

KY Annual State Performance Report

Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program

Reporting Period: [Oct 1, 2020 to Sept 30, 2021]

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

OVC VOCA Assistance Funds				
	2018-V2-GX-0055	2019-V2-GX-0028	2020-V2-GX-0026	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00627-ASSI
Federal Award Amount	\$45,129,285.00	\$30,568,043.00	\$22,594,642.00	\$14,131,655.00
Total Amount of Subawards	\$42,663,313.00	\$15,563,545.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Number of Subawards	141	110	0	0
Administrative Funds Amount	\$1,072,669.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Training Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance Remaining	\$1,393,303.00	\$15,004,498.00	\$22,594,642.00	\$14,131,655.00

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	2018-V2-GX-0055	2019-V2-GX-0028	2020-V2-GX-0026	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00627-ASSI
Government Agencies Only	47	45	0	0
Corrections	1	0	0	0
Courts	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	9	9	0	0
Prosecutor	34	33	0	0
Other	3	3	0	0
Nonprofit Organization Only	91	64	0	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	31	28	0	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	1	0	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	18	8	0	0
Faith-based Organization	1	1	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	4	2	0	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	4	4	0	0
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	13	5	0	0
Multiservice agency	1	2	0	0
Other	18	14	0	0

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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	3	1	0	0
Campus-based victims services	0	0	0	0
Law enforcement	0	0	0	0
Physical or mental health service program	2	0	0	0
Other	1	1	0	0
Total Number of Subawards	141	110	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				
	2018-V2-GX-0055	2019-V2-GX-0028	2020-V2-GX-0026	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00627-ASSI
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	123	101	0	0
B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	3	4	0	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	14	5	0	0
D. Start up a new Native American victim services project	0	0	0	0
E. Expand or enhance an existing Native American project	0	0	0	0

VOCA and Match Funds

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

	2018-V2-GX-0055	2019-V2-GX-0028	2020-V2-GX-0026	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00627-ASSI
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	132	107	0	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	115	89	0	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	107	83	0	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	49	37	0	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	103	83	0	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	140	110	0	0

Priority and Underserved Requirements

Priority Area	2018-V2-GX-0055	2019-V2-GX-0028	2020-V2-GX-0026	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00627-ASSI
Child Abuse				
Total Amount	\$12,699,631.00	\$6,553,804.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	28.00 %	21.00 %		
Domestic and Family Violence				
Total Amount	\$16,296,614.00	\$4,302,340.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	36.00 %	14.00 %		
Sexual Assault				
Total Amount	\$6,506,376.00	\$1,781,244.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	14.00 %	6.00 %		
Underserved				
Total Amount	\$7,143,722.00	\$2,914,426.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	16.00 %	10.00 %		

Budget and Staffing

Staffing Information	2018-V2-GX-0055	2019-V2-GX-0028	2020-V2-GX-0026	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00627-ASSI
Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	2016	1225		
Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	1520881	631990		
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	2146	1445		
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	169660	109742		

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)	71	2443	2558	2641	3051	2673
Adult Sexual Assault	81	1383	1464	1663	1728	1559
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	72	679	824	1144	1057	926
Arson	34	35	43	57	48	45
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	66	884	969	1125	1311	1072
Burglary	46	585	851	864	824	781
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	1	5240	5482	5335	5401	5364
Child Pornography	75	296	344	290	289	304
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	110	5061	5773	5832	6210	5719
Domestic and/or Family Violence	2	16526	16611	18667	19086	17722
DUI/DWI Incidents	44	289	298	321	284	298
Elder Abuse or Neglect	57	343	280	233	358	303
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	53	116	112	90	78	99
Human Trafficking: Labor	62	39	42	42	65	47
Human Trafficking: Sex	1	214	240	216	288	239
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	44	438	600	524	494	514
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	50	71	73	217	99	115
Kidnapping (custodial)	49	119	131	37	204	122
Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	34	191	119	112	97	129
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	42	366	379	354	383	370
Robbery	46	304	344	259	290	299
Stalking/Harassment	84	1372	1507	1767	1799	1611
Survivors of Homicide Victims	1	380	383	352	370	371
Teen Dating Victimization	85	237	196	237	220	222
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	24	11	21	33	65	32
Other	16	953	1248	1254	1448	1225

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	72	71	111	111	409

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Homeless	1981	1963	2461	2460	12649
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	1051	1003	1206	1180	4670
LGBTQ	384	459	525	550	1802
Veterans	186	196	257	156	747
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/ Physical /Mental	2733	2261	2616	3113	11524
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	811	833	968	913	4734
Other	2531	2179	3340	3583	7245

General Award Information		
Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level	Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.	127712	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year	4912	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.	80321	62.89 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?	24629	19.28 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.	14283	

Demographics		
Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian or Alaska Native	182	0.23 %
Asian	317	0.39 %
Black or African American	11258	14.02 %
Hispanic or Latino	3570	4.44 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	51	0.06 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	55529	69.13 %
Some Other Race	481	0.60 %
Multiple Races	1780	2.22 %
Not Reported	7094	8.83 %
Not Tracked	59	0.07 %
Race/Ethnicity Total	80321	
Gender Identity		
Male	19681	24.50 %
Female	57107	71.10 %
Other	176	0.22 %
Not Reported	3297	4.10 %
Not Tracked	60	0.07 %
Gender Total	80321	
Age		
Age 0- 12	14302	17.81 %
Age 13- 17	7270	9.05 %
Age 18- 24	9185	11.44 %

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Age 25- 59	39975	49.77 %
Age 60 and Older	4472	5.57 %
Not Reported	5057	6.30 %
Not Tracked	60	0.07 %
Age Total	80321	

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	128	73320	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	63375
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	53613
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	30300
			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	86801
B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	103	40217	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	1315
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	2021
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	2991
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	73325
			B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	7323
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	858
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	6322
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	10219
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	19023
B10. Interpreter services	5815			
C. Emotional Support or Safety	111	60185	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	153040
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	18547
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	2666

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Services			C4. Individual counseling	80498
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	42451
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	23939
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	9814
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	50	8545	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	129067
			D2. Transitional housing	18691
			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	4043
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	104	68281	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	41748
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	1978
			E3. Assistance with restitution	13419
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	20372
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	24954
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	10482
			E7. Immigration assistance	2715
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	3854
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	1682
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	15453
E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	2888			

ANNUAL QUESTIONS

Grantee Annually Reported Questions	
Question/Option	Count
Were any administrative and training funds used during the reporting period?	
Yes	1
No	0
Did the administrative funds support any education activities during the reporting period?	
Yes	1
No	0
Number of requests received for education activities during the reporting period.	80
Number of people trained or attending education events during the reporting period.	200
Number of events conducted during the reporting period.	80
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.

SAA staff improved grants orientation and grants management training materials for outreach to potential applicants as well as training for current subrecipients. SAA staff provided training to subrecipients regarding the Determination of Suitability to Interact with Participating Minors grant award condition. In March and April 2020, SAA staff created a COVID-19 FAQ for Kentucky Victim Service Providers. This FAQ provides essential information for VOCA-funded victim service providers on COVID response planning, modifications to SAA staff availability, travel restrictions, telehealth guidance, emergency assistance funds availability, Grant Adjustment Notice procedures, administrative leave policy needs, etc. SAA staff established an online resource for VOCA administrative documentation, giving subrecipient agencies the ability to download instructions on the electronic grants management system, time and activity reporting, OVC PMT reporting, Grant Adjustment Notice request procedures, and more. SAA staff have created Job Aids to assist subrecipients with programmatic progress and PMT reporting, financial reporting, SAR preparation, navigating our electronic grants management system, and accessing Microsoft Teams to participate in SAA online training and technical assistance activities. SAA staff have incorporated a bi-monthly newsletter to further inform subrecipients on important topics: Funding Updates, Compliance Corner, Training Opportunities, Reporting Reminders.

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

SAA staff provided executive directors and grants management staff from subrecipient agencies with VOCA-related training through attendance at coalition board meetings, annual conferences, and remote training opportunities. SAA staff provided 1-on-1 VOCA Orientation trainings to each new subrecipient various technical assistance sessions for reporting monthly Monitoring and Technical Assistance training sessions

Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.

SAA staff updated and clarified Award Conditions to 2021-2022 subawards to ensure all necessary award conditions were passed down to subrecipients. In accordance with recommendations from OIG audit, SAA revised Award Conditions documents to specify the funding year of the subaward. VOCA Subaward Application Guidelines and Instructions now also include the projected total funding amount, as well as the federal awards expected to be used to support subawards. SAA staff focused heavily on promoting Best Practices in Hiring guidelines to strive for competitiveness and compliance. SAA staff received OVC approval for a revised VOCA Match Waiver Policy, which now includes the ability for GMD to initiate match waivers on behalf of one or more sub-recipients due to Unique Circumstances that can occur which drastically affect victim service providers. During those times, such agencies need additional flexibility with their limited resources. Therefore, GMD may initiate match waivers either on an individual Subaward, multiple Subawards, or a blanket basis for VOCA sub-recipients when there is a direct impact on services provided to victims of crime. SAA has implemented a hybrid work schedule that includes telecommuting and in-office work. Telecommuting utilizes VPN technology to ensure secure communications and document sharing. Agency uses Microsoft Teams for meetings and collaborative activities. Managers closely review time and activity reporting for compliance with grant requirements. SAA has revised policy language to ensure consultant rates above \$81.25/hr are not approved. SAA has implemented new policy around issuing management decisions resulting from subrecipient audit review. SAA is planning a comprehensive review and update of SAA Policy and Procedures manual, to incorporate best practices, including updated procedures for financial management, FFR submission, supporting documentation review, subrecipient monitoring. SAA developed a revised application review rubric to support the review of subaward applications submitted during our yearly competitive solicitation process, and for the first time released an Award Recommendation Report detailing the SAA's application review criteria and how they were applied to applications.

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

Press release by Governor's Office regarding 2021-2022 VOCA subawards.

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

Programmatic and financial staff participate in many state and local meetings, task forces, councils, and other gatherings to help coordinate services. SAA staff continue to review reported services provided and clients served at the county level, so we can improve our assessment of service gaps in the state. The SAA continues to support the KY State Police Victim Advocacy and Support Services project, a state-wide initiative that places a victim advocate at each of the 16 KSP posts in the state. SAA continues to support the VOCA project at the KY Office of the Attorney General's Office for Victim Advocacy. This project supports a "floating" victim advocate that provides support to prosecutor-based advocates around the state, as well as providing advocacy upon request for prosecutor's offices that lack the funding to support an advocate.

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

Major issues that prevent victims from receiving assistance include the ongoing opioid crisis, which intersects significantly with criminal victimization and hinders the ability for survivors to access services. Another major issue is the lack of recognition of the specific needs of underserved populations - Kentucky has a high percentage of rural, geographically-isolated citizens, for whom poverty/economic depression limits income and ability to travel to seek out service providers. Rural areas hinder access due to intersectionality between poverty, victimizations, and distance from service providers. The volatility of the Kentucky Employee Retirement System (KERS) has historically prevented jurisdictions from hiring and keeping Victim Advocates due to noncompetitive salary/benefits. Legislation was recently passed that provided some assistance with addressing this challenge, but many of our systems-based programs still face this challenge. The COVID-19 pandemic and its resultant lockdowns placed major barriers in the way of victims seeking and receiving assistance -- domestic violence survivors being locked down with perpetrators, child victims separated from school-based support systems, and delays in processing of court cases and protective orders were major challenges during the reporting period. Factors that have assisted victims in receiving assistance include strong victim service coalitions for domestic violence, sexual violence, children's advocacy, and Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs that provide technical assistance and coordination of activities state-wide. State-wide Victim Assistance Service and Support program at each of 16 Kentucky State Police posts around the state provide access to Law Enforcement-based advocacy services for many victims who otherwise would not have access to advocacy services.

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.

Programmatic and financial staff have participated in many state and local meetings, task forces, councils, and other gatherings to help coordinate services. Encouraging mentoring opportunities between newer and more experienced VOCA subrecipients; VOCA staff attend several MDT meetings around the state and encourage subrecipients to participate as well. VOCA staff also attended Child Fatality Review Board meetings to gather information and help coordinate services.

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

Improved Grant Management, especially focusing on best hiring practices, which improves delivery of services by striving to have most qualified staff members serving victims. Participating in committees developing resource guides and protocols that promote victim-centered and trauma-informed service provision. SAA VOCA staff working to coordinate VOCA purposes with KY VAWA STOP Implementation Plan, currently in development. SAA staff participated in the planning and execution of the Kentucky Victim Assistance Academy. This was a remote academy provided for students with 0-3 years of advocacy experience during the last week of August 2021.

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

For FFY 2021, KJPSC awarded \$35.9 million in VOCA Assistance funds. 29.4% of those funds supported services for victimizations related to child abuse, 40.4% supported services for domestic and family violence victimizations, 14.3% towards sexual assault, and 15.9% towards underserved categories of victim services. SAA funding strategy for FY 2021 included providing additional funds to our most effective programs, identifying new projects to impact underserved communities, and helping struggling agencies to find their footing or, if they fail to improve, identifying other agencies to provide those services in that region. Along those lines, KY VOCA funded 126 continuing projects and 7 new projects. Under the Child Abuse Priority Area, 13 stand-alone Childrens Advocacy Centers and 2 combined Childrens Advocacy and Sexual Violence Resource Centers were funded, along with 20 Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs across the state. This allowed GMD in FY 2021 to expand CASA services into several counties that previously did not have those services available. Also funded are 5 programs providing mental health services to child victims of crime in residential settings, including the only residential program in the state certified to serve adolescent girls severely traumatized by abuse. Additionally, the following projects were funded: 2 programs providing mental health services to child victims of crime and their non-offending caregivers, a shelter program focused on homeless youth victims of crime, a program providing civil legal aid services specifically to child victims of abuse, and a program providing services addressing Emergency and Short-Term needs of child victims of abuse and exploitation. The continuing projects serving victims of the mass violence incident in western KY in January 2018 also identify and refer victims under this priority area to the local Childrens Advocacy Center and other appropriate service providers. Under the Domestic Violence Priority Area, 14 stand-alone Domestic Violence programs and 3 combined Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault programs were funded. Additionally, a large percentage of the services provided by our 34 prosecutor-based victim advocacy programs and 8 LE-based victim advocacy programs also serve victims of domestic violence, and the agencies that serve child abuse victims also address the intersection between domestic violence and child physical abuse on a daily basis. 5 of the 6 legal aid projects also provide the majority of their services to survivors of domestic violence. The Enhanced Electronic Emergency Protective Order project at Kentucky State Police (KSP) also provides a majority of its services to victims of domestic violence. Under the Sexual Assault Priority Area, 7 stand-alone Sexual Assault resource centers were funded along with the aforementioned 5 programs combining Sexual Violence Resource Centers with either Domestic Violence or Children s Advocacy Center programs, ensuring that sexual assault services are available in every area of the state. Additionally, 2 hospital-based Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) projects are funded, along with a continued support for a community-based MDT Coordination project. Under the Underserved priority area, many agencies allocate a portion of their funds to served victimization types identified as underserved. Along with that, a LE-based victim advocacy project and an underserved minority victim advocacy project serve underserved communities in their service area. Additionally, the following projects are funded: a new project providing Family Advocacy, Housing Assistance, and Community Outreach to victims of crime who also experience poverty and food/housing insecurity, a new project providing culturally specific and sensitive victim advocacy services to Latinx crime victims, 2 Elder Abuse Programs, 2 Human Trafficking Programs, 1 Program serving victims and/or victim families of DUI crashes and fatalities, an agency providing victim advocacy and support to survivors of homicide victims, the continuing project providing services to victims of the mass violence incident at Marshall County High School in January 2018, a project with the state Department of Corrections to expand statewide Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) services, and a continued support for a project enhancing access to restorative justice opportunities.

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

no specific efforts, but all subrecipients are made aware of their responsibility to serve victims of Federal crimes.

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

Substance abuse is increasingly prevalent in the state, which intersects in many ways with victimizations. SAA has established an Opioid and Substance Abuse response program in partnership with OVC and BJA. The COVID-19 pandemic created unprecedented issues for victim service providers in Kentucky. The lockdowns established in response to the pandemic limited the opportunities for crime victims to seek assistance, separated child victims of abuse from support systems and educational settings where markers of abuse might be identified, and challenged victim service providers to shift to new remote service provision modalities. SAA sought to provide as much flexibility as possible for subrecipient agencies to modify project budgets to address evolving needs including, but not limited to remote work technological needs, telehealth needs, Emergency Shelter needs, specialized cleaning and PPE costs, travel and training cancellations, and in-kind volunteer match shortfalls. Once lockdowns ended, the volume of assistance requests increased significantly, supporting the existence of a "shadow pandemic" of criminal victimization during the lockdown period. Protective order requests continue to increase - more law enforcement professionals need training on issues related to protective order assistance. SAA is continuing to fund state-wide implementation of electronic emergency protective order technology to increase access to protective services for victims of crime. At least one modality of human trafficking (typically more than one) operates in every one of KY's 120 counties; the SAA is in communication with several agencies, as well as the state-wide Human Trafficking Task Force, to develop a targeted VOCA solicitation for agencies providing services specifically for Human Trafficking victims.

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

The volatility of the KY Employees Retirement System, and legislative changes to retirement policies, have accelerated retirement both at the SAA and subrecipient agency levels. The accompanying loss of institutional knowledge has been very challenging. High turnover due to insufficient salary and benefits and heavy workloads is an issue for several subrecipient agencies. Additionally, KY is one of only a few states with off-year gubernatorial elections, and the change of administration in December 2019 affected staffing and agency stability as all executive staff required training on VOCA funding purposes, policies, and procedures. Additional organizational capacity at the SAA level was established in June 2020 with the reorganization, allowing for additional management support and hiring of additional VOCA SAA staff. However, much of the future of that organizational capacity relies on steady funding for the victim assistance program. Since FFY 2018, the KY VOCA program has sustained reductions of 32%, 26%, and 37%. Without sustainable funding, it will be impossible to maintain current staffing levels for the victim assistance program, which will have undesirable consequences on provision of essential victim services, especially in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. The VOCA Fix may provide some stability, but that remains to be seen.

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

KJPSC published a press release in May announcing VOCA funding opportunities and directing all interested applications to our online grants management system. The KY Justice & Public Safety Cabinet Grants Management Division website also provides information about funding opportunities along with VOCA guidelines and instructions. SAA staff also send emails announcing VOCA funding, make announcements and give technical assistance at local conferences, community and task force meetings, etc. SAA staff make a concerted effort every year to provide opportunities for technical assistance with both current and potential subrecipients. However, with the decrease in VOCA funds, SAA funding strategy has shifted from promoting "incremental, sustainable growth" in both number of subrecipients and award amounts, to a strategy of program sustainability and diversification of funding streams. Awards for FFY 2022 were significantly smaller than awards in previous years.

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

KJPSC establishes an open and competitive VOCA solicitation every year, providing new applicants and agencies serving underserved populations with access to much-needed funds. This year, 7 new applicants received VOCA subawards, supporting culturally-specific services for Latinx survivors, trauma-informed safe housing and recovery support for survivors of human trafficking, LE-based advocacy services, CASA services, Evidence-based behavioral health services to child victims of crime and their non-offending caregivers, and family advocacy, housing assistance, and community outreach to underserved community members who self-identify as victims of crime.

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

Continued communication with victim service coalition partners; development of a system wherein subrecipients will be able to report on services provided at the county level, to help identify gaps. VOCA SAA plans to partner with KY Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center to improve data analysis and gap identification.

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

N/A