

NY Annual State Performance Report

Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program

Reporting Period: [Oct 1, 2019 to Sept 30, 2020]

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

OVC VOCA Assistance Funds				
	2017-VA-GX-0047	2018-V2-GX-0047	2019-V2-GX-0040	2020-V2-GX-0043
Federal Award Amount	\$110,391,054.00	\$199,383,453.00	\$132,000,250.00	\$96,706,562.00
Total Amount of Subawards	\$108,306,010.00	\$43,335,695.00	\$1,529,000.00	\$0.00
Total Number of Subawards	452	178	1	0
Administrative Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$3,429,566.00	\$5,319,041.00	\$4,834,228.00
Training Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance Remaining	\$2,085,044.00	\$152,618,192.00	\$125,152,209.00	\$91,872,334.00

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	2017-VA-GX-0047	2018-V2-GX-0047	2019-V2-GX-0040	2020-V2-GX-0043
Government Agencies Only	61	14	1	0
Corrections	2	2	0	0
Courts	3	0	0	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	4	1	0	0
Prosecutor	21	3	0	0
Other	31	8	1	0
Nonprofit Organization Only	389	161	0	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	34	11	0	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	0	0	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	125	55	0	0
Faith-based Organization	0	0	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	31	16	0	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	37	12	0	0

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Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	28	13	0	0
Multiservice agency	125	49	0	0
Other	9	5	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	2	3	0	0
Campus-based victims services	1	1	0	0
Law enforcement	0	0	0	0
Physical or mental health service program	0	0	0	0
Other	1	2	0	0
Total Number of Subawards	452	178	1	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				
	2017-VA-GX-0047	2018-V2-GX-0047	2019-V2-GX-0040	2020-V2-GX-0043
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	181	141	0	0

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B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	2	0	0	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	270	37	1	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

	2017-VA-GX-0047	2018-V2-GX-0047	2019-V2-GX-0040	2020-V2-GX-0043
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	366	175	1	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	366	175	0	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	366	175	0	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	364	175	0	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	366	175	0	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	366	175	1	0

Priority and Underserved Requirements

Priority Area	2017-VA-GX-0047	2018-V2-GX-0047	2019-V2-GX-0040	2020-V2-GX-0043
Child Abuse				
Total Amount	\$14,584,449.00	\$5,766,850.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	13.00 %	3.00 %	0.00 %	
Domestic and Family Violence				
Total Amount	\$48,678,851.00	\$19,279,549.00	\$1,529,000.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	44.00 %	10.00 %	1.00 %	
Sexual Assault				
Total Amount	\$14,700,245.00	\$7,513,309.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	13.00 %	4.00 %	0.00 %	
Underserved				
Total Amount	\$29,139,522.00	\$10,534,036.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	26.00 %	5.00 %	0.00 %	

Budget and Staffing

Staffing Information	2017-VA-GX-0047	2018-V2-GX-0047	2019-V2-GX-0040	2020-V2-GX-0043
Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	10968	7015	0	

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Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	3736664	1324832	0
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	55284	20547	0
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	894161	568844	0

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)	470	15395	12748	10005	10859	12251
Adult Sexual Assault	471	7477	6478	5738	5647	6335
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	469	1945	1853	1480	1718	1749
Arson	469	123	114	170	100	126
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	468	2055	2233	1504	2198	1997
Burglary	469	3869	2648	1703	1072	2323
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	471	8119	8447	6742	6563	7467
Child Pornography	469	272	264	161	238	233
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	471	14018	13856	9900	12779	12638
Domestic and/or Family Violence	3	57956	55297	65543	55253	58512
DUI/DWI Incidents	470	4224	2674	661	394	1988
Elder Abuse or Neglect	470	1510	1763	1632	1724	1657
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	469	121	414	229	274	259
Human Trafficking: Labor	469	217	256	247	286	251
Human Trafficking: Sex	470	999	885	967	1116	991
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	469	1883	1905	2158	2185	2032
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	469	109	104	95	70	94
Kidnapping (custodial)	469	96	106	169	39	102

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Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	469	252	77	19	97	111
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	469	888	821	590	574	718
Robbery	470	2758	2181	1799	1348	2021
Stalking/Harassment	470	7795	6673	5954	7274	6924
Survivors of Homicide Victims	470	1969	1692	1327	1461	1612
Teen Dating Victimization	468	261	249	169	192	217
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	469	128	87	41	20	69
Other	469	18898	16719	216368	293000	136246

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	312	365	292	347	1731
Homeless	4697	3587	4579	4137	13927
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	5666	5687	5482	5841	24738
LGBTQ	1647	1783	1430	2010	8700
Veterans	327	292	243	307	1268
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/Physical /Mental	6028	5255	4306	5715	30966
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	6296	8320	15010	8568	37387
Other	820	579	587	603	5817

General Award Information

Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level	Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.	449161	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year	495752	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.	329528	73.37 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?	64058	14.26 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.	51334	

Demographics

Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian or Alaska Native	1187	0.36 %
Asian	7455	2.26 %
Black or African American	49782	15.11 %

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Hispanic or Latino	38009	11.53 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	686	0.21 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	77536	23.53 %
Some Other Race	12541	3.81 %
Multiple Races	12246	3.72 %
Not Reported	60911	18.48 %
Not Tracked	69175	20.99 %
Race/Ethnicity Total	329528	
Gender Identity		
Male	79650	24.17 %
Female	170545	51.75 %
Other	973	0.30 %
Not Reported	12781	3.88 %
Not Tracked	65579	19.90 %
Gender Total	329528	
Age		
Age 0- 12	35581	10.80 %
Age 13- 17	19845	6.02 %
Age 18- 24	31614	9.59 %
Age 25- 59	126869	38.50 %
Age 60 and Older	15838	4.81 %
Not Reported	32214	9.78 %
Not Tracked	67567	20.50 %
Age Total	329528	

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	396	349961	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	254050
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	871305
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	164311

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			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	140085
B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	382	109559	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	9205
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	7006
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	16180
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	253874
			B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	4975
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	6844
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	16594
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	12229
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	49029
			B10. Interpreter services	21536
C. Emotional Support or Safety Services	352	197855	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	146759
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	301230
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	3692
			C4. Individual counseling	294011
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	20622
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	73009
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	71221
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	126	9330	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	154573
			D2. Transitional housing	30622

			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	8017
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	351	203643	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	10660971
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	4366
			E3. Assistance with restitution	7968
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	41667
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	88016
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	7574
			E7. Immigration assistance	24830
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	23004
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	54385
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	126031
E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	30277			

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	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	1
No	0
Describe any program or educational materials developed during the reporting period.	
N/A	

Describe any planning or training events held during the reporting period.
N/A
Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.
OVS continued with recently adopted policy changes related to the activities that we fund with our VOCA funds. These include allowing sub-grantees to fund case manager services; to fund attorney services for programs who are in need of legal services to assist with the comprehensive, victim centered work and to partner with programs to improve and expand services for vulnerable adults at risk of abuse, neglect or financial exploitation. Additionally, with the emergence of the Covid-19 pandemic OVS was able to secure approval from OVC for blanket match waivers for our programs to allow them to continue to use their entire awards regardless of whether they could meet their required match component.
Describe any earned media coverage events/episodes during the reporting period.
In October 2019 OVS recognized October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). Earlier in this year Governor Cuomo announced legislation expanding assistance for victims of domestic violence who were not physically injured during the crime. The law allows these individuals to apply for reimbursement for shelter costs and crime scene cleanup expenses from OVS. OVS has partnered with SUNY, Empire Justice Center and ProBonoNet to create the New York Crime Victims Legal Help, an online resource allowing victims, including domestic violence victims to learn about their rights and connect with legal representation. Once the Covid-19 pandemic hit New York OVS issued updates and ongoing resources for programs regarding the pandemic.
Describe any coordinated responses/services for assisting crime victims during the reporting period.
Due to the pandemic hitting the state of New York in March 2020 OVS was in constant contact with all of our funded victim assistance programs to provide any assistance that was needed. OVS worked with our programs to be able to assist them in providing as many services as possible to crime victims. Since many programs were shut down and could not see clients in person, we worked with programs to be able to assist them in seeing clients remotely and working to be able to provide those essential services that were still needed in a virtually new environment.
Please discuss the major issues in your state that either assist or prevent victims from receiving assistance during the reporting period.
Programs continue to provide information on compensation benefits during their intake process but some have related that victims are too overwhelmed at this point to consider filing the additional paperwork required to initiate a claim, especially if they do not have any immediate out-of-pocket expenses to be considered. OVS has an on-line Victim Services Portal which allows more immediate submission of applications and removes this deterrent for certain victims, however programs do not always reintroduce the compensation option at a later time in their relationship with the victim when there may be newly incurred expenses. OVS funded Victim Assistance Programs continue to tell us that undocumented immigrants are hesitant to report crimes to police, to participate in the criminal justice process or seek crime victim services as they are fearful of being deported. OVS continues to provide training and guidance to help clarify claims opportunities when these issues are identified during site visits and program contacts. OVS continues to provide monthly victim assistance program training for any program who wants to attend and also has started to bring staff from the compensation division along on program site visits so that they can be available to answer any program questions as well.
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.
Programs participate in local coalitions, multidisciplinary teams, and taskforces to coordinate services for various victim populations. These meetings incorporate input and service strategies from multiple public and private entities such as local victim assistance agencies, law enforcement, and health and human service programs. They also attend regional Coalition meetings to discuss service approaches with their local contemporaries, receive direct service training, and development. A concerted outreach effort to ensure that those most in need of our services was made so that victims are aware that services are available to them. In addition, OVS also holds our own Advisory Council meetings with our VAPs where issues and concerns are discussed together to work towards solutions to help victims. OVS has also partnered with several other state agencies to provide funding for direct services to victims of crime.
Please describe any notable activities at the grantee level during the reporting period that improved delivery of victim services.

The emergence of the Covid-19 pandemic shut down the state of New York on March 16, 2020. Initially OVS worked to get staff up and running remotely in order to be able to perform their duties. While there were challenges for staff to telecommute 100% at a moment's notice, staff were soon able to be work with our victim assistance programs to provide any assistance that was needed. Since programs themselves were dealing with the same issues, OVS was able to work with programs to help them serve their clients in any way we could.

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

Human trafficking (HT) victims continue to experience a lack of adequate shelter after reporting the crime. Victims of HT cannot find shelter which supports their language and cultural needs which can lead to victims returning to their traffickers. OVS has provided funding to programs to increase their capacity to provide services to HT victims and continues to explore ways to address this issue in New York State. Transportation is an issue in many upstate, rural communities, several regions of the state do not have child advocacy centers where VOCA funded projects provide services to child victims and often need to coordinate transportation to CACs for medical or forensic examinations. OVS has worked with several CACs to open satellite offices in communities that do not have access to these services. Additionally, OVS has partnered with the NYS Office of Children and Family Services to fund a project for mobile CAC units, these units will be able to travel to different rural locations where victims have difficulty getting services. Sexual assault is a high priority issue in New York. To ensure that services are available to all sexual assault victims, The Governor's Office has initiated several projects in addition to the VOCA funded sexual assault projects. Campus sexual assault is being addressed by all state agencies that fund rape crisis programs and OVS has partnered with the State University of New York on a project that will provide victims of sexual assault with comfort bags containing items that can be of use in the situation that they have been through. Domestic and interpersonal violence remains a significant issue in New York. Victims of domestic violence receive shelter and support services by VOCA funded projects. Victims often remain in the system for an extended period of time because they have limited resources to move forward. Many victims are under employed or unemployed, have no housing options after shelter, need child care and transportation. There are few transitional housing projects to assist victims in making the transition from victim to survivor and OVS is working to increase the number of these projects.

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

OVS continues to participate in the Governor's Interagency Human Trafficking Task Force. We have conducted training for several sub-grantees on Human Trafficking and representatives from the U.S. Attorney's Office are interested in partnering with OVS at future training events. However, the majority of VAPs deal primarily with local law enforcement on cases and report not being exposed to federal crimes. VAPs have expressed both a willingness to assist victims of such incidents and establish relationships with federal law enforcement and victim service agencies to facilitate services should the need arise.

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

Issues continue to be mental health, lack of housing, lack of civil legal representation, underserved populations such as elder abuse, Native Americans, LGTBQ and young men of color. Programs report that the continued increase in victims with mental health issues and illegal drug use in their areas causes a ripple effect of crimes such as assaults, robberies, and burglaries. Resources to deal with mental health and addiction issues are similarly impacted by financial constraints. Programs report a need for additional shelter space as well as the need for more transitional housing opportunities for victims. Affordable housing remains a significant issue with limited resources available for victims to secure housing by assisting with rent, security deposits and utility connection costs. With the increase in mass casualty events, OVS continues to meet with local communities as well as the FBI in an effort to be proactive in how to plan for the next event.

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

Programs continue to report high turnover due to low salaries and emotional burn out. While some programs have used the additional funding that they have received to provide overdue raises to current staff and to recruit new positions at a higher rate, it still remains an issue. Programs have also implemented staff appreciation programs to help retain experienced staff.

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

All NYS agencies are required to publicize competitive grants opportunities on the state's Grants Gateway System as well as advertise opportunities in the NYS Contract Reporter. With our current contracts ending on September 30, 2022, we will be issuing a new competitive request for applications in January 2022 for new contracts starting on October 1, 2022.

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

OVS is able to direct funding to new/underserved populations through discretionary awards; by amending our existing contracts to provide additional funding and services; through a new competitive or non-competitive bid; or through a single/sole source contract. OVS can also enter into emergency contracts, when justified, allowing us the flexibility to provide direct funding when a need is identified.

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

When service gaps are identified, OVS canvasses programs currently providing victim services in the needed area to see if they are interested in providing the additional needed services. For example, if the only agency providing particular services in a particular county announced they were shutting down their program, we would reach out to programs in neighboring counties with the expertise and experience to provide those services and work to locate one interested in expanding their current contract to include those services for that county. As an example, by working with the regional coalition where a program that did not receive an award during our recent competitive procurement was located. To avoid a gap in services to victims, OVS was able to connect all of the programs in the area that could provide services to the clients of the previously OVS funded program.

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

OVS is required by law to submit a written report to the governor and to the NYS legislature on our agency activities including, but not limited to, specific information regarding crime victim service programs funded by OVS; other sources of funding for crime victims service programs; and an assessment of the adequacy of the current level of funding to meet the reasonable needs of the crime victims service program.