

NH 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-0036	2019-V2-GX-0050	2020-V2-GX-0042	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00586-ASSI
Federal Award Amount	\$13,954,297.00	\$9,627,656.00	\$7,224,379.00	\$4,659,827.00
Total Amount of Subawards	\$13,700,496.00	\$9,437,161.00	\$505,066.00	\$0.00
Total Number of Subawards	92	59	2	0
Administrative Funds Amount	\$251,302.00	\$190,495.00	\$220,000.00	\$0.00
Training Funds Amount	\$2,499.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Balance Remaining	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,484,313.00	\$4,659,827.00

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-0036	2019-V2-GX-0050	2020-V2-GX-0042	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00586-ASSI
Government Agencies Only	25	17	1	0
Corrections	0	1	0	0
Courts	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	1	2	0	0
Prosecutor	13	7	0	0
Other	11	7	1	0
Nonprofit Organization Only	64	40	1	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	11	6	0	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	0	0	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	0	0	0	0
Faith-based Organization	1	1	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	35	22	0	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	3	2	0	0
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	0	0	0	0
Multiservice agency	4	3	0	0
Other	10	6	1	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	2	0	0
Campus-based victims services	3	2	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	92	59	2	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-0036	2019-V2-GX-0050	2020-V2-GX-0042	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00586-ASSI
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	75	41	2	0
B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	17	14	0	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	3	4	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-0036	2019-V2-GX-0050	2020-V2-GX-0042	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00586-ASSI
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	69	56	2	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	60	48	2	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	53	42	1	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	31	29	0	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	57	43	2	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	72	58	2	0

Priority and Underserved Requirements

Priority Area	2018-V2-GX-0036	2019-V2-GX-0050	2020-V2-GX-0042	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00586-ASSI
Child Abuse				
Total Amount	\$4,257,963.00	\$2,348,315.00	\$447,316.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	31.00 %	24.00 %	6.00 %	
Domestic and Family Violence				
Total Amount	\$4,083,271.00	\$2,896,364.00	\$19,250.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	29.00 %	30.00 %	0.00 %	
Sexual Assault				
Total Amount	\$3,022,242.00	\$2,328,501.00	\$19,250.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	22.00 %	24.00 %	0.00 %	
Underserved				
Total Amount	\$2,193,099.00	\$1,863,848.00	\$19,250.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	16.00 %	19.00 %	0.00 %	

Budget and Staffing

Staffing Information	2018-V2-GX-0036	2019-V2-GX-0050	2020-V2-GX-0042	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00586-ASSI
Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	842	559	52	
Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	495619	296393	41744	
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	2693	1128	628	
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	487881	259750	88800	

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)	74	723	772	705	781	745
Adult Sexual Assault	81	2580	2378	2758	2404	2530
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	80	198	201	223	163	196
Arson	25	25	23	18	15	20
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	64	174	166	177	219	184
Burglary	29	183	200	181	205	192
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	83	1684	1724	1721	1577	1676
Child Pornography	73	54	72	60	49	58
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	83	980	1212	1280	1055	1131
Domestic and/or Family Violence	91	3674	4047	3966	2860	3636
DUI/DWI Incidents	30	174	191	179	129	168
Elder Abuse or Neglect	63	168	138	147	24	119
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	35	9	10	13	9	10
Human Trafficking: Labor	37	5	5	5	20	8
Human Trafficking: Sex	73	29	26	50	30	33
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	36	157	192	163	181	173
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	30	16	23	19	5	15
Kidnapping (custodial)	42	10	7	7	18	10
Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	16	2	2	4	3	2
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	27	91	106	89	107	98
Robbery	27	164	192	191	116	165
Stalking/Harassment	88	370	320	404	327	355
Survivors of Homicide Victims	46	146	194	173	162	168
Teen Dating Victimization	63	51	54	42	32	44
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	11	0	0	0	2	0
Other	22	2661	1769	1695	1665	1947

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	25	27	27	30	151

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Homeless	337	370	360	219	1107
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	166	175	207	146	731
LGBTQ	95	100	101	72	544
Veterans	21	16	20	21	84
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/ Physical /Mental	1307	1407	1426	929	9044
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	129	140	183	106	701
Other	627	659	1151	490	4437

General Award Information				
Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level			Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.			40922	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year			3370	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.			24551	59.99 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?			5963	14.57 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.			6559	

Demographics		
Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian or Alaska Native	15	0.06 %
Asian	154	0.63 %
Black or African American	382	1.56 %
Hispanic or Latino	733	2.99 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	16	0.07 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	10309	41.99 %
Some Other Race	163	0.66 %
Multiple Races	209	0.85 %
Not Reported	7991	32.55 %
Not Tracked	4579	18.65 %
Race/Ethnicity Total	24551	
Gender Identity		
Male	4984	20.30 %
Female	13418	54.65 %
Other	50	0.20 %
Not Reported	2134	8.69 %
Not Tracked	3965	16.15 %
Gender Total	24551	
Age		
Age 0- 12	3445	14.03 %
Age 13- 17	2003	8.16 %
Age 18- 24	1459	5.94 %

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Age 25- 59	5720	23.30 %
Age 60 and Older	965	3.93 %
Not Reported	6454	26.29 %
Not Tracked	4505	18.35 %
Age Total	24551	

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	43	37356	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	22004
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	31802
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	14486
			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	37479
B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	29	11998	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	441
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	59
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	1130
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	97192
			B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	460
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	311
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	159
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	102
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	529
			B10. Interpreter services	259
C. Emotional Support or Safety	28	12922	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	9636
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	5584
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	96

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Services			C4. Individual counseling	9264
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	875
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	1211
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	687
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	18	1513	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	11600
			D2. Transitional housing	11485
			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	1144
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	34	13730	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	14218
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	936
			E3. Assistance with restitution	1169
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	1221
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	1157
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	507
			E7. Immigration assistance	380
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	1504
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	1031
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	1210
E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	8822			

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.	1528
Number of events conducted during the reporting period.	7
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.

The NHDOJ supports a Program Administrator position. During this reporting period, the Program Administrator participated in or facilitated revisions of the following documents: Domestic Violence Protocol for Law Enforcement: This protocol was approved by the Attorney General's Office and the grantee coordinated webinars on the protocol that were conducted in December 2020 and January of 2021. Child Abuse and Neglect Protocol: This protocol was approved by the Attorney General's Office and the grantee coordinated webinars on the protocol that were conducted in April and May of 2021. Stalking Protocol: The grantee continued reviewing and updating the Stalking protocol to reflect changes in law and practice since the protocol was first released in 2009. It is anticipated the revision process will be completed in 2022. Human Trafficking Protocol: The grantee reconnected with the New Hampshire Human Trafficking Collaborative Task Force to collaborate on the first statewide multidisciplinary protocol for responding to human trafficking cases. It is anticipated that the protocol will be completed in the fall of 2023. Protective Order Guide: The grantee began drafting a guide for law enforcement on protective orders. This guide will explain the various types of protective orders, eligibility guidelines and enforcement mechanisms and requirements. It is anticipated that this guide will be completed in the spring of 2022. Additionally the grantee spent time working on the following initiatives: 2021 Partnering for a Future Without Violence Conference: The grantee spent a significant amount of time planning and coordinating this conference which was held September 16-17, 2021. 2020 and 2021 Legislative Review Summits: This annual summit includes an overview of pertinent legislation as it relates to victims of crime and victims rights. The 2020 Summit was held in December 2020 and planning for the 2021 event began during this reporting period but the event will be held after this reporting period. State Victim Assistance Academy (SVAA): The grantee spent a significant amount of time working with the SVAA Steering Committee to deliver the inaugural academy in May of 2021.

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

Law Review Day was held virtually December 9, 2021. There were 161 attendees including attorneys, correction personnel, court personnel, governmental agencies, health professionals, law enforcement, legal services, prosecutors, social service organizations, victim advocates, and victim assistants. Trainings on the updated Model Protocol for Law Enforcement Response to Domestic Violence were conducted virtually on December 16, 2020 and January 13, 2021. This 3 hour training provided an overview of the protocol which included updated guidance, tools and techniques to assist law enforcement officers with handling domestic violence situations. 236 law enforcement officers attended these trainings. Trainings on the updated Model Protocol for the Multidisciplinary Responses to Child Abuse and Neglect were conducted virtually on April 22 and May 11, 2021. This 3 hour training provided an overview of the protocol which offered updated best practice recommendations for the professionals involved in the multidisciplinary response to child abuse and neglect cases. 681 professionals attended these trainings. The 2021 Partnering for a Future Without Violence Conference was conducted virtually on September 16-17, 2021. Twenty workshops were offered over the 2 days and covered a range of topics related to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, child and elder abuse. 424 professionals, from a variety of agencies attended this conference. The SVAA Steering Committee met several times during this reporting period to create the academy which was held in May 2021. 24 early career professionals, including community and system based advocates, CASA advocates and CAC staff attended this 40 hour intensive training experience.

Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.

An updated subrecipient match waiver policy was drafted by the NH DOJ Grants Management Unit in this reporting period and approved by NH DOJ in October of 2021.

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

The Family Resource Center at Lakes Region Community Services is one of our newer programs during the reporting period it is an Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) response team that is funded by VOCA and was featured in an article in the Laconia Daily Sun at: ACERT expanding in the Lakes Region, seeks national funding | Local News | laconiadailysun.com

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

Many activities of this grantee involve improving the multi-disciplinary approach to responding to victims of crime. The Lethality Assessment Program Steering Committee (LAP): The Steering Committee, comprised of law enforcement, system and community based advocates, is tasked with examining the implementation of the LAP in law enforcement agencies throughout the state. The LAP is a best practice response for law enforcement to identify victims of domestic violence at the highest risk for serious injury, assault or death, and immediately connecting them to domestic violence crisis center services. Attorney General's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect: The goal of this Task Force is to look at the response of different systems to victims of child abuse and neglect and to make recommendations to reduce trauma for the children and their families. Members of the Task Force include law enforcement, medical and mental health providers, representatives from child protection, CASAs and CACs, prosecutors and victim advocates. The biggest project of this committee is the statewide, multidisciplinary, Child Abuse and Neglect Protocol. Conference Committee: This multidisciplinary committee is tasked with organizing the annual Partnering For a Future Without Violence Conference. This conference annually brings together members from law enforcement, the judiciary, advocacy and other allied professionals to learn best practice approaches to working with victims of crime. The conference is also designed to promote collaboration between the different professions and agencies. State Victim Assistance Academy: This multidisciplinary committee is responsible for the development and delivery of New Hampshire's academy. The focus of the academy is to provide foundational training for early career victim service providers, with a goal of improving quality, trauma informed services to victims of crime in the state. During this reporting period approximately 100 police departments reported LAP data which demonstrated 1,168 completed screens and 639 victims screening in as high danger. Of those 293 spoke to an advocate on scene. We are still waiting for 2021 Q3 data from many police departments, so this data is incomplete at this time.

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

Due to the limited in person contact because of the COVID 19 pandemic, many agencies utilized technology and virtual forums to continue to make contact with and assist victims of crime. During this reporting period due to funding cuts NH DOJ focused on sustainability and connected with OVC TTAC to conduct a multidisciplinary sustainability study with victim service partners. This helped us to establish funding priorities through various meetings, SWOT analysis and strategic planning sessions. Because of funding reductions it is inevitable that VOCA services will steeply decline in the next fiscal year. We also provided our subrecipients with opportunities to participate in sustainability trainings that are offered through OVC TTAC.

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.

See above response regarding our work on the sustainability of victim services with OVC TTAC. The NH DOJ Elder Abuse Unit educated law enforcement, service providers and the public about elder abuse and how to spot and assist victims of elder abuse or financial exploitation. The VOCA funded Homicide Advocate educated the police academy the public, state victim service providers and others regarding victimization and victim services. The NH DOJ Address Confidentiality Program provided information about the program to advocates across the state.

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

New Hampshire was pleased to hold its inaugural victim assistance academy in May 2021. The Steering Committee met consistently over the last reporting period with Organizational Resilience International (ORI) Consulting, who was selected as partner on this project to provide additional experience, expertise and support to the project. The SVAA was held virtually and feedback from the attendees was very positive. The Steering Committee is looking forward to offering an academy again in 2022, with the hopes it will be in person.

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 - NH's VOCA funds are granted statewide to the CASA program and Child Advocacy Centers in each county of the state. Additionally, we have a mental health provider that provides clinical services to child abuse victims in the rural northern part of the state. The state SANE program coordinator provides specialized services to child victims of sexual assault at a Child Advocacy Center in the NH lakes region. In this fiscal year we also are newly funding Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Response Teams. ACEs is the term used to describe abuse, neglect, and other traumatic experiences that occur to individuals under the age of 18. The response teams are a comprehensive and multi-functional system of support focused on affected children. These teams can be deployed to serve children who have been exposed to violence. Sexual Assault - The NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (NHCADSV) provides a toll-free hotline and through their member crisis centers, provides crisis and advocacy services to survivors of sexual assault. The University of New Hampshire provides sexual assault services and resources through their USafeUS mobile application. Domestic Violence- The NHCADSV is a dual service organization in the state of New Hampshire. They have a toll-free hotline and through their member crisis centers, direct victim services are provided to domestic violence victims in the state. VOCA funding also supports NHCADSV's Housing First Program and a public awareness campaign. The Front Door Agency also receives VOCA funding under the Domestic Violence priority. This agency provides homeless domestic violence victims with housing and self-sufficiency services. Underserved- Our rural county attorney victim advocates provide services to many different crime types. The advocates ensure they continuously provide crime victims with high quality and consistent advocate services and ensure victims are educated about the criminal justice process. It is important to develop a positive and effective relationship with the victim/witnesses and maintain an up to date exchange of information regarding the status of the case. Early and increased contact has improved cooperation between victims and prosecution, and some agencies are seeing that victims are more involved in the process. Some positive results of this is an increase in victims' compensation claims and awards, and prompt collection of restitution data. The Elder Abuse advocate and Death Resulting from Overdose advocate at the NH DOJ provides advocacy to older adults and families of individuals that have experienced an overdose death of a loved one where the drug dealer is prosecuted. Additionally, Victims Inc. provides services to victims of DWI/DUI and other victimization types under the underserved category.

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

All victims of crime can access services equally no matter the jurisdiction of the crime.

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

COVID19: The pandemic affected certain aspects of agencies ability to meet in person with victims. Many agencies worked with virtual platforms to allow contact to be initiated and continued with victims. Many trainings, were cancelled, delayed or rescheduled as virtual meetings due to the pandemic. The reduction in VOCA funds is an issue that NH DOJ has been working to stabilize. To date we have been able to maintain funding amounts to most agencies due to strategic planning but we will not be able to sustain these victim services in State fiscal year 2023 with VOCA funding alone. During the reporting period several victim service providers across the state requested American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds to assist in mitigating VOCA reductions. The ARP funds were awarded to NH DOJ to administer in direct response to those requests.

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

During the reporting period all NHDOJ VOCA staff and direct victims services staff remained consistent.

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

Request for Proposal s (RFP) are announced on the NHDOJ website, the state procurement website and local newspapers. We also send out an e-mail distribution to victim service providers and thousands of individuals on our conference listserv.

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

NH directs funding to new/underserved populations through the RFP process and collaboration with other agencies. In the previous grant period we conducted a statewide victim services needs assessment that collected the needs of the most vulnerable population such as LGBTQ, and Culturally Specific organizations. The Grants Management unit specifically targeted culturally diverse organizations and culturally specific organizations to respond to the needs assessment. An RFP was released during the previous grant period with priorities of Housing, Mental Health and Legal Services. Within these priorities, applicants were also encouraged to address other needs or emerging trends that were outlined in the results of the Victim Service Needs Assessment. Some of those additional needs were addressing transportation for victims, access to services for minority populations, access to victim services for older adults, and outreach and messaging that markets the available services. New funding was awarded to Adverse Childhood Experience Response Teams that include a mental health component, legal services, domestic violence housing and CASA of NH through the competitive RFP process.

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

In 2019 NH DOJ conducted a statewide victim services needs assessment that concluded that the priority gaps were Housing, Mental Health, and Legal Services. An RFP was distributed to solicit programs that provided these services. As a result of this RFP, on July 1, 2020 eight programs began new initiatives to improve the gaps in mental health, housing and legal services. During this reporting period NH DOJ did not release any new funding RFPs due to VOCA funding cuts. Our current grant awards are on a two year grant cycle that ends June 30, 2022. During this reporting period NH DOJ focused on sustainability and connected with OVC TTAC to conduct a multidisciplinary sustainability study with victim service partners. This helped us to establish funding priorities through various meetings, SWOT analysis and strategic planning sessions. One of the funding priorities established was to provide equitable access to services. The recommendation indicates funding should be prioritized in ways most likely to ensure that services will be available and accessible for historically underserved groups and communities. This commitment to equity recognizes the impacts of factors such as race, socioeconomic status, language proficiency, membership in the LGBTQ+ community, and being a resident of a rural area and ones status as a victim or survivor and their ability to access and utilize services.

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

Bi-Annually, the NH DOJ submits an overall report to the Governor and Executive Councilors. This report encompasses the Grants Management Unit activities as well as all other bureaus of the NH DOJ.