

# NE 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.*

<b>OVC VOCA Assistance Funds</b>				
	<b>2015-VA-GX-0010</b>	<b>2016-VA-GX-0067</b>	<b>2017-VA-GX-0010</b>	<b>2018-V2-GX-0021</b>
<b>Federal Award Amount</b>	\$11,760,309.00	\$13,278,442.00	\$11,113,923.00	\$19,738,434.00
<b>Total Amount of Subawards</b>	\$11,139,470.00	\$11,247,403.00	\$9,921,020.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Number of Subawards</b>	93	67	47	0
<b>Administrative Funds Amount</b>	\$588,015.00	\$663,922.00	\$555,696.00	\$986,921.00
<b>Training Funds Amount</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Balance Remaining</b>	\$32,824.00	\$1,367,117.00	\$637,207.00	\$18,751,513.00

<b>Subgrantee Organization Type</b>				
<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>				
<b>Type of Organization</b>	<b>2015-VA-GX-0010</b>	<b>2016-VA-GX-0067</b>	<b>2017-VA-GX-0010</b>	<b>2018-V2-GX-0021</b>
<b>Government Agencies Only</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>
Corrections	0	0	0	0
Courts	3	0	1	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	9	11	4	0
Prosecutor	10	5	6	0
Other	5	3	3	0
<b>Nonprofit Organization Only</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	24	22	17	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	2	0	1	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	5	1	3	0
Faith-based Organization	0	0	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	29	19	9	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	0	0	0	0

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Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	0	0	0	0
Multiservice agency	5	5	1	0
Other	0	0	0	0
<b>Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Agencies, and Organizations Only</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	0	0	0	0
Court	0	0	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence organization	1	1	1	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	1	0
<b>Campus Organizations Only</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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
<b>Total Number of Subawards</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0</b>

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

<b>Subaward Purpose</b>				
A single SAR can select multiple purposes. Numbers are not unique				
	2015-VA-GX-0010	2016-VA-GX-0067	2017-VA-GX-0010	2018-V2-GX-0021

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A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	75	58	44	0
B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	27	7	0	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	7	3	4	0
D. Start up a new <b>Native American</b> victim services project	0	0	1	0
E. Expand or enhance an existing <b>Native American</b> project	0	2	1	0

**VOCA and Match Funds**

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

	2015-VA-GX-0010	2016-VA-GX-0067	2017-VA-GX-0010	2018-V2-GX-0021
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	63	59	43	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	63	65	46	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	58	52	37	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	27	29	18	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	61	58	39	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	70	66	47	0

**Priority and Underserved Requirements**

Priority Area	2015-VA-GX-0010	2016-VA-GX-0067	2017-VA-GX-0010	2018-V2-GX-0021
<b>Child Abuse</b>				
Total Amount	\$679,082.00	\$1,704,700.00	\$2,133,296.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	6.00 %	13.00 %	19.00 %	
<b>Domestic and Family Violence</b>				
Total Amount	\$3,591,495.00	\$4,058,471.00	\$4,602,325.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	31.00 %	31.00 %	41.00 %	
<b>Sexual Assault</b>				
Total Amount	\$537,694.00	\$1,653,440.00	\$1,443,549.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	5.00 %	12.00 %	13.00 %	
<b>Underserved</b>				
Total Amount	\$684,709.00	\$838,663.00	\$1,741,579.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	6.00 %	6.00 %	16.00 %	

**Budget and Staffing**

Staffing Information	2015-VA-GX-0010	2016-VA-GX-0067	2017-VA-GX-0010	2018-V2-GX-0021
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Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	923.76	467.5	343
Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	256200.06	227630.175	271453
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	603.62	299.194	956
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	181908	111091.8	85140



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)	31	3672	3407	3912	3959	3737
Adult Sexual Assault	57	1464	1503	1647	1659	1568
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	46	293	129	188	215	206
Arson	21	36	53	58	46	48
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	37	114	66	261	67	127
Burglary	22	997	853	853	916	904
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	3	2612	2433	2467	2526	2509
Child Pornography	37	273	131	242	109	188
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	61	3605	3851	3761	3953	3792
Domestic and/or Family Violence	1	8170	8626	8422	8671	8472
DUI/DWI Incidents	21	308	334	310	248	300
Elder Abuse or Neglect	40	131	62	39	78	77
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	25	6	11	5	8	7
Human Trafficking: Labor	36	6	12	4	5	6
Human Trafficking: Sex	57	86	90	73	79	82
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	22	681	701	515	330	556

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Kidnapping (non-custodial)	25	55	50	50	71	56
Kidnapping (custodial)	27	4	12	15	19	12
Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	21	4	2	1	4	2
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	23	487	514	513	580	523
Robbery	22	556	453	409	488	476
Stalking/Harassment	55	1231	1235	1282	1218	1241
Survivors of Homicide Victims	32	351	518	306	522	424
Teen Dating Victimization	50	77	91	127	110	101
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	18	1	2	2	5	2
Other	14	7697	7758	8316	8367	8034

**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	54	52	58	495	261
Homeless	885	847	1168	1067	2578
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	320	359	386	758	1459
LGBTQ	64	54	80	73	189
Veterans	96	84	102	121	263
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/Physical /Mental	1083	1112	1235	1285	2924
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	652	705	832	779	2344
Other	261	191	209	236	1787

**General Award Information**

Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level	Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.	142229	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year	18020	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.	76896	54.06 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?	21038	14.79 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.	13783	

**Demographics**

Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native	1323	1.72 %

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Asian	949	1.23 %
Black or African American	9998	13.00 %
Hispanic or Latino	8873	11.54 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	58	0.08 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	42590	55.39 %
Some Other Race	235	0.31 %
Multiple Races	830	1.08 %
Not Reported	5043	6.56 %
Not Tracked	6997	9.10 %
<b>Race/Ethnicity Total</b>	<b>76896</b>	
<b>Gender Identity</b>		
Male	24492	31.85 %
Female	44240	57.53 %
Other	38	0.05 %
Not Reported	1202	1.56 %
Not Tracked	6924	9.00 %
<b>Gender Total</b>	<b>76896</b>	
<b>Age</b>		
Age 0- 12	9044	11.76 %
Age 13- 17	4839	6.29 %
Age 18- 24	13973	18.17 %
Age 25- 59	34470	44.83 %
Age 60 and Older	5254	6.83 %
Not Reported	2359	3.07 %
Not Tracked	6957	9.05 %
<b>Age Total</b>	<b>76896</b>	

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	54	57903	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	44446
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	27923
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	11794

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			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	64067
B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	58	26772	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	2576
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	628
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	3469
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	47264
			B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	3278
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	4633
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	1145
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	2054
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	8991
			B10. Interpreter services	4266
C. Emotional Support or Safety Services	50	35265	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	35374
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	41944
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	679
			C4. Individual counseling	16688
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	8788
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	1693
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	8938
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	27	2679	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	22565
			D2. Transitional housing	7092

			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	8696
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	50	34939	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	41254
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	2040
			E3. Assistance with restitution	2482
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	5094
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	5041
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	3939
			E7. Immigration assistance	1081
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	6296
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	681
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	14626
E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	1436			



Grantee Annually Reported Questions	
Question/Option	Count
<b>Were any administrative and training funds used during the reporting period?</b>	
Yes	1
No	0
<b>Did the administrative funds support any education activities during the reporting period?</b>	
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.	0
Number of events conducted during the reporting period.	0
<b>Did the grant support any coordination activities (e.g., with other service providers, law enforcement agencies) during the reporting period?</b>	
Yes	1
No	0
<b>Describe any program or educational materials developed during the reporting period.</b>	
N/A	



<b>Describe any planning or training events held during the reporting period.</b>
N/A
<b>Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.</b>
During this reporting period the Victim Assistance Division implemented an online grant management system. This resulted in several changes to be made in program policies as well as agency operating procedures. Programs previously had the option of submitting requests for reimbursement on a monthly or quarterly basis, with the implementation of the online grant management system it is now required that all programs submit on a monthly basis. Aside from the grant management system, at the beginning of the federal fiscal year (October 1, 2017) the Victim Assistance Division (established August 28, 2017 to effectively manage VOCA) developed and implemented an Operational Assessment Tool (OAT), subsequent Monitoring Plan and schedule. This allowed the division to monitor programs at an appropriate level based on their level of risk and compliance with grant management.
<b>Describe any earned media coverage events/episodes during the reporting period.</b>
As the SAA we have not had any media coverage during the reporting period.
<b>Describe any coordinated responses/services for assisting crime victims during the reporting period.</b>
The Victim Assistance Division coordinates with victim service providers across the state of Nebraska. The Chief of the Division serves on the Board of Directors for the Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime and is part of the steering committee for the Nebraska Victim Assistance Academy that one of the Grant Specialist also serves on. Nebraska does have a Lead Grant Specialist/Tribal Liaison that attends the Tribal Coalition meetings.
<b>Please discuss the major issues in your state that either assist or prevent victims from receiving assistance during the reporting period.</b>
Nebraska is the 16th largest state based on area, however, we are only the 36th largest for population. This illustrates how rural Nebraska is and the need for increased services across the state. The increase of VOCA funds since FFY 2015 has allowed many of the programs to expand services into counties that had previously been unserved. This has been accomplished through adding additional staff, increased mileage budgets for direct services and opening satellite offices. Although the increased funds have been able to accomplish the above, it still has many agencies operating a minimum to meet victim needs. VOCA funds have been used to support innovative programs that provide beyond the basic level of services that are typically funded. There are two programs that have established Transitional Housing programs for victims of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking. Several mental health and legal services have been funded in various capacities, however, these are two areas that still has gaps in services. This is due to lack of funding and lack of providers in rural areas.
<b>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.</b>
As mentioned above staff from the VA Division are involved in various board and committees that provide coordination of victim services at a state level. VOCA dollars do support some of the subgrant agencies to provide coordination of efforts within their service areas. To overall improve coordination with VOCA funded agencies the VA Division has moved the funding cycle from 12 months to 21 months which will end June 30, 2019 and July 1, 2019 will start a two year grant cycle that will be the consistent funding period for VOCA. The change to the State Fiscal Year was also made to assist most of the programs with program budgeting as most funding sources operate on the State Fiscal Year as do most of the agencies.
<b>Please describe any notable activities at the grantee level during the reporting period that improved delivery of victim services.</b>
The most notable activity that has improved our ability to improve the delivery of victim services is by implementing an online grant management system. This has greatly improved our ability to reimburse subgrantees in a timely manner and still be able to ensure they are accountable for compliance with the grant conditions. The other notable activity during this reporting period is the creation of the Nebraska Victim Advocacy Program explained elsewhere in this report. The program has been beneficial for VOCA funded programs and allied professionals such as law enforcement and county attorneys.
<b>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</b>

During this reporting period a total of 15 CASA programs were funded and 6 Child Advocacy Centers. These programs together have increased the VOCA supported services to victims of child abuse and sexual assault. The newer state legislation that created a Statewide Sexual Assault Program has also allowed the state to better serve victims of sexual assault. The program utilizes VOCA funds through a subgrant to pay up to \$500 for a Sexual Assault Exam and also provides a standardized kit. During this reporting period 961 exams were paid for statewide through the program. There are 20 domestic violence and sexual assault programs that are funded by VOCA in Nebraska. During this reporting period several of them expanded staff and the services that are being provided. One area that has seen an increase with the increase of VOCA dollars is the availability of mental health services. There are three programs that are primarily meeting the needs of underserved victims. The first is to provide legal assistance and resources to victims of Elder Abuse and Domestic Violence. This program has been beneficial as the funded attorneys are located in parts of Nebraska that do not have other legal resources available for these victims of crime. A second program that has been funded by VOCA for two years is one that provides advocacy/case management and mental health services to refugees that are victims of crime. This program is located in Omaha Nebraska which has a large refugee population. Lastly, the creation of the Nebraska Victim Advocacy Program has allowed underserved victims in rural Nebraska to have access to a court advocate that can assist them with understanding the criminal justice system and court processes. The program has also established a fund to provide direct assistance to victims of crime that are not available to them through the Nebraska Crime Victims Reparations Program or due to lack of funding with other providers they may be working with.

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

Programs that receive VOCA funding are required to serve victims of federal crimes at the same level they do all other crime victims. This information is provided in the funding announcement, Special Conditions and reviewed during monitoring activities.

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

Nebraska continues to experience budget shortfalls within in the states which as resulted in decreased funding for victim assistance program from \$52,559 down to \$50,457 during this reporting period. The cuts have been across the board for all state programs and administration. VOCA has been the main funding source for most of the programs supported with the grant funding. The other notable trend in Nebraska is the increase of Human Trafficking with the I-80 corridor going through the middle of the state. The Nebraska Attorney General's Human Trafficking Taskforce has created regional taskforces to raise awareness and provide training across the state. The Taskforce and associated services is now exploring opportunities for funding to continue the resources available to them. It is difficult for the VA Division to determine what assistance if any VOCA can provide to sustain these services until the FFY 2019 appropriations are determined.

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

The Victim Assistance Division has not had any issues with staff retention during the reporting period. When the division was established in August of 2017 a request was made to add an additional 4 staff within the division and an Accountant in the Budget and Accounting Division that would support the VOCA program. All of these positions were approved and hired at the beginning of 2018. There has not been any staff turnover. The Nebraska Victim Advocacy Coordinator as described in question 20 was hired in September of 2018.

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

The RFP for VOCA is emailed to all current recipients, coalitions and other stakeholders. It is asked that the email be sent to others that would also qualify for funding. The RFP is also listed on the Nebraska Crime Commission website. During this reporting period there were two funding opportunities made available, the Transitional Housing and the Tribal Setaside. The Tribal funding opportunity was also sent to all members of the Tribal Coalition.

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

During this reporting the SAA did release two funding opportunities that reached new and/or underserved populations. The first was for Transitional Housing that funded two programs (one urban and one rural) to provide transitional housing for victims of crime. Both programs primarily service victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The other funding opportunity that was made available was a Tribal Setaside. One of the four tribes in Nebraska requested funding and was awarded funds to serve victims of Elder Abuse and Human Trafficking. The SAA also used VOCA funds to start an in house program that created a statewide advocacy position that would provide services to counties that do not have an established victim assistance program. The program also provides a direct victim assistance fund that programs and victims can access to supplement victim costs that the Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Program cannot pay for such as relocation or funds to participate in the criminal justice process.

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

Gaps in services are identified throughout the course of our work with VOCA funded programs and allied professionals. This information is often discovered through monitoring activities, attendance at coordination meetings, and discussing specific issues programs are having that require a modification to their grant. The VA Division works with programs to identify ways to best meet the gap in service is able

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

The division Chief does provide performance metrics to the Governor's office a couple times a year along with the agency wide report. The information that is shared revolves around length of time for reimbursement and the implementation of the online grant management system. The division is also required to submit monthly updates on the work being done as part of the Director's Report to the Crime Commission Board.