

TX 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-0009 | 2016-VA-GX-0033 | 2017-VA-GX-0006 | 2018-V2-GX-0040 |
| Federal Award Amount | \$161,830,424.00 | \$185,614,610.00 | \$155,567,370.00 | \$284,101,321.00 |
| Total Amount of Subawards | \$157,299,969.00 | \$167,000,236.00 | \$69,631,362.00 | \$4,377,156.00 |
| Total Number of Subawards | 405 | 320 | 63 | 9 |
| Administrative Funds Amount | \$2,686,758.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Training Funds Amount | \$8,323.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Balance Remaining | \$1,835,374.00 | \$18,614,374.00 | \$85,936,008.00 | \$279,724,165.00 |

| 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-0009 | 2016-VA-GX-0033 | 2017-VA-GX-0006 | 2018-V2-GX-0040 |
| Government Agencies Only | 142 | 127 | 11 | 1 |
| Corrections | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 |
| Courts | 9 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Juvenile Justice | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Law Enforcement | 56 | 59 | 4 | 0 |
| Prosecutor | 59 | 32 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 8 | 19 | 6 | 0 |
| Nonprofit Organization Only | 262 | 174 | 50 | 3 |
| Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center) | 14 | 9 | 1 | 0 |
| Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition) | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Domestic and Family Violence Organization | 60 | 29 | 9 | 0 |
| Faith-based Organization | 11 | 13 | 3 | 1 |
| Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services | 79 | 49 | 10 | 0 |
| Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse) | 13 | 9 | 2 | 0 |

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| Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center) | 10 | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| Multiservice agency | 65 | 46 | 12 | 1 |
| Other | 7 | 11 | 9 | 0 |
| Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Agencies, and Organizations Only | 1 | 1 | 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 | 1 | 1 | 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 | 18 | 2 | 5 |
| Campus-based victims services | 0 | 17 | 2 | 5 |
| Law enforcement | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Physical or mental health service program | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Number of Subawards | 405 | 320 | 63 | 9 |

*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-0009 | 2016-VA-GX-0033 | 2017-VA-GX-0006 | 2018-V2-GX-0040 |
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| A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year | 311 | 171 | 19 | 7 |
| B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year | 48 | 50 | 13 | 0 |
| C. Start up a new victim services project | 72 | 112 | 37 | 2 |
| D. Start up a new Native American victim services project | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| E. Expand or enhance an existing Native American project | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

VOCA and Match Funds

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

| | 2015-VA-GX-0009 | 2016-VA-GX-0033 | 2017-VA-GX-0006 | 2018-V2-GX-0040 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL | 390 | 304 | 56 | 8 |
| B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT | 359 | 271 | 47 | 7 |
| C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES | 373 | 294 | 56 | 8 |
| D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES | 227 | 160 | 31 | 4 |
| E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE | 343 | 242 | 31 | 7 |
| F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS | 405 | 320 | 63 | 9 |

Priority and Underserved Requirements

| Priority Area | 2015-VA-GX-0009 | 2016-VA-GX-0033 | 2017-VA-GX-0006 | 2018-V2-GX-0040 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Child Abuse | | | | |
| Total Amount | \$26,463,781.00 | \$17,860,088.00 | \$16,879,591.00 | \$1,396,355.00 |
| % of Total Federal Award | 16.00 % | 10.00 % | 11.00 % | 0.00 % |
| Domestic and Family Violence | | | | |
| Total Amount | \$17,411,228.00 | \$41,141,874.00 | \$13,989,608.00 | \$1,415,105.00 |
| % of Total Federal Award | 11.00 % | 22.00 % | 9.00 % | 0.00 % |
| Sexual Assault | | | | |
| Total Amount | \$5,256,198.00 | \$12,699,090.00 | \$3,834,124.00 | \$786,426.00 |
| % of Total Federal Award | 3.00 % | 7.00 % | 2.00 % | 0.00 % |
| Underserved | | | | |
| Total Amount | \$6,529,826.00 | \$20,053,341.00 | \$13,126,153.00 | \$779,270.00 |
| % of Total Federal Award | 4.00 % | 11.00 % | 8.00 % | 0.00 % |

Budget and Staffing

| Staffing Information | 2015-VA-GX-0009 | 2016-VA-GX-0033 | 2017-VA-GX-0006 | 2018-V2-GX-0040 |
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| Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services | 6890 | 6928 | 3065 | 136 |
| Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services | 50348 | 2494395 | 1783240 | 81248 |
| Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services | 4009 | 8649 | 6284 | 261 |
| Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services | 1556552 | 1345308 | 822004 | 16364 |



| 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) | 276 | 18447 | 21013 | 24054 | 23839 | 21838 |
| Adult Sexual Assault | 3 | 10397 | 10658 | 11696 | 13196 | 11486 |
| Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children | 284 | 2653 | 2689 | 2832 | 2953 | 2781 |
| Arson | 98 | 153 | 170 | 190 | 175 | 172 |
| Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical) | 169 | 3899 | 4355 | 4129 | 5042 | 4356 |
| Burglary | 120 | 2218 | 2576 | 2809 | 2463 | 2516 |
| Child Physical Abuse or Neglect | 2 | 28744 | 32115 | 35617 | 36262 | 33184 |
| Child Pornography | 121 | 355 | 373 | 401 | 451 | 395 |
| Child Sexual Abuse/Assault | 1 | 22838 | 26373 | 29734 | 29257 | 27050 |
| Domestic and/or Family Violence | 31 | 56717 | 61448 | 66909 | 70205 | 63819 |
| DUI/DWI Incidents | 1 | 4914 | 5462 | 5942 | 5324 | 5410 |
| Elder Abuse or Neglect | 1 | 822 | 861 | 958 | 1135 | 944 |
| Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required) | 70 | 66 | 98 | 232 | 163 | 139 |
| Human Trafficking: Labor | 119 | 113 | 150 | 130 | 193 | 146 |
| Human Trafficking: Sex | 10 | 834 | 979 | 1271 | 1638 | 1180 |
| Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime | 91 | 1967 | 1855 | 2496 | 2264 | 2145 |

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| Kidnapping (non-custodial) | 116 | 261 | 268 | 345 | 320 | 298 |
| Kidnapping (custodial) | 113 | 80 | 112 | 230 | 175 | 149 |
| Mass Violence (Domestic/International) | 9 | 109 | 789 | 1326 | 2717 | 1235 |
| Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run) | 114 | 1039 | 1196 | 1321 | 1302 | 1214 |
| Robbery | 155 | 2780 | 2860 | 3120 | 3297 | 3014 |
| Stalking/Harassment | 272 | 4087 | 4128 | 4586 | 4821 | 4405 |
| Survivors of Homicide Victims | 5 | 3473 | 3929 | 4139 | 3287 | 3707 |
| Teen Dating Victimization | 242 | 262 | 300 | 365 | 348 | 318 |
| Terrorism (Domestic/International) | 63 | 175 | 267 | 902 | 276 | 405 |
| Other | 3 | 5004 | 9261 | 7228 | 5772 | 6816 |

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 | 154 | 172 | 156 | 185 | 453 |
| Homeless | 4137 | 3598 | 3843 | 4027 | 16082 |
| Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers | 2180 | 1810 | 2315 | 2056 | 6464 |
| LGBTQ | 458 | 498 | 538 | 458 | 1220 |
| Veterans | 669 | 574 | 716 | 618 | 1782 |
| Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/Physical /Mental | 4362 | 3314 | 3660 | 3752 | 10586 |
| Victims with Limited English Proficiency | 5752 | 5816 | 6276 | 6376 | 19364 |
| Other | 366 | 179 | 162 | 139 | 770 |

General Award Information

| Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level | Number | Percent |
|---|--------|---------|
| Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year. | 623068 | |
| Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year | 38516 | |
| Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year. | 430164 | 69.04 % |
| Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year? | 84406 | 13.55 % |
| Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year. | 75719 | |

Demographics

| Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served | Number | Percent |
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| Race/Ethnicity | | |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 1388 | 0.32 % |

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| Asian | 5277 | 1.23 % |
| Black or African American | 69298 | 16.11 % |
| Hispanic or Latino | 146161 | 33.98 % |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 916 | 0.21 % |
| White Non-Latino or Caucasian | 131549 | 30.58 % |
| Some Other Race | 2987 | 0.69 % |
| Multiple Races | 9204 | 2.14 % |
| Not Reported | 56594 | 13.16 % |
| Not Tracked | 6790 | 1.58 % |
| Race/Ethnicity Total | | 430164 |
| Gender Identity | | |
| Male | 125334 | 29.14 % |
| Female | 274142 | 63.73 % |
| Other | 154 | 0.04 % |
| Not Reported | 25727 | 5.98 % |
| Not Tracked | 4807 | 1.12 % |
| Gender Total | | 430164 |
| Age | | |
| Age 0- 12 | 102666 | 23.87 % |
| Age 13- 17 | 47212 | 10.98 % |
| Age 18- 24 | 46669 | 10.85 % |
| Age 25- 59 | 170242 | 39.58 % |
| Age 60 and Older | 14990 | 3.48 % |
| Not Reported | 41927 | 9.75 % |
| Not Tracked | 6458 | 1.50 % |
| Age Total | | 430164 |

| 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 | 420 | 444473 | Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory. | 0 |
| | | | A1. Information about the criminal justice process | 282429 |
| | | | A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc. | 286601 |
| | | | A3. Referral to other victim service programs | 198855 |

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| | | | A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.) | 404192 |
| B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment | 375 | 163111 | Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory. | 0 |
| | | | B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care | 13526 |
| | | | B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam | 10938 |
| | | | B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment | 34330 |
| | | | B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects) | 254622 |
| | | | B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection | 13601 |
| | | | B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief) | 10608 |
| | | | B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution | 26962 |
| | | | B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services) | 75404 |
| | | | B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services) | 100741 |
| | | | B10. Interpreter services | 15583 |
| C. Emotional Support or Safety Services | 407 | 323583 | Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory. | 0 |
| | | | C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.) | 393014 |
| | | | C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling | 183814 |
| | | | C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response) | 15489 |
| | | | C4. Individual counseling | 277661 |
| | | | C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer) | 96382 |
| | | | C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.) | 92933 |
| | | | C7. Emergency financial assistance | 66916 |
| D. Shelter/ Housing Services | 276 | 43636 | Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory. | 0 |
| | | | D1. Emergency shelter or safe house | 359454 |
| | | | D2. Transitional housing | 79062 |

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| | | | D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing) | 7110 |
| E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance | 357 | 224005 | Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory. | 0 |
| | | | E1. Notification of criminal justice events | 162989 |
| | | | E2. Victim impact statement assistance | 34837 |
| | | | E3. Assistance with restitution | 19565 |
| | | | E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order | 53160 |
| | | | E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues | 113134 |
| | | | E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance | 20746 |
| | | | E7. Immigration assistance | 23057 |
| | | | E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment | 34472 |
| | | | E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment | 19166 |
| | | | E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment | 29531 |
| E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel | 24238 | | | |



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

CJD has developed additional internal training documents for our VOCA staff. These include process breakdowns, quick reference documents for federal regulations, and high level goals and objectives. In addition, CJD developed a new policy guide that serves as the primary document for our day-to-day practices. There were several grantees that proposed the development of curricula as a component of a new program development. In light of this, we do not expect to see actual developed materials until the middle of 2018.

Describe any planning or training events held during the reporting period.

This year, our office hosted a meeting of victim services stakeholders to discuss progress on our goals that were outlined in pervious stakeholder meetings. The stakeholder group was comprised of service providing agencies and collations from all disciplines of victim services. This meeting was an opportunity to bring together coalitions and other state agencies to inform program development and future funding decisions. In addition, several of our underserved population VOCA service providers were involved in our VAWA implementation planning meetings. In addition, our Child Sex Trafficking Team (CSTT) hosted a number of planning sessions for their regional continua of care. We held a Grant Process Train-Up for 24 Council of Governments agencies. We utilize the Councils of Government agencies to ensure that our funding decisions are informed by the need of their local communities. The train up was a two day interactive information session that addressed changes with the grant process, a review of expectations for the coming grant season, an overview of projects that address gaps in victim services and table top discussions of common issues and barriers to their work.

Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.

As part of our application requirements, each agency that had licensed staff providing services to clients was required to provide proof of licensure in order to seek reimbursement for that staff. This policy was put in place to ensure that victims are receiving the best services. CJD's new policy guide also updated a number of our outdated processes. In addition, programs that added a wellness component were mandated to ensure compliance with the trauma informed care.

Describe any earned media coverage events/episodes during the reporting period.

There was media coverage featuring a number of VOCA funded projects. CJD approved a \$4.5 million award to Austin Independent School District for campus-based mental health services to child victims of crime. This project received media coverage. In addition, there was a coordinated effort from our Child Sex Trafficking Team's (CSTT) VOCA funded drop in centers in Texas communities (Houston, Belton, San Antonio, Dallas) for exploited youth. These centers allow trafficked youth to get their immediate needs met, engage in crisis counseling and case management, and ultimately, gain the strength and safety needed to separate from their traffickers and heal and thrive.

Describe any coordinated responses/services for assisting crime victims during the reporting period.

A coordinated effort is under way within the Governor's Office to provide direct services to victims of child sex trafficking as well. The CSTT coordinates with state and local law enforcement agencies, and service providers to identify victims of child sex trafficking who are eligible to receive services under the program. The Child Sex Trafficking Team engages with VOCA funded grantees to coordinate the care of child sex trafficking victims. It is estimated that the number of Texas youth currently being trafficked is 78,996. In addition, this cycle we funded rural victim services agencies to purchase vehicles to help with transportation.

Please discuss the major issues in your state that either assist or prevent victims from receiving assistance during the reporting period.

Texas continues to work to direct funds to the very large rural areas in the state. Access to services is a large barrier that we are working to resolve so that all victims in the state are able to receive services. In addition, our office put a strong effort in to provide direct services to victims of child sex trafficking. Identification of child sex trafficking victims is a huge challenge. Victims of sexual exploitation do not often recognize their own victimization but are often made to feel as if they are complicit in their exploitation. We are striving to do more to recognize victims earlier so that they can get the help they need as soon as possible.

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.

Once again, our office participated in the planning and coordination of Texas' National Crime Victim Rights Week this year. The event underscored the importance of early intervention and victim services in establishing trust with victims, which in turn begins to restore their hope for healing and recovery. After one of our VOCA funded drop in centers opened, a local foundation took notice and asked what else they needed. The foundation ended up providing additional funding to keep the drop in center open 24/7 and also funding for an attached overnight shelter. Our CSTT section regularly meets with and present to private foundations about the need for private support to augment what VOCA can fund. Lately, foundations have been very interested in helping to provide support to VOCA funded programs in the areas of the state effected by Hurricane Harvey.

Please describe any notable activities at the grantee level during the reporting period that improved delivery of victim services.

Turning Point got funding to start a SANE on Site project, one of fewer than ten such sites in the country and the second in Texas. Improves victim services by avoiding the trauma of the ER and ensuring that services are free rather than being charged to insurance.

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

CJD continues to work closely with the Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas to expand services to victims of child abuse. CJD now funds all 71 chapters of CAC across the state in 201 counties. The new campus-based mental health services project with Austin Independent School District for child victims of crime was also a priority. Our office worked with the Texas Council on Family Violence to fund desperately needed upgrades to equipment and furniture in several domestic violence shelters – especially those effected by Hurricane Harvey. For sexual assault, our office supported the need for more SANE programs by providing funding for agencies to purchase much needed upgrades and equipment to bring older programs up to date. Our office continues to fund programs that service victims in underserved populations. Through our VOCA funded programs this year, we were able to fund services in more than half of the 200+ counties in the state. There are several organizations that work closely with underserved populations including LGBTQ groups as well as groups working with culturally specific populations as well.

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

A number of our subgrant programs were directed to victims of federal crimes.

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

A trend that is both disheartening and alarming is that of care for victims of mass violence and the first responders who respond. Outside of incidents that get national media coverage, we have gotten several first responder departments that have made inquiries related to funding vicarious trauma programs. Another major trend is for more evidence based shelter and housing models. These components of the continuum are not meant to be substitutes for permanent housing yet that is what they have become. Due to funding cuts elsewhere, there were a large number of transitional housing facilities that were seeking funding this year under our new transitional housing initiative. From outreach sessions held, this continues to be an issues across the state. One emerging trend is the use of Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT). The use of this treatment modality is in high demand in Texas. However the current evidence/literature does not address the ancillary factors (e.g. animal care and "caseload") to support that it as a best practice for treating victims. There is evidence to support it is an efficacious augment to therapy but addressing the ancillary factors have proven to be a barrier to this office's amenable to fund a project of this nature.

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

There were no major staffing retention issues this cycle. While there was no staff turnover for our section, we were understaffed the entire year due to a statewide hiring freeze.

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

Funding Announcement and requests for applications are published in the Texas Register through the Office of the Secretary of State. In addition, all funding opportunities are posted on the Governor's website as well as our electronic grant management website (eGrants). This past cycle our office made an effort to expand services to college campuses across the state and contacted every public and private college and university in the state to inform them about our funding opportunity.

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

We are continuing to direct funds to victims of child sex trafficking. The program currently consists of drop in centers, advocacy programs, and shelters located across the state. CJD is also making data-driven decisions to direct funds to areas of need. Currently, our sexual assault and domestic violence service provision seems to match the national trend but our provision for community violence is less than optimal. Our college campus confidential advocate program funded eleven sites all across the state last year and we hope to continue to grow that in in coming grant cycle. Our Sexual Assault Response Program supported crime victims across the state by decreasing the fiscal burden of these programs through funding direct services and program costs for survivors of sexual assault. The program was utilized to fund on-call time for SANE Advocates, the purchase of durable medical equipment such as colposcopes, expanded crisis intervention services, and a portion of costs associated with SARTs, such as a program coordinator. This was all an effort to ensure that all victims and survivors have access to the fundamental services that support their journey to restoration while maintaining ongoing safety.

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

Our primary approach consists of research, literature reviews of best, promising and emerging practices. Once we have those practices committed to doctrine, we try to elicit information and implementation guidance from stakeholders as well as the nonprofits. After this, we are generally ready to create a detailed, evidence-based funding announcements. In addition we map the services that are currently being provided across the state of Texas and ensure that the programs that are being submitted for funding actually adhere to best, emerging or promising practices. Our office works closely with the state coalitions to review and compare data which enables us to make informed funding decisions about the areas of victim services that could best use the resources we can provide. We also work with the University of Texas on a number of evaluation projects that manly focus on the efficacy of programs.

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

Last year, our office released its biennial report to the legislature with updates on all of CJD's programs and initiatives. On off years where the legislature does not meet, CJD produces an update with our progress toward any interim charges.