

Office for Victims of Crime
Victim Compensation Formula Grant Program
Annual Performance Measures Report
October 01, 2019 - September 30, 2020

GRANTEE INFORMATION

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POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS

1. Number of people for whom an application was made for victim compensation benefits during the reporting period.

Q1: Oct-Dec 2019:
 Q2: Jan-Mar 2020:
 Q3: Apr-Jun 2020:
 Q4: Jul-Sep 2020:
 Annual:

2. Number of victims whose victimization is the basis for the application.

Q1: Oct-Dec 2019:
 Q2: Jan-Mar 2020:
 Q3: Apr-Jun 2020:
 Q4: Jul-Sep 2020:
 Annual:

3. Victim Demographics

Population	Number of Victims				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
A. RACE/ETHNICITY					
American Indian or Alaska Native	11	17	9	25	62
Asian	0	0	0	0	0
Black or African American	9	5	0	2	16
Hispanic or Latino	26	13	13	22	74
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	2	1	3	6
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	134	124	114	129	501
Some Other Race	0	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	3	11	3	7	24
Not Reported	17	17	16	16	66
Not Tracked	0	0	0	0	0
Race/Ethnicity Total	200	189	156	204	749
B. GENDER					
Male	43	51	44	54	192
Female	157	138	112	150	557
Not Reported	0	0	0	0	0
Not Tracked	0	0	0	0	0
Gender Total	200	189	156	204	749
C. AGE					
Age 0- 12	35	41	27	34	137
Age 13- 17	27	28	23	20	98
Age 18- 24	36	30	23	46	135
Age 25- 59	94	84	75	93	346
Age 60 and Older	5	3	8	9	25
Not Reported	3	3	0	2	8
Not Tracked	0	0	0	0	0
Age Total	200	189	156	204	749

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

4. Based on your program's general procedure, indicate if

Q1: Oct-Dec 2019:

Victims and indirect victims generally count as separate applications

Q2: Jan-Mar 2020:

Victims and indirect victims generally count as separate applications

Q3: Apr-Jun 2020:

Victims and indirect victims generally count as separate applications

Q4: Jul-Sep 2020:

Victims and indirect victims generally count as separate applications

5. Number of new applications **received** during the reporting period

Q1: Oct-Dec 2019:

Q2: Jan-Mar 2020:

Q3: Apr-Jun 2020:

Q4: Jul-Sep 2020:

Annual:

6. Number of applications **approved** during the reporting period.

Q1: Oct-Dec 2019:

Q2: Jan-Mar 2020:

Q3: Apr-Jun 2020:

Q4: Jul-Sep 2020:

Annual:

7. Number of applications **denied/closed**. (i.e., applications that were not approved) during the reporting period.

Q1: Oct-Dec 2019:

Q2: Jan-Mar 2020:

Q3: Apr-Jun 2020:

Q4: Jul-Sep 2020:

Annual:

Reason(s) for denial or close status applicable for the reporting period:

Population	Number of Victims				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
A. Application not filed within time limit	1	2	0	2	5
B. Failure to report to police	0	0	0	0	0
C. Failure to cooperate with law enforcement, victim/witness coordinator, and/or other official required by program	0	0	3	1	4
D. Incomplete information	2	4	0	1	7
E. Contributory misconduct	4	3	0	0	7
F. Ineligible crime	3	10	4	9	26
G. Ineligible application	7	1	2	10	20
Other	7	-	0	0	7

Denial explanation:

Qtr 1: Administratively closed for failure to supply information (Law Enforcement12 Report, Certification, etc)

8. Number of applications received for Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations during the reporting period

Q1: Oct-Dec 2019:

Q2: Jan-Mar 2020:

Q3: Apr-Jun 2020:

Q4: Jul-Sep 2020:

Annual:

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PAYMENT STATISTICS BY CRIME TYPE Qtr:1

TYPES OF CRIME	EXPENSE TYPES PAID (in dollars)												TYPES OF VICTIMIZATIONS RELATED TO A CRIME TYPE					
	Total Number of Applications Paid During the Reporting Period	Crime Scene Clean Up	Dependent Care	Economic Support	Funeral Burial	Medical/Dental (except mental health)	Mental Health	Relocation	Replacement Services	Sexual Assault Forensic Exams	Travel	Other (please explain)	Total Paid for this Crime Type	Number of Applications Related to Bullying that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Domestic and Family Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Elder Abuse/Neglect that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Hate Crimes that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Mass Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period
Arson																		
Assault	146	\$ 1,032	\$ 0	\$ 7,620	\$ 0	\$ 241,599	\$ 33,282	\$ 0	\$ 100		\$ 8,004	\$ 89	\$ 291,726	0	99	2	0	0
Burglary																		
Child Physical Abuse/Neglect	12	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 9,484	\$ 5,015	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 14,499	0	5		0	0
Child Pornography	2	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 350	\$ 0	\$ 180		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 530	0	0		0	0
Child Sexual Abuse	62	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 524	\$ 30,064	\$ 0	\$ 401	\$ 8,525	\$ 1,828	\$ 0	\$ 41,342	0	24		0	0
DUI/DWI	8	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,539	\$ 3,825	\$ 41,291	\$ 1,060	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 74	\$ 0	\$ 51,790	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud/Financial Crimes																		
Homicide	21	\$ 2,699	\$ 0	\$ 1,334	\$ 52,720	\$ 820	\$ 2,692	\$ 0	\$ 440		\$ 13,182	\$ 0	\$ 73,887	0	6	0	0	0
Human Trafficking																		
Kidnapping	2	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 340	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 440	0	1	0	0	0
Other Vehicular Crimes	2	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 14,447	\$ 60	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 14,507	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,050	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0		\$ 1,050	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	35	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 348	\$ 0	\$ 1,882	\$ 16,963	\$ 0	\$ 403	\$ 17,708	\$ 742	\$ 0	\$ 38,047	0	6	0	0	0
Stalking	2	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 869	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 170	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,039	0	1	0	0	0
Terrorism																		
Total	293	\$ 3,731	\$ 0	\$ 15,709	\$ 56,545	\$ 310,147	\$ 91,046	\$ 0	\$ 1,524	\$ 26,233	\$ 23,831	\$ 89	\$ 528,855	0	142	2	0	0

* Other expense explanations

Assault Reimburse for grip handle for bathroom (adaptive device for injury)
 Child Sexual Abuse 0

You added "Other" crime types: Voyeurism, 2 claims (same incident - 2 adult female victims); Mental Health Total: \$1,870.00 (\$1,445.00 and \$425.00)

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PAYMENT STATISTICS BY CRIME TYPE Qtr:2

TYPES OF CRIME	EXPENSE TYPES PAID (in dollars)													TYPES OF VICTIMIZATIONS RELATED TO A CRIME TYPE				
	Total Number of Applications Paid During the Reporting Period	Crime Scene Clean Up	Dependent Care	Economic Support	Funeral Burial	Medical/Dental (except mental health)	Mental Health	Relocation	Replacement Services	Sexual Assault Forensic Exams	Travel	Other (please explain)	Total Paid for this Crime Type	Number of Applications Related to Bullying that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Domestic and Family Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Elder Abuse/Neglect that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Hate Crimes that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Mass Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period
Arson	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 680	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 680	0	1	0	0	0	
Assault	134	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 14,789	\$ 0	\$ 243,240	\$ 27,643	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 4,806	\$ 290,477	0	87	2	0	0	
Burglary																		
Child Physical Abuse/Neglect	21	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 445	\$ 6,560	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 3,539	\$ 10,544	0	10		0	0	
Child Pornography																		
Child Sexual Abuse	63	\$ 0	\$ 1,250	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,786	\$ 28,717	\$ 0	\$ 357	\$ 5,943	\$ 2,465	\$ 41,517	0	21		0	0	
DUI/DWI	8	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 28,699	\$ 170	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 28,869	0	0	0	0	0	
Fraud/Financial Crimes																		
Homicide	20	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 3,451	\$ 41,188	\$ 32,386	\$ 2,157	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 1,200	\$ 80,883	0	11	0	0	0	
Human Trafficking																		
Kidnapping	2	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 383	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 383	0	1	0	0	0	
Other Vehicular Crimes	6	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 12,417	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 285		\$ 0	\$ 12,702	0	0	0	0	0	
Robbery																		
Sexual Assault	39	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 750	\$ 0	\$ 2,216	\$ 20,734	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10,302	\$ 0	\$ 34,002	0	11	0	0	0	
Stalking	3	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 850	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 850	0	2	0	0	0	
Terrorism																		
Total	297	\$ 500	\$ 1,250	\$ 18,990	\$ 41,188	\$ 322,189	\$ 87,893	\$ 0	\$ 642	\$ 16,245	\$ 12,010	\$ 500,907	0	144	2	0	0	

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PAYMENT STATISTICS BY CRIME TYPE Qtr:3

TYPES OF CRIME	EXPENSE TYPES PAID (in dollars)												TYPES OF VICTIMIZATIONS RELATED TO A CRIME TYPE					
	Total Number of Applications Paid During the Reporting Period	Crime Scene Clean Up	Dependent Care	Economic Support	Funeral Burial	Medical/Dental (except mental health)	Mental Health	Relocation	Replacement Services	Sexual Assault Forensic Exams	Travel	Other (please explain)	Total Paid for this Crime Type	Number of Applications Related to Bullying that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Domestic and Family Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Elder Abuse/Neglect that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Hate Crimes that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Mass Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period
Arson	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 680	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 680	0	1	0	0	0	0
Assault	110	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,999	\$ 0	\$ 159,325	\$ 29,025	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 2,878	\$ 0	\$ 196,227	0	80	2	0	0
Burglary																		
Child Physical Abuse/Neglect	16	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,600	\$ 4,781	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 6,381	0	9		0	0	0
Child Pornography																		
Child Sexual Abuse	50	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,160	\$ 0	\$ 6,222	\$ 27,107	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,131	\$ 0	\$ 37,620	0	22		0	0	0
DUI/DWI	5	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 20,887	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 20,887	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud/Financial Crimes																		
Homicide	16	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 26,739	\$ 20,576	\$ 2,201	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 3,086	\$ 0	\$ 52,602	0	5	0	0	0
Human Trafficking																		
Kidnapping																		
Other Vehicular Crimes	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 12,266	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 12,266	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery																		
Sexual Assault	26	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,740	\$ 0	\$ 529	\$ 11,630	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,373	\$ 0	\$ 15,272	0	8	0	0	0	0
Stalking	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 510	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 510	0	1	0	0	0	0
Terrorism																		
Total	226	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 7,899	\$ 26,739	\$ 221,405	\$ 75,934	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,504	\$ 5,964	\$ 0	\$ 342,445	0	126	2	0	0

You added "Other" crime types: Suicide- (victim witnesses cousin commit suicide) \$1,307.00 Mental Health Counseling

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PAYMENT STATISTICS BY CRIME TYPE Qtr:4

TYPES OF CRIME	EXPENSE TYPES PAID (in dollars)												TYPES OF VICTIMIZATIONS RELATED TO A CRIME TYPE					
	Total Number of Applications Paid During the Reporting Period	Crime Scene Clean Up	Dependent Care	Economic Support	Funeral Burial	Medical/Dental (except mental health)	Mental Health	Relocation	Replacement Services	Sexual Assault Forensic Exams	Travel	Other (please explain)	Total Paid for this Crime Type	Number of Applications Related to Bullying that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Domestic and Family Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Elder Abuse/Neglect that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Hate Crimes that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Mass Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period
Arson	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 510	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 510	0	1	0	0	0
Assault	121	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 482	\$ 0	\$ 159,860	\$ 27,078	\$ 0	\$ 641		\$ 562	\$ 0	\$ 188,624	0	84	1	0	0
Burglary																		
Child Physical Abuse/Neglect	29	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,001	\$ 10,275	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 555	\$ 0	\$ 11,831	0	16		0	0
Child Pornography																		
Child Sexual Abuse	59	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,040	\$ 28,109	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,547	\$ 0	\$ 33,696	0	29		0	0
DUI/DWI	3	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 32,232	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 32,232	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud/Financial Crimes																		
Homicide	8	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 11,168	\$ 7,314	\$ 680	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 440	\$ 0	\$ 19,602	0	4	0	0	0
Human Trafficking																		
Kidnapping	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 130		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 130	0	0	0	0	0
Other Vehicular Crimes																		
Robbery																		
Sexual Assault	33	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 6,023	\$ 13,121	\$ 0	\$ 145	\$ 5,404	\$ 480	\$ 0	\$ 25,173	0	10	0	0	0
Stalking	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 958	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 958	0	1	0	0	0
Terrorism																		
Total	256	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 482	\$ 11,168	\$ 209,470	\$ 80,731	\$ 0	\$ 916	\$ 5,404	\$ 4,584	\$ 0	\$ 312,756	0	145	1	0	0

You added "Other" crime types: Suicide- (victim witnesses cousin commit suicide) \$154.50 Mental Health Counseling

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PAYMENT STATISTICS BY CRIME TYPE - Aggregated

TYPES OF CRIME	EXPENSE TYPES PAID (in dollars)												TYPES OF VICTIMIZATIONS RELATED TO A CRIME TYPE					
	Total Number of Applications Paid During the Reporting Period	Crime Scene Clean Up	Dependent Care	Economic Support	Funeral Burial	Medical/Dental (except mental health)	Mental Health	Relocation	Replacement Services	Sexual Assault Forensic Exams	Travel	Other (please explain)	Total Paid for this Crime Type	Number of Applications Related to Bullying that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Domestic and Family Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Elder Abuse/Neglect that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Hate Crimes that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Mass Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period
Arson	3	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,870	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,870	0	3	0	0	0
Assault	511	\$ 1,032	\$ 0	\$ 27,890	\$ 0	\$ 804,024	\$ 117,028	\$ 0	\$ 741		\$ 16,251	\$ 89	\$ 967,054	0	350	7	0	0
Burglary																		
Child Physical Abuse/Neglect	78	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 12,530	\$ 26,631	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 4,094	\$ 0	\$ 43,255	0	40		0	0
Child Pornography	2	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 350	\$ 0	\$ 180		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 530	0	0		0	0
Child Sexual Abuse	234	\$ 0	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,160	\$ 0	\$ 12,572	\$ 113,998	\$ 0	\$ 757	\$ 17,599	\$ 6,840	\$ 0	\$ 154,175	0	96		0	0
DUI/DWI	24	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,539	\$ 3,825	\$ 123,109	\$ 1,230	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 74	\$ 0	\$ 133,777	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud/Financial Crimes																		
Homicide	65	\$ 3,199	\$ 0	\$ 4,785	\$ 131,815	\$ 61,096	\$ 7,731	\$ 0	\$ 440		\$ 17,909	\$ 0	\$ 226,975	0	26	0	0	0
Human Trafficking																		
Kidnapping	5	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 100	\$ 723	\$ 0	\$ 130		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 953	0	2	0	0	0
Other Vehicular Crimes	9	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 39,131	\$ 60	\$ 0	\$ 285		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 39,475	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,050	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0		\$ 1,050	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	133	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,838	\$ 0	\$ 10,650	\$ 62,447	\$ 0	\$ 548	\$ 34,788	\$ 1,222	\$ 0	\$ 112,494	0	35	0	0	0
Stalking	7	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 869	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,488	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,356	0	5	0	0	0
Terrorism																		
Total	1,072	\$ 4,231	\$ 1,250	\$ 43,080	\$ 135,640	\$ 1,063,210	\$ 335,604	\$ 0	\$ 3,082	\$ 52,387	\$ 46,390	\$ 89	\$ 1,684,963	0	557	7	0	0

NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

1. **Please explain any significant change in the number of applications received during the reporting period.**

It continues to be difficult to measure the long-term impact COVID-19 is having on victims seeking out services and filing for Compensation. We have seen our numbers "level off" in the early fall after a temporary reduction in the number of claims received in March-June of this year. While compiling our "2020 State of the State" for our Governor's Office, we were concerned by the apparent "drop off" in claims for 2020 from 2019. However, after conducting a 3 year analysis of compensation claims, our office determined that 2020 numbers were actually tracking quite similar to 2018's numbers. 2019 seems to have been an "outlier" year.

2. **The average length of time to process an application for claim eligibility for compensation**

Count days from time of receipt of application to decision. 11

Please explain your state's procedure for processing an application for claim eligibility, from time of receipt of application to decision. Wyoming's procedure for processing CVC claims begins when our office receives the (paper) application. The application is date stamped and the received date is entered into the CCVC database utilized by our state. The date the claim is received is referred to as the "new date." The claim is then presented to the Claims Analyst who will review the claim for completeness and, if the claim is complete and able to be processed, the Analyst will make a decision on the eligibility of the claim. The date that eligibility is determined is referred to as the "resolution date" and a corresponding "resolution code" is entered to reflect the status of the claim (ie: Approved; Denied; or Unable to Process). If a claim is "unable to process" the claim will undergo follow up to see if there is missing information that must be obtained before the claim can be resolved as approved or denied. The Resolution Date of a claim previously identified as "unable to process" will be changed to reflect the date the claim was finally resolved as "approved" or "denied." The calculation of "processing time" measures the time between when the claim is received (New Date) and when a decision has been made on the claim (Resolution Date). The actual calculation for this reporting period was 10.59 days.

3. **Does your state have a victim satisfaction survey?**

No

4. **Please describe any emerging/major issues or notable trends that were encountered in your state that had an impact on your program's ability to meet the needs of crime victims during the reporting period.**

COVID-19- Since mid-March of 2020 through the end of this reporting period (October 31, 2020), the impact of COVID-19 has been felt by the victim service community in a variety of ways. In the days immediately following the State Public Health Officer's orders and the Governor's declaration of a State of Emergency due to the pandemic, DVS funded providers scrambled to adjust. Victim Service Providers and Domestic Violence Shelters, who work with victim to submit Compensation applications, were not clearly defined as essential services and many programs tried to balance transitioning staff to work from home while maintaining services for victims; traditionally all conducted in person. Additionally, due to the quarantine, many programs were concerned by the dramatic reduction in calls for service between late March and June. This concern prompted programs to wonder if victims, perhaps quarantining at home with their abusers, were able to reach out or even knew that the programs were open. Compensation also felt this decrease in claims coming in, which is foreseeable if victims weren't making reports to law enforcement or working with victims advocates. By October 31, 2020 it was clear that the long term impacts of COVID-19 on victim services remain to be seen.

5. **Please describe in detail efforts taken to serve Victims of Federal Crime during the reporting period.**

Wyoming routinely works with our US Attorney's Office Victim Assistance Coordinator as well as our state's FBI, and DHS. Wyoming has F.E. Warren Air Force Base, a large land mass Indian Reservation in our state, and a vast area of federal lands. Because of these federal areas, compensation routinely receives claims from tribal members and victims of crimes that fall under federal jurisdiction. All of our programs (across our state) are versed in assisting crime victims for both state and federal crimes.

6. **Please describe any notable activities during the reporting period that improved the process of victim compensation services.**

OIG Audit of the Compensation Program- The most significant development/impact on the Division of Victim Services (DVS) this last year was the ongoing Office of the Inspector General (OIG) audit of the Crime Victims Compensation program. The audit of Wyoming's VOCA-Compensation grants looked at five (5) federal awards from 2015 - 2019 and began in May 2019. The Final Audit Report was published in March of this year (2020). The only significant finding for the program was a calculation error in our State Certification. Due to the reporting error, DVS was over awarded federal funds each of the five years the error was repeated. Through the audit process it was determined that a single funding stream was erroneously included in the calculation of state funds used to support the Compensation program. DVS further discovered the error began when the Attorney General's Fiscal Office saw a change in the Chief Fiscal Officer. The prior CFO assumed the duty of completing the State Certification; upon her retirement this duty was transferred to the Senior Accounting Analyst. Fortunately, as a benefit of the audit, DVS has drafted detailed instructions for completing the State Certification, as well as robust policy to be followed for the future. Identifying our agency's error and being able to remedy this relatively quickly has been a significant learning experience and will strengthen the Compensation program from here on out. Painful as it may have been, understating where DVS can improve our process has been worth the angst of the audit.

7. **Please describe in detail ways in which your state used VOCA Administrative funds and the impact of these funds on the state's ability to improve victim compensation services during the reporting period.**

Administrative funds are used to support travel costs for our Compensation Analyst to conduct compensation training for programs upon request. Additionally, Wyoming uses administrative funds to ensure both the SAA (Division Director) and the Compensation Analyst attend national and regional compensation training conducted by NACVCB, OVC, or other federal agencies. Finally, administrative funds are used to support the ongoing maintenance for our Compensation Claims Database administered by Genoa Group.

8. **Were there any laws, initiatives, or policy changes in your state regarding victim compensation during the reporting period? If yes, please briefly describe them and their impact.**

Female Genital Mutilation Legislation- During the 2020 Legislative Session HB-127 was successfully passed into law to address Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in our state. The law, which criminalizes the acts involved in FGM, specifies that FGM shall be included in the definition of aggravated assault and battery. Additionally the law tasked DVS with working with the Wyoming Department of Health to develop a training program for health care professionals, law enforcement, and teachers on the signs of FGM and clarifying that FGM is a form of child abuse and falls under the state's mandatory reporting of child abuse laws. This law went into effect July 1, 2020. To date our office has not seen any claims related to this new crime. Our office has planned training to victim service provider on working with FGM victims, and with providers on recognizing the signs of FGM. The roll-out of training has been delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions and concerns with overwhelming our medical personnel while they are addressing the pandemic.

9. **Please describe system-coordination efforts with prosecutors, law enforcement, courts, U.S. attorneys' offices, tribal systems, State VOCA Victim Assistance Coordinator, or other key personnel within the criminal justice system in your state to reduce barriers to victims who may apply to receive victim compensation.**

Each year our office conducts a Mandatory Meeting for all of our sub-recipient programs. This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions and precautions, the meeting was moved to a virtual format and broken up into the three (3) regions that our office administers. At this meeting programs are apprised of any innovations in victim services, or changes within our office that would affect service delivery to victims. As a component of that meeting, programs are given compensation training and guidance on eligibility and the compensation application process. Additionally, with the use of VOCA-Assistance administrative funds, our office holds an annual conference (Joint Symposium on Children and Youth- WyJSCY) where all allied professionals are given extensive training on best practices for victims. This year the WyJSCY was moved to a virtual format, but we had a record number of attendance. Again, as part of the curriculum at the conference, there is an emphasis upon and updates to crime victims compensation. Finally, every Peace Office Basic candidate in our state receives victim's compensation training delivered to them as part of their core curriculum at the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy. The Academy training is given by the Director of the Division of Victim Services (SAA for VOCA Comp.) There was, remarkable no major disruption to the Law Enforcement training. The March training occurred March 16th which was before our state started to see COVID-19 closures and restrictions. Subsequent trainings on July 14th and September 29th were also able to be held in person with CDC recommended accommodations and precautions.

10. **Please explain any public outreach efforts to improve awareness of your program.**

As described above, we rely on our sub-recipients, whom we train, to conduct public outreach to victims on the availability of crime victims compensation. I believe we do a very good job of making sure victims understand the availability of crime victims compensation. By making sure all advocates, law enforcement and other allied professionals are both aware of and trained upon the crime victims compensation program, Wyoming makes great strides in improving public awareness of the program. The Division also has a Facebook page and Website hosted by the State of Wyoming where information and FAQs on Crime Victim Compensation are readily available.

11. **Please list any other outcome measure(s) that are reported to the governor, legislature, or other state entity that have not been reported in this submission. Provide the actual measure(s). The data may be reported separately in your progress report.**

PMT is the primary data source for outcome measure specifically on compensation. However, the Division of Victim Services does use the data we collect from all of our programs via all of our federal grants to compile a "state of the state" each year for our Governor. We track where (by county and program) our compensation applications come from, and thus can measure which programs are serving what victims. If we see particular counties or programs that don't seem to be submitting compensation applications, we target our training and technical assistance toward addressing any barriers that victims or the programs may be facing in filing for compensation.

12. **Please provide any additional comments that are helpful to improving the Victim Compensation state and/or federal program.**

As addressed last year, our office is supportive of any change in how the Compensation Formula money is calculated. Specifically a recalculation of how state funds are deducted/ and/or the percentage that is re-allocated (IE: \$0.60 / state dollar could be raised to \$0.70/ state dollar). Additionally, our state is working with OVC on the State Certification Form, and developing effective guidance to accurately complete the form. This document has been the source of issues for our office with OCFO and OIG auditors. Further, as an agency that administers both VOCA-Compensation & VOCA- Assistance, I would like to see Assistance money made available (eligible) to support more (traditionally) compensation activities.