

SD 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-4083	2018-V2-GX-0063	2019-V2-GX-0057	2020-V2-GX-0025
Federal Award Amount	\$5,072,230.00	\$9,213,724.00	\$6,436,592.00	\$4,875,040.00
Total Amount of Subawards	\$1,942,468.00	\$8,824,172.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Number of Subawards	45	46	0	0
Administrative Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Training Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance Remaining	\$3,129,762.00	\$389,552.00	\$6,436,592.00	\$4,875,040.00

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-4083	2018-V2-GX-0063	2019-V2-GX-0057	2020-V2-GX-0025
Government Agencies Only	5	4	0	0
Corrections	0	0	0	0
Courts	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	3	3	0	0
Prosecutor	2	1	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Nonprofit Organization Only	34	36	0	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	8	10	0	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	1	1	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	3	4	0	0
Faith-based Organization	1	1	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	13	12	0	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)	1	1	0	0
Multiservice agency	5	5	0	0
Other	2	2	0	0
Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Agencies, and Organizations Only	6	6	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	6	6	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	45	46	0	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-4083	2018-V2-GX-0063	2019-V2-GX-0057	2020-V2-GX-0025
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	43	43	0	0

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B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	8	8	0	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	6	6	0	0
D. Start up a new Native American victim services project	2	2	0	0
E. Expand or enhance an existing Native American project	2	2	0	0

VOCA and Match Funds
A single SAR can select multiple service types. Numbers are not unique

	2017-VA-GX-4083	2018-V2-GX-0063	2019-V2-GX-0057	2020-V2-GX-0025
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	4	44	0	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	4	36	0	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	3	39	0	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	3	29	0	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	4	35	0	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	4	46	0	0

Priority and Underserved Requirements

Priority Area	2017-VA-GX-4083	2018-V2-GX-0063	2019-V2-GX-0057	2020-V2-GX-0025
Child Abuse				
Total Amount	\$273,184.00	\$1,691,919.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	5.00 %	18.00 %		
Domestic and Family Violence				
Total Amount	\$645,203.00	\$4,281,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	13.00 %	46.00 %		
Sexual Assault				
Total Amount	\$407,077.00	\$1,030,670.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	8.00 %	11.00 %		
Underserved				
Total Amount	\$605,281.00	\$1,742,991.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	12.00 %	19.00 %		

Budget and Staffing

Staffing Information	2017-VA-GX-4083	2018-V2-GX-0063	2019-V2-GX-0057	2020-V2-GX-0025
Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	329	361		

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Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	284094	314746		
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	1137	7758		
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	97188	90923		

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)	32	0	0	0	461	115
Adult Sexual Assault	37	0	0	0	176	44
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	32	0	0	0	57	14
Arson	7	0	0	0	0	0
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	22	0	0	0	23	5
Burglary	7	0	0	0	29	7
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	38	0	0	0	994	248
Child Pornography	9	0	0	0	4	1
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	37	0	0	0	725	181
Domestic and/or Family Violence	39	0	0	0	2302	575
DUI/DWI Incidents	10	0	0	0	11	2
Elder Abuse or Neglect	33	0	0	0	45	11
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	10	0	0	0	1	0
Human Trafficking: Labor	15	0	0	0	18	4
Human Trafficking: Sex	34	0	0	0	114	28
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	7	0	0	0	10	2
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	13	0	0	0	3	0
Kidnapping (custodial)	12	0	0	0	0	0

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Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	8	0	0	0	0	0
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	10	0	0	0	18	4
Robbery	7	0	0	0	6	1
Stalking/Harassment	36	0	0	0	73	18
Survivors of Homicide Victims	16	0	0	0	40	10
Teen Dating Victimization	30	0	0	0	15	3
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	4	0	0	0	0	0
Other	1	0	0	0	123	30

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	0	0	0	26	7
Homeless	0	0	0	822	255
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	0	0	0	47	12
LGBTQ	0	0	0	54	16
Veterans	0	0	0	24	8
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/Physical /Mental	0	0	0	0	0
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	0	0	0	96	24
Other	0	0	0	2124	644

General Award Information

Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level	Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.	5248	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year	0	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.	5248	100.00 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?	0	0.00 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.	263	

Demographics

Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian or Alaska Native	2242	42.72 %
Asian	29	0.55 %
Black or African American	203	3.87 %

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Hispanic or Latino	188	3.58 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	8	0.15 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	2247	42.82 %
Some Other Race	48	0.91 %
Multiple Races	0	0.00 %
Not Reported	283	5.39 %
Not Tracked	0	0.00 %
Race/Ethnicity Total	5248	
Gender Identity		
Male	1320	25.15 %
Female	3869	73.72 %
Other	0	0.00 %
Not Reported	58	1.11 %
Not Tracked	1	0.02 %
Gender Total	5248	
Age		
Age 0- 12	1786	34.03 %
Age 13- 17	429	8.17 %
Age 18- 24	407	7.76 %
Age 25- 59	2247	42.82 %
Age 60 and Older	139	2.65 %
Not Reported	229	4.36 %
Not Tracked	11	0.21 %
Age Total	5248	

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	34	1554	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	216
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	243
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	171

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			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	1321
B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	39	2604	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	27
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	13
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	55
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	2190
			B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	333
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	1
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	84
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	24
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	298
			B10. Interpreter services	16
C. Emotional Support or Safety Services	38	2465	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	952
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	1290
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	32
			C4. Individual counseling	524
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	63
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	37
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	717
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	29	808	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	782
			D2. Transitional housing	6

			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	49
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	30	1946	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	206
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	69
			E3. Assistance with restitution	9
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	255
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	121
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	172
			E7. Immigration assistance	3
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	39
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	0
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	1347
E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	117			

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.	

SDVS has been working to update staff business cards, brochures and other informational materials since the transition from the Department of Social Services in 2018. Brochures and informational guidance for CVC claimants to assist with the application process.

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

No formal training events were held during the reporting period. SDVS consistently conducts training webinars and virtual events as needed and requested for subrecipients. SDVS initiated a contract with the Government Research Bureau (GRB) of the University of South Dakota to create a strategic plan for 2020-2023. The purpose was to provide SDVS with direction and a sense of unified purpose. In June 2020, GRB in collaboration with Sage Consulting conducted a strategic planning session via Zoom with key stakeholders identified by SDVS. This group worked collaboratively with GRB to produce draft goals and objectives for the new strategic plan. The group also articulated new vision, missions, and values statements for SDVS. Prior to the meeting, the GRB developed and administered a survey to all the planning participants to identify agency strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT). The result of this SWOT analysis were summarized at the beginning of the strategic planning session.

Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.

In March of 2020, SDVS created and implemented an Enhanced Desk Review Policy. In the event that travel for scheduled on-site monitoring is not possible due to an emergency or other uncontrollable circumstance, SD Victims Services (SDVS) has the discretion to postpone site visits until travel is once again possible, or if the emergency or circumstance lasts or is projected to last more than 30 days. In this event, an Enhanced Desk Review (EDR) may be performed. If an EDR is completed in place of an On-Site Review, it is up to the discretion of SDVS if new, moderate or high-risk organizations or concerning discoveries identified during a EDR, will receive an On-Site Review within 60 days following the EDR when permitted. If an EDR is completed under these guidelines, the organization is not required to have an On-Site Review the following year but may revert to regularly scheduled monitoring procedures. Typical on-site monitoring allows SDVS staff to meet and acknowledge the efforts of grant staff performing the work; review of the organization mission; ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant award; ensure accuracy and consistency of reporting; review of administrative practices and fiscal management, and to provide direct technical assistance in person if necessary. For these reasons, EDRs are not the preferred method of compliance monitoring and should only be employed in the event of an emergency such as the Nation or State restricts travel, or an uncontrolled circumstance would affect for the health, life, or safety of personnel.

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

SDVS itself did not do any media coverage events or episodes during the reporting period. There has been an increase in victims of human trafficking and that has been an emerging issue that is being broadcast throughout the media. There have been various news stories, billboards and other awareness activities to begin the conversation and educate individuals around the state of this issue and how to identify it and what resources are available to try to combat it.

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

From a subrecipient: Being witness to somebody receiving good news is a remarkable gift. The value of this gift proliferates when good news falls on the ears of people who have been thrown against endless adversity. A woman who has been receiving services from the Artemis House for years was recently awarded with section 8 housing. This was a relief for her and her 5 children who have been experiencing homeless for months, many of those during winter. After being convicted of a felony, acquiring housing for her and her children was next to impossible. She appealed, applied, and worked for many grueling hours all the while supporting her children and other clients in shelter. Her tireless efforts seemed to all emerge to nothing more than dead-end after dead-end. That is until she was standing in our office, this time as a visitor, holding a letter for her section eight housing approval with tears streaking down her cheeks. It was a break for her, finally. We at the Artemis House take no credit for her receiving that, although we are proud of her effort, commitment, and strength in overcoming seemingly impossible adversity time-after-time. This is a story of success because she was able to break the cycle of homelessness, and violence for her and her children.

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

Numerous subrecipient agencies report the location of services available to victims as a consistent issue. South Dakota is a largely rural state and many rural communities are faced with the challenge of providing services due needing to travel to accessible services. Housing is another major issue that is repeatedly faced as a challenge for many victims and survivors across the state. Depending on the area, the availability of any housing may be limited and additionally, affordable housing may be difficult to find.

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.

Within the last few years, SDVS has begun a Quarterly Newsletter that is disseminated to current subrecipients and others within the victim services field who have requested to be on the distribution list. The newsletter often showcases events happening around the state, current statistics from the last quarter and information that is crucial to providing services. SDVS has also put emphasis on knowing different events that are occurring around the state and provide a presence at events to provide information about the program and answer questions to those who may not know services exist.

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

With the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic, this created new barriers for service providers to assist clients. This could be with transportation to areas that were on lockdown with check-points to ensuring there was proper PPE for staff. Beginning in March 2020, SDVS partnered with the SD Network Against Family Violence & Sexual Assault to host weekly COVID update calls. This was a time for program staff and other service providers to call and explain what the scene was in their area and challenges and difficulties they were facing. This allowed other programs to assist with troubleshooting to find solutions and to also talk about preparing what to do should they find themselves in the same situation. Throughout the pandemic, these calls have moved from weekly to biweekly but have still remained a constant. An average of 40+ individuals will typically join these calls and has allowed for improved delivery of services to meet the needs of crime victims in the changing landscape of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Child Abuse: SDVS currently funds 6 CASA programs across the state who provide advocacy to children who have been abused. SDVS also funds four Child Advocacy Centers who coordinate and provide forensic interviews to children who have been abused or suspected victims of abuse. Domestic Assault: SDVS funds 26 shelter-based programs and 3 non-shelter/outreach-based programs to provide services to domestic assault victims in their areas. Sexual Assault: SDVS funds a rape crisis center in the most populated city/area of the state that is able to provide advocacy services to victims during sexual assault examinations as well as follow up advocacy and counseling services. Underserved: SDVS funds 6 tribal programs or programs located directly on reservations. these agencies are able to provide a wide range of services and culturally-specific services to Native Americans.

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

SDVS subrecipient programs partner with FBI and BIA Victim Advocates to provide comprehensive services. This enables open lines of communication with them as well as with the US Attorney's office.

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

An emerging issue within SD has been the significant increase in human trafficking victims. This is largely contributed to two major interstates that travel through the state and high populations of immigrant and refugee populations. There has been an increase in media awareness and educational activities and programming to inform populations about the signs of trafficking whether it be sex or labor trafficking and the services available.

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

Within the last few years, SDVS has experienced significant internal staff turnover in the form of multiple Program Managers and change in Crime Victim Compensation Specialists. Subrecipient programs also express staffing retention issues. SDVS is exploring the possibility of implementing statewide training minimums for funded subrecipient programs in hopes to combat staff turnover and ensure services to victims are not being compromised due to turnover. In coordination with the designated domestic violence coalition, SDVS has begun working with programs to educate, provide resources and training opportunities to subrecipient programs to express the importance of staff retention, program sustainability and organizational capacity.

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

SDVS sends an announcement to all current subrecipients when a new grant solicitation is available. Announcements are also sent to the two coalitions within the state and any agency that has made an inquiry in the previous year. SDVS maintains a log of individuals or entities that have requested information or may have the eligibility requirements to be a possible subrecipient. The program is consistently looking for programs that do not currently receive funding but may be eligible and begin having conversations prior to annual solicitations to prepare programs of what requirements may be. The grant announcement is also placed on the SDVS portion of the Department of Public Safety website. SDVS also hosts a pre-solicitation webinar for those interested to give an explanation of the funding announcement and allow programs to ask questions.

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

SDVS provides funding to many programs who are tribal or are directly located on reservations. Native Americans and Native American women are often victimized at a higher rate than other victims. SDVS has also been working with the two coalitions in the state to bring awareness to the LGBTQ communities. These coalitions have both provided training to those interested in understanding and working with LGBTQ survivors of violent crime. SDVS is constantly seeking additional applicant programs that serve underserved and unserved populations of victims as potential subrecipients.

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

SDVS subrecipients maintain connections with one another to collaborate on services they are able to provide. These subrecipients work together to assist a victim who may be fleeing a violent situation or share resources as needed. SDVS maintains a listing of shelter agencies and other funded programs on our website that is available for viewing.

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

Each year, the Department of Public Safety must present its budget before the Governor and legislation and provide performance indicators. Indicators are provided for the previous year, current year, and projections for the upcoming year in the following areas: number of unduplicated victims served, number of unduplicated victims sheltered, and the number of victim compensation claims approved.