

CT Annual State Performance Report

Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program

Reporting Period: [Oct 1, 2017 to Sept 30, 2018]

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

OVC VOCA Assistance Funds				
	2015-VA-GX-0016	2016-VA-GX-0025	2017-VA-GX-0020	2018-V2-GX-0054
Federal Award Amount	\$22,025,182.00	\$24,699,013.00	\$20,404,499.00	\$36,452,243.00
Total Amount of Subawards	\$21,527,502.00	\$24,139,400.00	\$2,980,722.00	\$0.00
Total Number of Subawards	89	57	5	0
Administrative Funds Amount	\$497,680.00	\$577,177.00	\$207,949.00	\$0.00
Training Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance Remaining	\$0.00	(\$17,564.00)	\$17,215,828.00	\$36,452,243.00

Subgrantee Organization Type				
<small>The total number of subgrants represents all subgrants funded across all federal awards active during the reporting period. The number is not unique as there are subgrantee organizations that are continuously funded from each federal award.</small>				
Type of Organization	2015-VA-GX-0016	2016-VA-GX-0025	2017-VA-GX-0020	2018-V2-GX-0054
Government Agencies Only	2	3	1	0
Corrections	0	0	0	0
Courts	1	1	1	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	0	0	0	0
Prosecutor	0	0	0	0
Other	1	2	0	0
Nonprofit Organization Only	87	54	4	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	0	0	0	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	2	3	1	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	17	4	0	0
Faith-based Organization	0	0	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	13	0	0	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	5	6	0	0

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Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	4	1	0	0
Multiservice agency	44	38	3	0
Other	2	2	0	0
Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Agencies, and Organizations Only	0	0	0	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	0	0	0	0
Court	0	0	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence organization	0	0	0	0
Faith-based organization	0	0	0	0
Juvenile justice	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	0	0	0	0
Organization provides domestic and family violence and sexual assault services	0	0	0	0
Prosecutor	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	0	0	0	0
Other justice-based agency	0	0	0	0
Other agency that is NOT justice-based (e.g., human services, health, education)	0	0	0	0
Organization by and/or for a specific traditionally underserved community	0	0	0	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Campus Organizations Only	0	0	0	0
Campus-based victims services	0	0	0	0
Law enforcement	0	0	0	0
Physical or mental health service program	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total Number of Subawards	89	57	5	0

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

Subaward Purpose				
A single SAR can select multiple purposes. Numbers are not unique				
	2015-VA-GX-0016	2016-VA-GX-0025	2017-VA-GX-0020	2018-V2-GX-0054

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A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	76	54	5	0
B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	3	0	0	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	10	3	0	0
D. Start up a new Native American victim services project	0	0	0	0
E. Expand or enhance an existing Native American project	0	0	0	0

VOCA and Match Funds

A single SAR can select multiple service types. Numbers are not unique

	2015-VA-GX-0016	2016-VA-GX-0025	2017-VA-GX-0020	2018-V2-GX-0054
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	86	50	4	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	84	46	4	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	89	53	5	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	18	15	3	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	76	37	4	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	89	53	5	0

Priority and Underserved Requirements

Priority Area	2015-VA-GX-0016	2016-VA-GX-0025	2017-VA-GX-0020	2018-V2-GX-0054
Child Abuse				
Total Amount	\$4,024,719.00	\$4,688,974.00	\$83,889.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	18.00 %	19.00 %	0.00 %	
Domestic and Family Violence				
Total Amount	\$7,315,238.00	\$10,201,619.00	\$2,200,605.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	33.00 %	41.00 %	11.00 %	
Sexual Assault				
Total Amount	\$2,179,507.00	\$3,431,530.00	\$270,746.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	10.00 %	14.00 %	1.00 %	
Underserved				
Total Amount	\$5,000,308.00	\$5,817,277.00	\$425,482.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	23.00 %	24.00 %	2.00 %	

Budget and Staffing

Staffing Information	2015-VA-GX-0016	2016-VA-GX-0025	2017-VA-GX-0020	2018-V2-GX-0054
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Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	2099.72	1397	231
Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	627019.11	820593	164493
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	409.28	310	7
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	53007	52062	3880

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)	24	1616	1791	1851	884	1535
Adult Sexual Assault	6	1293	1540	1707	1506	1511
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	28	472	530	510	439	487
Arson	11	6	11	14	7	9
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	21	375	386	437	574	443
Burglary	13	48	46	53	61	52
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	38	641	682	681	667	667
Child Pornography	9	26	31	21	22	25
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	1	1737	1753	1771	1483	1686
Domestic and/or Family Violence	4	14265	14661	15187	14474	14646
DUI/DWI Incidents	14	234	125	266	310	233
Elder Abuse or Neglect	15	47	30	26	37	35
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	12	10	14	17	15	14
Human Trafficking: Labor	5	6	5	6	4	5
Human Trafficking: Sex	1	97	105	100	98	100
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	15	51	43	48	45	46

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Kidnapping (non-custodial)	10	20	15	17	23	18
Kidnapping (custodial)	7	12	11	11	23	14
Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	1	313	247	298	617	368
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	13	33	30	34	43	35
Robbery	17	64	54	51	60	57
Stalking/Harassment	26	442	451	563	508	491
Survivors of Homicide Victims	1	202	203	214	194	203
Teen Dating Victimization	19	67	77	74	78	74
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	8	5	8	5	10	7
Other	7	41	48	31	61	45

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	8	12	14	24	51
Homeless	627	566	594	841	2160
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	904	848	876	654	2265
LGBTQ	120	206	197	187	513
Veterans	29	27	23	34	76
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/Physical /Mental	622	627	662	785	2355
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	1251	1295	1367	958	3238
Other	37	47	48	45	79

General Award Information

Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level	Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.	78458	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year	42	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.	53468	68.15 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?	9519	12.13 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.	8747	

Demographics

Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian or Alaska Native	128	0.24 %

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Asian	454	0.85 %
Black or African American	9471	17.71 %
Hispanic or Latino	14118	26.40 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	219	0.41 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	21880	40.92 %
Some Other Race	4811	9.00 %
Multiple Races	829	1.55 %
Not Reported	1557	2.91 %
Not Tracked	1	0.00 %
Race/Ethnicity Total		53468
Gender Identity		
Male	12249	22.91 %
Female	40865	76.43 %
Other	79	0.15 %
Not Reported	275	0.51 %
Not Tracked	0	0.00 %
Gender Total		53468
Age		
Age 0- 12	4279	8.00 %
Age 13- 17	2716	5.08 %
Age 18- 24	7742	14.48 %
Age 25- 59	33832	63.28 %
Age 60 and Older	3622	6.77 %
Not Reported	1201	2.25 %
Not Tracked	76	0.14 %
Age Total		53468

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	32	50125	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	62083
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	59640
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	20980

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			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	22941
B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	28	25935	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	716
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	1545
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	10766
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	18138
			B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	741
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	3573
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	9233
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	10958
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	4949
			B10. Interpreter services	4323
C. Emotional Support or Safety Services	33	67912	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	119923
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	37979
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	1966
			C4. Individual counseling	106730
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	12717
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	16000
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	1321
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	11	524	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	895
			D2. Transitional housing	19

			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	748
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	24	45350	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	43956
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	2686
			E3. Assistance with restitution	1043
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	15399
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	5538
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	1601
			E7. Immigration assistance	2777
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	11516
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	378
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	27576
E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	2732			

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.	1
Number of people trained or attending education events during the reporting period.	28
Number of events conducted during the reporting period.	1
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.	
There were no program or education materials developed during the reporting period using VOCA administrative funds.	

staying at the residence. Landlords are not aware of the statute or are treating it as a serious matter. -A substantial increase in the number of clients who exhibit severe mental health issues attempting to access advocacy services to meet all of their needs. Due to funding cuts in the community and the deteriorating state of mental health services across the state in general, many clients are being forced to seek treatment from providers who are not educated or trained to provide mental health treatment. -With the sophistication of technology there has been a significant increase in the victimization of children through various apps, websites, and other mobile devices this includes cyber bullying, sexting, and another form of human trafficking. These have been on a steady and concerning rise with our young victims. Parents often struggle with knowledge of the technology and how to aid in prevention. Information is not readily available to the family as they try to keep pace with a rapidly changing technology. -During the reporting period, a subcontractor noticed an increase in fear about engaging in the forensic interview process from families who are not documented in the US. Our local law enforcement and DCF partners make every effort to reassure non-offending caregivers and victims that they are afforded rights as a victim of a crime, despite citizenship status. -Victims of crime often do not want to accept services even though they are available. They are afraid of being stigmatized. Many individuals reach out to program staff, however, they do not follow through once they share the initial details of what happened to them. -The cost of housing for low-income people in Connecticut often far exceeds what is possible within the budget of low-income households, except for those who have obtained subsidized housing. There are long waiting lists for subsidized housings. The lack of enough affordable housing can present a barrier to safety for low-income victims of crime. -The program is observing an increase in "youth on child" sexual abuse disclosures, often siblings living in the same home, and with the perpetrators disclosing their own sexual abuse by another youth or adult. The mental health needs of victim/abusers are unique and not readily available. -The Federal seizure of backpage.com and the passage of Federal legislation, which resulted in Craigslist and others closing down the dating sections of their websites, have notably impacted providers and criminal justice personnel working with victims of human trafficking. The full implications of these events have yet to be fully realized, but in the immediate, multiple other websites have recently come into being or become more popular as platforms for advertising and exploiting youth. -MADD Victim Services has recently had an influx of fatal motorcycle cases, where the charges are being reduced to negligent homicide, as opposed to Manslaughter in the 2nd degree. Some reasons for charge reductions have included poor police reporting, unreliable witnesses, speed being a factor on the part of the victims and lack of evidentiary support to meet the prosecutions burden of proof for the charges. -We have seen an increase in cases going to trial as opposed to offenders taking plea bargains; especially in cases where they are facing a manslaughter charge. This is upsetting for many of our families, especially since many courts are backed up, and trials are being delayed for a year or more.

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

There are no retention issues impacting the Office of Victim Services. The Office is fully staffed. The majority of VOCA Assistance subgrantees reported no major staffing retention problems. Agencies that did have staffing retention issues reported the following reasons: -Difficulty in replacing Spanish-speaking staff; -Insecurity over future of position due to state budget difficulties; -Low Pay; -Staff leaving due to heavy caseloads, fatigue and burnout with the day to day work with highly traumatized clients.

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

All funding for service provision is awarded through a formal bid process. Notification is posted on the Judicial Branch website and through legal ads in newspapers throughout the state. Due to the increase in funding from the 2018 VOCA Victim Assistance Grant, OVS and the Judicial Branch Materials Management Unit issued a request for proposals in June 2018 for the purposes of soliciting bids for services to victims of crime in Connecticut for services starting January 1, 2019. This bid was published on the Judicial Branch website and in local newspapers. Current OVS service providers were notified of the bid posting and notifications were also sent to the statewide non-profit membership associations in the state to distribute the notice to their members. Current and new agencies were eligible to submit proposals for new programs not currently funded by OVS, expansion projects for existing providers, and continuation projects for existing providers. OVS held a meeting with over 70 individuals from service providers throughout the state to discuss the increased funding that was available, the types of programs and services that were eligible for funding, and answer any questions regarding the new funding and the proposal process. Final decisions on funding were still pending as of the end of the report period.

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

During the report period OVS determined that additional services were needed for adult victims of sexual assault. OVS and the Judicial Branch issued a request for proposals for services effective January 1, 2018. Five new contracts were funded from this RFP including a new program that is providing services to incarcerated victims of sexual assault. In June 2018, OVS issued a request for proposals for services to crime victims. It was a general solicitation for all categories of crime victims and services. As part of the solicitation, OVS stated that projects that addressed access to services for the following categories would be considered: disabled crime victims; disenfranchised male victims of color; gang violence victims; LGBTQ populations; members of racial or ethnic minorities: non-English speaking crime victims: victims residing in inner cities. rural or remote areas: and.

victims of sexual assault on college campuses. Proposals were received from agencies throughout the state. Final decisions on funding were still pending as of the end of the report period. OVS awarded funding for ten projects not previously funded by our agency. Two were new projects from current providers and eight were for contracts with new agencies not previously funded by OVS with VOCA funding. New services funded under these projects include services to human trafficking victims, services to victims in high crime urban areas, services to victims in rural areas, services to victims of sexual assault on college campuses, and statewide civil legal services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

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

All funding for service provision is awarded through a formal bid process. OVS receives feedback from current VOCA-funded service providers on current issues in the victim services and what services are lacking or underfunded. This information is reviewed, and any bids for programs to serve specific populations or provide specific services are determined by OVS. OVS also reviews existing contracts and service populations to ensure that services are being provided to victims in accordance with the minimum requirements for the four priority categories of crime victims as outlined in the VOCA Final Rule. During the report period OVS determined that additional services were needed for adult victims of sexual assault. OVS and the Judicial Branch issued a request for proposals and five new contracts were in place effective January 1, 2018.

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

There are no outcome measures separate from the information that is reported each quarter in the OVCPMT system.