1900 |

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 | 115 | 112 | 106 | 84 | 708 |
| Homeless | 1377 | 1232 | 1385 | 840 | 7133 |
| Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers | 580 | 578 | 664 | 522 | 4702 |
| LGBTQ | 516 | 447 | 474 | 295 | 2499 |
| Veterans | 99 | 108 | 104 | 140 | 691 |
| Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/ Physical /Mental | 1664 | 1439 | 1191 | 845 | 9092 |
| Victims with Limited English Proficiency | 1454 | 1571 | 1588 | 1193 | 9538 |
| Other | 690 | 243 | 104 | 2 | 8070 |

General Award Information

| Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level | Number | Percent |
|---|--------|---------|
| Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year. | 104211 | |
| Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year | 9299 | |
| Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year. | 79307 | 76.10 % |
| Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year? | 18682 | 17.93 % |
| Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year. | 21488 | |

Demographics

| Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served | Number | Percent |
|--|--------------|---------|
| Race/Ethnicity | | |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 1219 | 1.54 % |
| Asian | 773 | 0.97 % |
| Black or African American | 1906 | 2.40 % |
| Hispanic or Latino | 14433 | 18.20 % |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 1106 | 1.39 % |
| White Non-Latino or Caucasian | 46127 | 58.16 % |
| Some Other Race | 560 | 0.71 % |
| Multiple Races | 1187 | 1.50 % |
| Not Reported | 10387 | 13.10 % |
| Not Tracked | 1609 | 2.03 % |
| Race/Ethnicity Total | 79307 | |

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| Gender Identity | | |
|---------------------|--|--------------|
| Male | | 20954 |
| Female | | 52416 |
| Other | | 244 |
| Not Reported | | 4937 |
| Not Tracked | | 841 |
| Gender Total | | 79392 |
| Age | | |
| Age 0- 12 | | 9944 |
| Age 13- 17 | | 6756 |
| Age 18- 24 | | 9381 |
| Age 25- 59 | | 42309 |
| Age 60 and Older | | 3582 |
| Not Reported | | 6424 |
| Not Tracked | | 996 |
| Age Total | | 79392 |

| 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 | 107 | 68708 | Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory. | 0 |
| | | | A1. Information about the criminal justice process | 68474 |
| | | | A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc. | 507499 |
| | | | A3. Referral to other victim service programs | 57028 |
| | | | A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.) | 63995 |
| B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment | 101 | 35076 | Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory. | 0 |
| | | | B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care | 795 |
| | | | B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam | 1539 |
| | | | B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment | 1649 |
| | | | B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects) | 86331 |
| | | | B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection | 1446 |
| | | | B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief) | 836 |
| | | | B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution | 2169 |
| | | | B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services) | 18022 |
| | | | B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services) | 7127 |
| | | | B10. Interpreter services | 4865 |
| C. Emotional Support or Safety Services | 102 | 42659 | Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory. | 0 |
| | | | C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.) | 47890 |
| | | | C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling | 31798 |
| | | | C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response) | 2430 |
| | | | C4. Individual counseling | 20770 |
| | | | C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer) | 22168 |
| | | | C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.) | 1762 |
| | | | C7. Emergency financial assistance | 5480 |
| D. Shelter/ Housing Services | 55 | 4981 | Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory. | 0 |
| | | | D1. Emergency shelter or safe house | 47568 |
| | | | D2. Transitional housing | 2576 |
| | | | D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing) | 4381 |
| E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance | 103 | 55163 | Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory. | 0 |
| | | | E1. Notification of criminal justice events | 68804 |
| | | | E2. Victim impact statement assistance | 7361 |
| | | | E3. Assistance with restitution | 6332 |
| | | | E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order | 12006 |
| | | | E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues | 5566 |
| | | | E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance | 1249 |
| | | | E7. Immigration assistance | 1395 |
| | | | E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment | 9982 |

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| | E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment | 7601 |
| | E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment | 31521 |
| | E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel | 5987 |

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. | 26 |
| Number of people trained or attending education events during the reporting period. | 1132 |
| Number of events conducted during the reporting period. | 8 |
| 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. | |
| 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 emailed to the participants to increase ease of access. | |
| Describe any planning or training events held during the reporting period. | |
| Over the past reporting period, we held three victim assistance academies, four quarterly statewide trainings for victim advocates, and a grant application training (RFP). | |
| Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period. | |
| In the last year, our monitoring team has made changes to their policies including, switching to monitoring reviews of previous year awards and updating monitoring instructions to ensure consistency. Our monitors have also developed a new monitoring schedule that is determined by the outcome of each agency's risk assessment. While the following may not be considered policy changes, we have had a shift in priorities and allowability regarding VOCA funding. Due to decreases in overall VOCA funding we have narrowed our priorities to focus more on direct services and collaborations that enhance existing funding. We have adjusted unallowable activities to include items like out of state travel and moving unused funds between categories during the grant cycle. | |
| Describe any earned media coverage events/episodes during the reporting period. | |
| Like many other states, Utah has received a dramatic decrease in VOCA funds which directly resulted in all of our subgrantees having to make significant cuts to their grants. Many of these programs reached out to the media to inform them of the loss of funding. Alongside these decreases, government officials and victim services programs made significant efforts to request state funds for victim services to compensate for the loss. The State of Utah allocated approximately \$15 million of new state funds to these programs. This also received a great deal of media attention. | |
| Describe any coordinated responses/services for assisting crime victims during the reporting period. | |
| System-based criminal justice agencies that received the new state funding are required to attend monthly criminal justice advocate meetings where UOVC provides grant technical training and support, insight regarding mass casualty planning, and other victim services issues important for all those system-based victim advocates. Advocates from 22 out of 29 counties have been attending this meeting to receive information from UOVC. Still, more importantly, they have been taking advantage of the forum to communicate and connect with each other. | |
| Please discuss the major issues in your state that either assist or prevent victims from receiving assistance during the reporting period. | |
| Many of our subgrantees report that housing and staffing issues have been the most troubling issues regarding victims receiving assistance during this reporting period. Either due to funding cuts or other economic factors grant-funded programs have had to cut positions, or are not able to offer the salary that would retain talent. Programs describe having a diminished capacity to serve victims in this situation. Waitlists for therapy are long. Victims of certain crimes are now not able to be represented in court. For example, multiple grant-funded programs explained the reduced ability to provide protective orders and stalking legal services that have had to be removed from their services due to staff funding and retention issues. Private-sector therapy and legal positions pay more and offer more hours and benefits than our grant-funded nonprofit agencies can provide. Advocate positions are funded much less per hour than other types of jobs in the private sector. Many of our grant-funded programs report having offered positions to new candidates only to have those candidates not take the position. Many grant-funded staff describe having to work 2 or 3 jobs. Funded positions are often overworked, experience burn out, and leave for other opportunities. Housing is one of the main requests from victims of crime going unfulfilled especially since the COVID rental relief program has ended, certain Utah LAP requirements have been implemented, agency restructuring regarding the VOCA funding decrease and the general lack of affordable housing, even in previously attainable areas. Some agencies can support relocation and/or a month of rent for a victim but with the housing barriers it is common that the victim can not sustain the housing on their own once VOCA financial support ends. | |
| 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. | |
| Our recent RFP for all UOVC awards required subgrantees to work with public and private agencies in their area through a process of Coordination and Consultation. This required a pre-application meeting where agencies would collaborate on how to best use VOCA funding in their area with a written plan for victim handoffs and referrals and a process of accountability through ongoing meetings throughout the grant cycle. The detailed plan with signatures was a requirement for all grant applications. This process allowed us to see unresolved service area gaps and blind spots where agencies were not working together. In most cases these issues were resolved during the application process, but any unresolved issues were addressed and required to have a written plan of action before funds were allocated. Feedback from agencies has been mostly positive and that engagement in the new Coordination and Consultation process was meaningful and helped bridge discussions between agencies. | |
| Please describe any notable activities at the grantee level during the reporting period that improved delivery of victim services. | |
| Utah is home to one stand alone rape crisis center that is located in Salt Lake City called Rape Recovery Center (RRC). Since 1974 this agency has been the sole provider of sexual assault related crisis intervention, advocacy, and therapy in this densely populated portion of the state. In recent years, attention has been brought to a neighboring rural county to the west, that was in desperate need of stabilized rape crisis services. This large county, Tooele, also provides social support to smaller communities further west including a popular gaming city at the border of Utah and Nevada. While there had been some attempts to provide crisis intervention by the local domestic violence shelter, sexual assault victims were often left without support during code R exams and ongoing advocacy. Through collaborative efforts with UOVC, Rape Recovery Center, The Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Pathways Domestic Violence Shelter, it was determined that RRC would establish a second office in the county of Tooele. RRC has been able to hire staff within the community, begin participating in the county SART and has responded to every Code R Exam where an advocate was requested at the local hospital. With further outreach and time to establish community relationships we anticipate seeing a significant positive impact for victims in the county of Tooele. | |
| 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 | |
| To ensure that each of the priority categories are being met, UOVC divides its funding into six categories: Legal Services, Child Abuse and Treatment, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Criminal Justice Victim Services Programs, and Underserved Populations. Due to funding cuts, the categories of housing and outreach were absorbed into the priority categories. This report will mainly highlight what our office has been funding regarding Domestic Violence Programs, Sex Assault Programs, and Child Abuse. During the 22-23 award cycle, we allocated funding to 15 DV Programs, 14 Sex Assault Programs, and 19 programs who focus on Child Abuse. Domestic Violence programs in the state of Utah remain strong even with the budget cuts as agencies have been successful in utilizing consistent state funding for shelter services. During the last year, our legislature has had a focus on responding to domestic violence through numerous improvements in state laws and a new statewide LAP initiative making this vital tool a requirement for Law Enforcement which is connecting more victims to support and safety planning services. Several high profile fatal DV cases which made national news which has shined a spotlight on our state pushing the need for quality services forward. Our office has also noticed a trend in DV applications focusing on core victim services. However, decreased funding has created a downward trend of less victims being reported on PMT reports. Great strides have been accomplished in the Sexual Assault category during the 22-23 funding period through the creation of a new UOVC position of Sexual Assault Services Funding Coordinator. This new position has been vital in the creation of Rape Crisis Standards of Care, and raising the bar for our 14 current sex assault programs through numerous meetings, collaboration and support efforts as well as a partnership with UCASA, our statewide SA coalition. They will be instrumental in the bringing on of new SANE programs and allocating SA state funding during the upcoming year. Due to new standards of care and a focus on sexual assault on a UOVC and statewide level, we see an upward trend in strong response to sexual assault services in our state. UOVC funded 15 grants to Children Justice Centers, 2 grants to Child & Family Support Centers, and 1 Statewide CASA program. We have mental health services offered through most of these grants. The CJs are using a Pediatric Integrated Post-trauma Services (PIPS) assessment tool to evaluate the level of trauma the child has experienced and to assess their mental health needs. This assessment tool has given the CJs the ability to identify and respond to concerns of symptoms of traumatic stress and other mental health issues. They have been | |

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able to connect the victim and their families to treatment services directly. We have received feedback from several of the CJs that this assessment tool has assisted them in identifying severe mental health concerns that were not previously identified or disclosed by victims. The increased funding to the child abuse category, especially for therapy services, has been invaluable.

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

UOVC supports and implements policies that subgrantees serve victims of federal crime with the same consideration they provide to both state and local crimes. UOVC also makes efforts to ensure funding to organizations that are likely to interact with Federal crime victims during their grant year. Multiple agencies and nonprofits provide services to federal crime victims within the state throughout the grant year. Also, the State of Utah is home to six federally recognized tribes and large amounts of tribal land. Support for crime victims within the tribal communities is a priority to UOVC as crimes that happen within their communities fall under federal jurisdiction and funds are used to assist programs including Utah Navajo Health Systems, where VOCA-funded advocates are vital to providing culturally responsive services and advocacy in those communities.

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

Two notable issues UOVC has observed across the state have been difficulty in hiring and high turnover. While these issues have always affected social service programs, it has been exceptionally high within the last year. Victim service programs are losing front-line staff, therapists, and executive directors. We know for certain low wages are a factor and with the decrease in funding, programs have had little ability to match the competitive wages of for-profit agencies. Furthermore, the uncertainty of funding is likely impacting employees' decision to leave. For example, we have seen five system-based advocacy coordinators leave the field within three months. A few other well-established positions including 2 Children's Justice Center Directors and one Dual Crisis Center Executive Director have moved on. These are just to name a few. Rural programs have experienced these issues at a much higher level. Some programs have requested to change their program scope due to the inability to hire new positions.

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

While UOVC has generally had stable staffing of the Grants Assistance center, the VOCA Grant Manager was recently promoted and has moved to a different department. Given the forecast of our administrative budget, we are unable to backfill this position. Management staff and VOCA Grant Analyst staff have temporarily absorbed as many tasks as possible. As with each legislative session, UOVC is seeking support from the state to support these vital positions.

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

UOVC has a two-year funding cycle for all federal awards. This cycle starts on the state fiscal year, July 1. Publication of the opportunity for victim assistance funding begins in February. This is done by utilizing a master emailing list that contains over 1,200 agencies statewide. Each year this list grows as new organizations become aware of UOVC opportunities. Additionally, UOVC advertises 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. With the assistance of UOVC's Outreach, Language Access and Civil Rights Coordinator, special efforts are made to connect with underserved communities and tribal entities to ensure awareness of opportunities and provide technical assistance. UOVC staff also make concerted efforts in reaching out to agencies that may serve to fill known gaps in services.

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

In early 2023, the Utah state legislature approved both ongoing and one-time funding to support victims services. This funding goes towards sexual assault programs, system-based criminal justice advocates, programs that serve underserved populations, and victim services legal programs. The goal was to offset the VOCA fund decrease and to get funding to every county in Utah, to create new programs, and to support programs that are serving victims in Utah who have not had direct access to funded services in the past. The sexual assault funding is to create new programs and build up services in areas of the state where sexual assault services are lacking. The funding going towards system-based advocates was to ensure that core, direct services are available to all victims where those services provided are consistent between system-based agencies. Victims across all counties must have the opportunity to receive the same level of services. This new funding prioritized funding programs that were new, rural, and served indigenous populations, and other underserved victims. This funding was able to support 11 new agencies including 9 new sexual assault providers and 2 system-based advocate programs.

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

Addressing gaps in victim services and funding is a priority for UOVC requiring a multifaceted view and ongoing commitment to a statewide approach to victim services. Service gaps are examined throughout the entire process from RFP through the allocation and maintenance of each sub-award. This year, our office reviewed all funding applications together at a County level, taking into consideration population size, number of agencies, and collaboration methods. Seeing the state from this view helped us identify funding gaps and respond accordingly through the award process. We continue our commitment to supporting victims services through concerted efforts to mentor and train new rural grant managers with a commitment to ensuring funds in areas with few victims services are well utilized and strong. Our Statewide Victim Advocate Liaison position also dedicates a large amount of time and effort into supporting services across our large state.

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

The new state funds for Sexual Assault, Legal, Criminal Justice Programs and Underserved Programs will require the UOVC to report back to the Governor's office and the Legislature. To prepare for these reports, the analysts in our office are currently working with new agencies to gather data from the agencies utilizing these funds in preparation for this reporting requirement. The state legislature did not request any reports from our program over this past reporting period. *uploaded 12/29/23