

NY 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-0047	2019-V2-GX-0040	2020-V2-GX-0043	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00590-ASSI
Federal Award Amount	\$199,383,453.00	\$132,000,250.00	\$96,706,562.00	\$59,373,683.00
Total Amount of Subawards	\$193,330,560.00	\$13,932,780.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Number of Subawards	562	91	0	0
Administrative Funds Amount	\$3,429,566.00	\$5,319,041.00	\$4,834,228.00	\$0.00
Training Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance Remaining	\$2,623,327.00	\$112,748,429.00	\$91,872,334.00	\$59,373,683.00

Subgrantee Organization Type				
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.				
Type of Organization	2018-V2-GX-0047	2019-V2-GX-0040	2020-V2-GX-0043	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00590-ASSI
Government Agencies Only	74	7	0	0
Corrections	4	1	0	0
Courts	3	0	0	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	6	0	0	0
Prosecutor	22	2	0	0
Other	39	4	0	0
Nonprofit Organization Only	483	83	0	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	36	7	0	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	0	0	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	157	34	0	0
Faith-based Organization	0	0	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	39	8	0	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	40	6	0	0
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	32	9	0	0
Multiservice agency	168	17	0	0
Other	11	2	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	5	1	0	0
Campus-based victims services	2	0	0	0
Law enforcement	0	0	0	0
Physical or mental health service program	0	0	0	0
Other	3	1	0	0
Total Number of Subawards	562	91	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-0047	2019-V2-GX-0040	2020-V2-GX-0043	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00590-ASSI
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	519	89	0	0
B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	0	0	0	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	42	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-0047	2019-V2-GX-0040	2020-V2-GX-0043	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00590-ASSI
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	462	84	0	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	462	83	0	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	462	83	0	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	462	83	0	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	462	83	0	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	462	84	0	0

Priority and Underserved Requirements				
Priority Area	2018-V2-GX-0047	2019-V2-GX-0040	2020-V2-GX-0043	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00590-ASSI
Child Abuse				
Total Amount	\$31,884,494.00	\$460,239.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	16.00 %	0.00 %		
Domestic and Family Violence				
Total Amount	\$79,740,373.00	\$5,937,781.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	40.00 %	4.00 %		
Sexual Assault				
Total Amount	\$28,246,413.00	\$4,916,540.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	14.00 %	4.00 %		
Underserved				
Total Amount	\$47,729,088.00	\$2,381,382.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	24.00 %	2.00 %		

Budget and Staffing				
Staffing Information	2018-V2-GX-0047	2019-V2-GX-0040	2020-V2-GX-0043	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00590-ASSI
Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	25191	5464		
Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	174474363	3626848		
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	25971	1327		
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	1755057	481488		

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					Per Quarter Average
		Quarter 1 Total	Quarter 2 Total	Quarter 3 Total	Quarter 4 Total		
Adult Physical Assault (includes Aggravated and Simple Assault)	457	10516	11216	11747	11545	11256	
Adult Sexual Assault	457	5258	5353	6421	5557	5647	
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	457	1773	4100	1530	1639	2260	
Arson	457	83	120	152	141	124	
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	457	2497	3068	3592	2508	2916	
Burglary	457	1127	987	1121	950	1046	
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	457	7339	8106	8966	7081	7873	
Child Pornography	457	328	549	305	310	373	
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	457	11968	10548	15032	13521	12767	
Domestic and/or Family Violence	1	46469	41629	71499	56823	54105	
DUI/DWI Incidents	457	367	2189	494	715	941	
Elder Abuse or Neglect	457	1668	1975	2025	1870	1884	
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	457	268	342	348	222	295	
Human Trafficking: Labor	457	234	276	417	308	308	
Human Trafficking: Sex	457	1138	1269	1481	1359	1311	
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	457	2178	2132	1943	1877	2032	
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	457	94	118	128	107	111	
Kidnapping (custodial)	456	55	28	53	46	45	
Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	457	51	61	267	51	107	
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	457	585	669	728	718	675	
Robbery	457	1279	1318	1182	1182	1240	
Stalking/Harassment	457	7206	7345	7769	7561	7470	
Survivors of Homicide Victims	457	1571	1676	1789	1747	1695	
Teen Dating Victimization	457	157	264	209	223	213	
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	456	27	42	72	66	51	
Other	455	310281	300404	323533	351320	321384	

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	316	379	395	430	1938

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Homeless	3873	2798	7666	5777	17304
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	5578	6177	6691	5530	27802
LGBTQ	1475	1477	2301	5040	10552
Veterans	400	329	358	302	1433
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/ Physical /Mental	5158	5422	6745	5632	34066
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	6962	6703	10299	6682	41639
Other	697	645	522	544	6083

General Award Information

Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level	Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.	547116	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year	1098823	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.	325026	59.41 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?	74166	13.56 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.	55523	

Demographics

Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian or Alaska Native	1817	0.56 %
Asian	8696	2.68 %
Black or African American	56118	17.27 %
Hispanic or Latino	44278	13.62 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	498	0.15 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	83578	25.71 %
Some Other Race	10183	3.13 %
Multiple Races	17540	5.40 %
Not Reported	48423	14.90 %
Not Tracked	53895	16.58 %
Race/Ethnicity Total	325026	
Gender Identity		
Male	79049	24.32 %
Female	181791	55.93 %
Other	1597	0.49 %
Not Reported	11876	3.65 %
Not Tracked	50713	15.60 %
Gender Total	325026	
Age		
Age 0- 12	34236	10.53 %
Age 13- 17	22526	6.93 %
Age 18- 24	37593	11.57 %

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Age 25- 59	135556	41.71 %
Age 60 and Older	18558	5.71 %
Not Reported	24160	7.43 %
Not Tracked	52397	16.12 %
Age Total	325026	

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	383	347181	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	267955
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	1133571
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	183219
			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	169870
B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	364	126117	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	11844
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	7357
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	18524
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	317060
			B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	5975
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	11613
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	17637
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	9202
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	34200
			B10. Interpreter services	29997
C. Emotional Support or Safety	338	222953	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	178509
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	348264
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	2318

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Services			C4. Individual counseling	373230
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	31517
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	91144
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	38363
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	130	10455	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	155120
			D2. Transitional housing	23985
			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	12744
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	346	284041	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	527519
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	5198
			E3. Assistance with restitution	8930
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	48364
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	119998
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	12793
			E7. Immigration assistance	33028
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	32494
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	58356
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	142840
E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	33260			

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.	22
Number of people trained or attending education events during the reporting period.	7199
Number of events conducted during the reporting period.	81
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.

Each training and outreach event offered during his reporting period featured OVS website (<https://ovs.ny.gov/training>) and social media promotion. In addition, recordings from many trainings are published on the OVS YouTube Channel (<https://youtube.com/c/NYSOVS>).

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

During this reporting period, OVS hosted over 80 different web-based and in-person training events, including multiple webinar series, a multi-week summit on elder abuse and a biennial virtual and in-person professional development conference, commemorating the 20th anniversary of 9/11.

Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.

In May 2021 OVS temporarily repealed our requirement for backup documentation for fiscal cost reports. This was necessary while we developed our new Management Assessment Plan (MAP) which was developed to reduce the administrative burden related to fiscal submission requirements based on historical management of OVS funded grant contracts. Along with the removal of the backup requirement OVS worked closely with programs to provide technical assistance and worked on getting programs up to date with their payment requests, all while developing our MAP tool. The OVS MAP tool was implemented in October 2021 and it provides programs with fiscal and programmatic tier assignments which are made based on a standardized analysis upon the completion of each program's MAP.

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

Please use the following link for information: OVS News | Office of Victim Services ([ny.gov](https://ovs.ny.gov)).

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

Due to the continuation of the pandemic that started in March 2020, OVS has maintained constant contact with all of our funded victim assistance programs to provide any assistance that was needed. OVS continues to work with our programs to be able to assist them in providing as many services as possible to crime victims. Due to many programs continuing to be shut down and not able to see clients in person, we work with programs to be able to assist them in seeing clients remotely and working to be able to provide those essential services that were still needed in a virtually new environment. OVS worked with programs to allow them to move funding to different budget categories to allow for services that may not have originally been planned when their grants were awarded.

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

While programs continue to provide information on compensation benefits during their intake process, some have related that victims are too overwhelmed at this point to consider filing the additional paperwork required to initiate a claim, especially if they do not have any immediate out-of-pocket expenses to be considered. OVS has an on-line Victim Services Portal which allows for more immediate submission of applications and removes this deterrent for certain victims, however programs do not always reintroduce the compensation option at a later time in their relationship with the victim when there may be newly incurred expenses. OVS funded Victim Assistance Programs continue to tell us that undocumented immigrants are hesitant to report crimes to police, to participate in the criminal justice process or seek crime victim services as they are fearful of being deported. OVS continues to provide training and guidance to help clarify claims opportunities when these issues are identified during site visits and program contacts. OVS continues to provide monthly victim assistance program training for any program who wants to attend and when possible also has started to bring staff from the compensation division along on program site visits so that they can be available to answer any program questions as well.

Please describe ways that your agency promoted the coordination of public and private efforts within the community to help crime victims during the reporting period.

Programs participate in local coalitions, multidisciplinary teams, and taskforces to coordinate services for various victim populations. These meetings incorporate input and service strategies from multiple public and private entities such as local victim assistance agencies, law enforcement, and health and human service programs. They also attend regional Coalition meetings to discuss service approaches with their local contemporaries, receive direct service training, and development. A concerted outreach effort to ensure that those most in need of our services was made so that victims are aware that services are available to them. In addition, OVS also holds our own Advisory Council meetings with our VAPs where issues and concerns are discussed together to work towards solutions to help victims. OVS has partnered with several other state agencies to provide funding for direct services to victims of crime. OVS hired a Community Engagement Liaison to develop more comprehensive relationships with statewide coalitions, identify and improve collaboration with state and local agencies, NGOs and allied professionals, conduct strategic planning sessions with stakeholders and work to identify and improve services to underserved victims of crime.

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

OVS worked on reducing the amount of back-up required from programs when submitting for reimbursement and by continuing the blanket match waiver. OVS allocated funding to other New York State agencies to provide increased funding for new and expanded programs for housing for domestic violence victims; mobile advocacy for sexual assault providers; mobile child advocacy units; EMDT training resources for victims of elder abuse; gun violence programs; and for additional outreach and supplies for college campus sexual assault.

Please discuss each priority (i.e., child abuse, domestic assault, sexual assault, and underserved) in which VOCA funds have been used to assist crime victims during the reporting period

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

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

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

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

Issues continue to be mental health, gun violence, lack of housing, lack of civil legal representation, underserved populations such as elder abuse, Native Americans, LGBTQ and young men of color. Programs report that the continued increase in victims with mental health issues and illegal drug use in their areas causes a ripple effect of crimes such as assaults, robberies, and burglaries. Resources to deal with mental health and addiction issues are similarly impacted by financial constraints. Programs report a need for additional shelter space as well as the need for more transitional housing opportunities for victims. Affordable housing remains a significant issue with limited resources available for victims to secure housing by assisting with rent, security deposits and utility connection costs. With the increase in gun violence and mass casualty events, OVS continues to meet with local communities in an effort to be proactive in how to plan moving forward. Programs are continually highlighting the staffing issues that they are encountering as well as their concerns over the reduced VOCA funding and the fact that there does not seem to be a short term measure to address the reduced balance in the Crime Victims Fund. Programs are concerned that they may have to reduce the number of staff that they hired when the awards were higher in the past few years now that the awards are decreasing. It is very common to hear from a number of programs throughout New York that they are losing staff to higher paying jobs elsewhere and they are having a difficult time filling positions.

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

Programs continue to report high turnover due to low salaries, emotional burn out and the toll that the pandemic has taken in general. While some programs have used the additional funding that they have received to provide overdue raises to current staff and to recruit new positions at a higher rate, it still remains an issue and positions at programs go vacant for longer periods of time. Programs have also implemented staff appreciation programs to help retain experienced staff. This seems to be a statewide issue and while many programs are dealing with positions that remain unfilled for long periods of time, some positions are never getting filled. Programs are concerned with the reduced VOCA funding and the prospect of hiring for a position only to have to lose the position when they can no longer afford to cover salaries with reduced awards. This is a very distressing issues for our funded programs.

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

All NYS agencies are required to publicize competitive grants opportunities on the state's Grants Gateway System as well as advertise opportunities in the NYS Contract Reporter. With our current contracts ending on September 30, 2022, we will be issuing a new competitive request for applications in January 2022 for new contracts starting on October 1, 2022. In early 2021 OVS started planning for our upcoming RFA to be issued in early 2022 and have held regular meetings to discuss the solicitation. We have sought input from OVS staff who work directly with our funded programs to get their input as to what they are seeing and hearing from the provider community. This along with what we have heard from our coalition meetings and advisory council helped to form our RFA. New York State also adopted as part of the state budget, the Community Violence Intervention Act (CVIA) to declare gun violence a public health crisis. Along with the CVIA declaration an executive order was issued that relaxes some of the state procurement requirements in an effort to get funding out the door quicker. OVS has created the Violence Intervention Services Program (VISP) Application for programs to apply for funding directly related to working with victims of gun violence and we are now receiving applications from programs that will be funded to address the surge in gun violence. OVS has hired a new Community Engagement Liaison who will be involved in conducting outreach to ensure that we have cast a wide net and to ensure that the issuance of our new RFA is widely known and that it reaches populations that may not have otherwise been aware of the funding.

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

OVS is able to direct funding to new/underserved populations through discretionary awards; by amending our existing contracts to provide additional funding and services; through a new competitive or non-competitive bid; or through a single/sole source contract. OVS can also enter into emergency contracts, when justified, allowing us the flexibility to provide direct funding when a need is identified. Through an executive order issued by the state to relax some of the state procurement requirements, OVS has created the Violence Intervention Services Program (VISP) Application for programs to apply for funding directly related to working with victims of gun violence and we are now receiving applications from programs that will be funded to address the surge in gun violence.

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

When service gaps are identified, OVS canvasses programs currently providing victim services in the needed area to see if they are interested in providing the additional needed services. For example, if the only agency providing particular services in a particular county announced they were shutting down their program, we would reach out to programs in neighboring counties with the expertise and experience to provide those services and work to locate one interested in expanding their current contract to include those services for that county. As an example, by working with the regional coalition where a program that did not receive an award during our recent competitive procurement was located. To avoid a gap in services to victims, OVS was able to connect all of the programs in the area that could provide services to the clients of the previously OVS funded program. During this reporting period OVS staff worked on a solicitation that has since been released for the purpose of conducting a Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis in an effort to fulfill its mission, while recognizing the impact of inequities faced by underserved and marginalized communities. OVS is committed to a project that improves the effectiveness of services and resources to victims by identifying needs in the community and the gaps in services.

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

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