

NE 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-0021	2019-V2-GX-0061	2020-V2-GX-0060	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00585-ASSI
Federal Award Amount	\$19,738,434.00	\$13,482,116.00	\$10,066,513.00	\$6,399,164.00
Total Amount of Subawards	\$20,862,881.00	\$9,724,965.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Number of Subawards	72	64	0	0
Administrative Funds Amount	\$986,921.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Training Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance Remaining	(\$2,111,368.00)	\$3,757,151.00	\$10,066,513.00	\$6,399,164.00

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-0021	2019-V2-GX-0061	2020-V2-GX-0060	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00585-ASSI
Government Agencies Only	16	15	0	0
Corrections	0	0	0	0
Courts	1	1	0	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	8	6	0	0
Prosecutor	4	4	0	0
Other	3	4	0	0
Nonprofit Organization Only	55	49	0	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	23	22	0	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	1	1	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	6	5	0	0
Faith-based Organization	0	0	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	19	14	0	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	0	2	0	0
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	0	0	0	0
Multiservice agency	6	5	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0

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Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Agencies, and Organizations Only	1	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	1	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	72	64	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-0021	2019-V2-GX-0061	2020-V2-GX-0060	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00585-ASSI
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	69	56	0	0
B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	2	6	0	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	7	2	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-0021	2019-V2-GX-0061	2020-V2-GX-0060	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00585-ASSI
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	55	58	0	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	53	59	0	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	46	49	0	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	26	29	0	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	53	57	0	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	59	63	0	0

Priority and Underserved Requirements

Priority Area	2018-V2-GX-0021	2019-V2-GX-0061	2020-V2-GX-0060	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00585-ASSI
Child Abuse				
Total Amount	\$3,771,728.00	\$1,888,044.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	19.00 %	14.00 %		
Domestic and Family Violence				
Total Amount	\$9,549,138.00	\$4,559,911.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	48.00 %	34.00 %		
Sexual Assault				
Total Amount	\$4,163,619.00	\$1,076,536.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	21.00 %	8.00 %		
Underserved				
Total Amount	\$2,911,449.00	\$2,125,546.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	15.00 %	16.00 %		

Budget and Staffing

Staffing Information	2018-V2-GX-0021	2019-V2-GX-0061	2020-V2-GX-0060	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00585-ASSI
Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	740	541		
Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	641492	472908		
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	968	871		
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	96999	111561		

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)	52	3756	4056	4436	4698	4236
Adult Sexual Assault	79	1625	1760	1791	1829	1751
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	65	350	277	172	183	245
Arson	28	60	120	86	69	83
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	58	68	79	96	58	75
Burglary	29	732	645	775	833	746
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	97	3233	4003	3055	2929	3305
Child Pornography	72	304	586	205	527	405
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	103	4242	5979	4178	3769	4542
Domestic and/or Family Violence	104	9756	9863	9532	10562	9928
DUI/DWI Incidents	35	598	721	590	595	626
Elder Abuse or Neglect	57	61	61	65	98	71
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	33	16	17	16	8	14
Human Trafficking: Labor	64	15	11	17	9	13
Human Trafficking: Sex	97	141	125	164	181	152
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	31	717	832	825	1499	968
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	46	26	35	57	42	40
Kidnapping (custodial)	48	11	8	4	27	12
Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	29	2	1	1	43	11
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	30	904	707	767	700	769
Robbery	30	459	419	471	443	448
Stalking/Harassment	77	797	967	1146	1156	1016
Survivors of Homicide Victims	50	581	852	751	751	733
Teen Dating Victimization	78	112	106	97	69	96
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	24	5	2	0	43	12
Other	33	14889	10493	11868	15315	13141

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	80	83	51	138	474

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Homeless	780	616	779	808	5338
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	363	306	333	365	2370
LGBTQ	100	92	104	84	450
Veterans	64	49	46	47	509
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/ Physical /Mental	961	836	864	814	6129
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	744	671	751	721	4465
Other	146	138	183	523	2605

General Award Information		
Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level	Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.	99351	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year	12852	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.	39423	39.68 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?	20678	20.81 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.	1309	

Demographics		
Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian or Alaska Native	823	2.09 %
Asian	337	0.85 %
Black or African American	2526	6.41 %
Hispanic or Latino	5629	14.28 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	88	0.22 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	22697	57.57 %
Some Other Race	563	1.43 %
Multiple Races	653	1.66 %
Not Reported	3216	8.16 %
Not Tracked	2891	7.33 %
Race/Ethnicity Total	39423	
Gender Identity		
Male	10596	26.88 %
Female	24348	61.76 %
Other	64	0.16 %
Not Reported	1573	3.99 %
Not Tracked	2842	7.21 %
Gender Total	39423	
Age		
Age 0- 12	5463	13.86 %
Age 13- 17	3104	7.87 %
Age 18- 24	4319	10.96 %

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Age 25- 59	17954	45.54 %
Age 60 and Older	2459	6.24 %
Not Reported	3119	7.91 %
Not Tracked	3005	7.62 %
Age Total	39423	

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	58	71744	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	75545
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	61327
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	11703
			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	46779
B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	64	29661	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	1736
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	1762
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	3031
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	75263
			B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	3615
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	1144
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	590
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	944
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	2440
			B10. Interpreter services	5465
C. Emotional Support or Safety	46	39716	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	24514
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	48055
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	229

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Services			C4. Individual counseling	5605
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	3364
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	1205
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	16229
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	30	2292	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	25783
			D2. Transitional housing	23517
			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	5701
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	54	34543	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	51794
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	2714
			E3. Assistance with restitution	2893
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	5713
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	4819
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	3138
			E7. Immigration assistance	327
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	11692
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	1104
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	12809
E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	774			

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.
The project change request policy was changed during the reporting period in order to streamline and expedite the review process. The thresholds for Grant Managers and Grant Section Administrators to be able to approve a budget revision without requiring next-level approval was increased.
Describe any earned media coverage events/episodes during the reporting period.
As the SAA we have not had any earned media coverage during this reporting period.
Describe any coordinated responses/services for assisting crime victims during the reporting period.
The Federal Grants & Programs Division coordinated with victim service providers across the state during the year. The Nebraska Victim Advocacy Coordinator served on the Board of Directors for the Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime that is comprised of victim service professionals from various types of victim service agencies. The Victim Training Specialist served on the steering committee for the Nebraska Victim Assistance Academy, provided input on trainings provided by the academy, and assisted with the facilitation. The VAWA Administrator participated in the Tribal Coalition meetings, Statewide CRT, and other coordinator efforts.
Please discuss the major issues in your state that either assist or prevent victims from receiving assistance during the reporting period.
Nebraska is a largely rural state with only two towns with a population exceeding 60,000, yet we are the 15th largest state in land square miles (netstate.com). This presents unique challenges to ensure that all victims of crime in the state have timely and adequate access to services. Often times this requires the investment in satellite offices, hefty, travel budgets, additional staff to account for travel time, and cost of retaining staff to avoid the high turnover that is often common in the human services field. The COVID-19 pandemic intensified concerns with staff turnover, as well as other issues such as keeping staff and clients healthy and being able to recruit volunteers. Reduced shelter capacity due to the necessity of social distancing was also an issue. Affordable housing has been an ongoing need in Nebraska. Affordable and safe housing is difficult to locate even in the urban areas of Nebraska as they tend to be college towns, which results in increased rental costs. Landlords can charge more since it is typically easier for 3-4 college students to cover rent on a 3 bedroom house than it is for a single family. If affordable housing can be located it is often in need of repair. Mental health services and legal assistance are also difficult to obtain, particularly in rural Nebraska.
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.
The Federal Grants & Programs Division participates in various boards, committees, and work groups across the state that promote collaboration on victim services. This is done by attending meetings and/or conferences that the separate coalitions have as a time to share information and stay informed on what is happening with victim services in Nebraska.
Please describe any notable activities at the grantee level during the reporting period that improved delivery of victim services.
During this reporting period, victim service providers continued to maintain and also modify their services to ensure that victims received services during the continuation of the pandemic. Programs in Nebraska embraced the use of technology and adapted to providing some services remotely, although this provided some challenges as well. Programs have done a great job ensuring that services continued and that needs were met with the resources available.
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
During this reporting period, Nebraska funded 16 CASA programs and 6 Child Advocacy Centers to provide services to victims of child abuse and child sexual assault. VOCA funding in Nebraska also provides funding for the Sexual Assault Payment Program that pays for SANE exams of all sexual assault victims in the state. Nebraska also funded 20 domestic violence and sexual assault programs that are located throughout the state. Of those programs, three of them are recipients of the Transitional Housing funding that serves victims of domestic violence and underserved populations. There are also 12 victim witness programs that are located either in the county attorney office or with law enforcement. These programs are typically exclusive to 1 or 2 counties and there are 93 counties in Nebraska. VOCA funds are also used to fund a couple of statewide programs to provide the criminal justice advocacy that victim witness units typically provide. The Nebraska Probation system has advocates that work with the victims of probationers in various locations across the state. The next program we use to meet this underserved need is the Nebraska Victim Advocacy Program that has a statewide Victim Advocacy Coordinator who provides advocacy to those victims in areas that other services are not available. This program also has a direct victim assistance fund that can provide emergency assistance to the needs of victims. In addition, there were two programs newly funded under VOCA this reporting period that primarily serve underserved populations.
Please briefly describe efforts taken to serve Victims of Federal crime during the reporting period.
Programs that receive VOCA funding are required to serve victims of federal crimes at the same level they do all other crime victims. This information is provided in the funding announcement, special conditions, and is reviewed during monitoring activities.
Please identify any emerging issues or notable trends affecting crime victim services in your state during the reporting period.

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Total crime offenses in Nebraska decreased from 2019 to 2020, but criminal homicide increased by 50.9%. Most of the increase was concentrated in the three most populous counties. (Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. Crime in Nebraska (2020). Retrieved from <https://ncc.nebraska.gov/data-and-reports>).

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

The Federal Grants & Programs Director left the program during the reporting period. The Victim Services Grant Section Administrator assumed the Director position.

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

Funding opportunity announcements for VOCA are made available through our online grant management system. This information is then emailed out to all currently funded programs, coalitions, and stakeholders. We ask that they pass it on to other agencies that would qualify for VOCA funding. The link for the RFP is also listed on the Nebraska Crime Commission website.

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

A new traditional VOCA funding cycle began this reporting period. Applicants serving new/underserved populations were given strong consideration. Some existing programs were expanding services for underserved populations such as victims of human trafficking. Two newly funded projects were solely serving underserved populations. One project will provide legal immigration services and mental health services to immigrants and refugees who are victims of a crime or persecution. The other project is a hospital-based violence intervention program for victims of assault.

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

Our program works to identify gaps in service throughout the grant cycle. This information is gathered by coordinating meetings and working with our allied professionals across the state of Nebraska, through the monitoring process, and the PMT system. The result of this collaboration is assisting the victim service agencies by either adjusting the current grant scope to provide more effective services or to fund activities in the next grant cycle that will address these gaps.

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