

# RI 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.*

<b>OVC VOCA Assistance Funds</b>				
	<b>2018-V2-GX-0062</b>	<b>2019-V2-GX-0056</b>	<b>2020-V2-GX-0062</b>	<b>2021-15POVC-21-GG-00596-ASSI</b>
<b>Federal Award Amount</b>	\$11,117,181.00	\$7,614,712.00	\$5,739,014.00	\$3,718,574.00
<b>Total Amount of Subawards</b>	\$11,550,174.00	\$7,236,436.00	\$5,006,186.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Number of Subawards</b>	56	62	69	0
<b>Administrative Funds Amount</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Training Funds Amount</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Balance Remaining</b>	(\$432,993.00)	\$378,276.00	\$732,828.00	\$3,718,574.00

<b>Subgrantee Organization Type</b>				
<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>				
<b>Type of Organization</b>	<b>2018-V2-GX-0062</b>	<b>2019-V2-GX-0056</b>	<b>2020-V2-GX-0062</b>	<b>2021-15POVC-21-GG-00596-ASSI</b>
<b>Government Agencies Only</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>
Corrections	0	0	0	0
Courts	1	0	1	0
Juvenile Justice	0	1	1	0
Law Enforcement	0	0	0	0
Prosecutor	1	1	1	0
Other	6	6	5	0
<b>Nonprofit Organization Only</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>0</b>
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	1	2	2	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	8	3	1	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	8	11	13	0
Faith-based Organization	0	0	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	2	1	1	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	1	1	2	0
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	0	1	1	0
Multiservice agency	21	30	38	0
Other	7	5	3	0

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<b>Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Agencies, and Organizations Only</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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
<b>Campus Organizations Only</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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
<b>Total Number of Subawards</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>0</b>

\*This number is not unique across fiscal years as there are subgrantee organizations that are funded from multiple federal awards.

<b>Subaward Purpose</b>				
A single SAR can select multiple purposes. Numbers are not unique				
	<b>2018-V2-GX-0062</b>	<b>2019-V2-GX-0056</b>	<b>2020-V2-GX-0062</b>	<b>2021-15POVC-21-GG-00596-ASSI</b>
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	28	55	68	0
B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	14	5	0	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	18	2	1	0
D. Start up a new <b>Native American</b> victim services project	0	0	0	0
E. Expand or enhance an existing <b>Native American</b> project	0	0	0	0

**VOCA and Match Funds**

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

	2018-V2-GX-0062	2019-V2-GX-0056	2020-V2-GX-0062	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00596-ASSI
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	51	59	67	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	39	53	64	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	45	55	65	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	25	27	34	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	39	47	58	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	56	61	68	0

**Priority and Underserved Requirements**

Priority Area	2018-V2-GX-0062	2019-V2-GX-0056	2020-V2-GX-0062	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00596-ASSI
<b>Child Abuse</b>				
Total Amount	\$626,648.00	\$835,212.00	\$521,274.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	6.00 %	11.00 %	9.00 %	
<b>Domestic and Family Violence</b>				
Total Amount	\$6,426,096.00	\$2,830,717.00	\$1,766,754.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	58.00 %	37.00 %	31.00 %	
<b>Sexual Assault</b>				
Total Amount	\$1,075,174.00	\$1,141,272.00	\$1,069,934.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	10.00 %	15.00 %	19.00 %	
<b>Underserved</b>				
Total Amount	\$3,422,256.00	\$2,429,235.00	\$1,579,724.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	31.00 %	32.00 %	28.00 %	

**Budget and Staffing**

Staffing Information	2018-V2-GX-0062	2019-V2-GX-0056	2020-V2-GX-0062	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00596-ASSI
Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	473	708	945	
Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	667100	234912	199660	
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	357	318	301	
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	21387	41148	83639	

## 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)	78	2848	2102	2012	2085	2261	
Adult Sexual Assault	84	1140	740	1091	1076	1011	
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	67	503	370	350	296	379	
Arson	19	6	38	33	13	22	
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	57	759	960	1264	1272	1063	
Burglary	31	89	112	136	118	113	
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	63	782	719	683	731	728	
Child Pornography	43	37	32	47	56	43	
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	71	685	655	828	740	727	
Domestic and/or Family Violence	106	7702	9051	10452	10650	9463	
DUI/DWI Incidents	27	126	83	122	62	98	
Elder Abuse or Neglect	50	234	209	257	296	249	
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	52	169	368	494	451	370	
Human Trafficking: Labor	33	15	26	10	17	17	
Human Trafficking: Sex	75	213	223	276	251	240	
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	38	248	414	499	507	417	
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	28	13	20	16	31	20	
Kidnapping (custodial)	27	7	19	6	9	10	
Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	19	136	102	8	7	63	
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	26	169	48	49	65	82	
Robbery	42	247	139	79	78	135	
Stalking/Harassment	81	618	527	748	600	623	
Survivors of Homicide Victims	48	297	78	67	199	160	
Teen Dating Victimization	58	315	96	114	142	166	
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	9	9	6	2	5	5	
Other	16	2465	2343	2864	2116	2447	

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	75	71	53	34	219

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Homeless	598	747	643	646	3339
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	866	954	996	1017	4254
LGBTQ	683	777	818	846	3141
Veterans	31	41	51	30	231
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/ Physical /Mental	769	879	911	742	4055
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	719	1183	1292	1352	5283
Other	1877	1623	1880	1621	3584

General Award Information		
Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level	Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.	55281	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year	8753	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.	35955	65.04 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?	15719	28.43 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.	11626	

Demographics		
Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native	111	0.31 %
Asian	496	1.38 %
Black or African American	3773	10.49 %
Hispanic or Latino	3876	10.78 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	31	0.09 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	11335	31.53 %
Some Other Race	179	0.50 %
Multiple Races	723	2.01 %
Not Reported	11688	32.51 %
Not Tracked	3743	10.41 %
<b>Race/Ethnicity Total</b>	<b>35955</b>	
<b>Gender Identity</b>		
Male	5923	16.47 %
Female	19013	52.88 %
Other	781	2.17 %
Not Reported	7599	21.13 %
Not Tracked	2639	7.34 %
<b>Gender Total</b>	<b>35955</b>	
<b>Age</b>		
Age 0- 12	2493	6.93 %
Age 13- 17	1350	3.75 %
Age 18- 24	5243	14.58 %

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Age 25- 59	13822	38.44 %
Age 60 and Older	2384	6.63 %
Not Reported	5718	15.90 %
Not Tracked	4945	13.75 %
<b>Age Total</b>	<b>35955</b>	

<b>Direct Services</b>				
<b>Service Area</b>	<b># of Subgrantees That Provided Services in This Category</b>	<b># of Individuals/Contacts Receiving Services</b>	<b>Specific Service</b>	<b>Frequency of Service</b>
A. Information & Referral	74	33998	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	40918
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	23696
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	17085
			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	19177
B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	61	16677	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	667
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	1113
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	2479
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	29089
			B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	398
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	2170
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	1768
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	700
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	1762
			B10. Interpreter services	6400
C. Emotional Support or Safety	75	31493	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	9937
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	16899
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	1060

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Services			C4. Individual counseling	18637
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	1495
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	1286
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	2852
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	38	1819	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	7163
			D2. Transitional housing	3495
			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	1815
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	50	9797	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	7426
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	1319
			E3. Assistance with restitution	514
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	1615
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	882
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	639
			E7. Immigration assistance	624
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	1325
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	1809
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	4290
E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	1105			

**ANNUAL QUESTIONS**

Grantee Annually Reported Questions	
Question/Option	Count
<b>Were any administrative and training funds used during the reporting period?</b>	
Yes	1
No	0
<b>Did the administrative funds support any education activities during the reporting period?</b>	
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.	1
<b>Did the grant support any coordination activities (e.g., with other service providers, law enforcement agencies) during the reporting period?</b>	
Yes	1
No	0

**Describe any program or educational materials developed during the reporting period.**

We created a slideshow for our annual application workshop.

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

We held a virtual workshop for prospective applicants.

**Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.**

No program policies were changed during the reporting period.

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

When there is a crime involving domestic violence or sexual abuse there is usually a response from the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence or Day One, the sexual assault trauma treatment center. The media also covered the drop in VOCA funding and how it is affecting the different programs covered by VOCA funds.

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

The Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence is comprised of a network of member agencies with the purpose to end domestic violence in Rhode Island. It is a statewide coalition that serves every county throughout RI. They have been providing free, confidential services to victims of domestic violence for over forty years. The RICADV has successfully coordinated unduplicated services for victims including emergency shelter, transitional and permanent supportive housing, children's services, community outreach, court advocacy and counseling. To ensure that the domestic violence services cover every county the RICADV partners with the Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center who serve all of Providence County, Crossroads RI's Domestic Violence Program, Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County, Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center and the Women's Resource Center. The RICADV affirms that all people have the right to live their lives free from fear and violence and to that end has worked with its member agencies to meet the needs of the state's racial and ethnic groups, LGBTQ+, women and men, both as service providers and as employers. The RICADV and its network of member agencies have played a major role in the development of our state's response to domestic violence. The RICADV is organized to facilitate a statewide system of service delivery, to collect and analyze statewide data, to address gaps in systems, and to facilitate an effective public education program in increased awareness about domestic violence and services available to victims. The RICADV conducts statewide planning and needs assessment work and incorporates input from local community needs assessments and from the member agencies and other sources.

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

Many of the advocates are still working remotely with virtual visits and phone calls due to COVID pandemic. The decrease in funding has had an affect on our victims who were receiving assistance. We have had to cut out some programs due to the decrease in funding and victims have contacted me directly because the agency that they were receiving assistance from is no longer funded through VOCA.

**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 Crime Victims Service Provider Project Steering Committee has been meeting virtually since the start of the pandemic. It is chaired by the Director of Victim Services, RI Department of the Attorney General and coordinated by the Project Director. Committee members include representatives from Family Service of Rhode Island (FFRI), The U.S. Attorney's Office, the Rhode Island Department of Corrections, the Rhode Island Treasury Department's Victims Compensation Fund, the Rhode Island Coalition against Domestic Violence, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Day One, the Nonviolence Institute, Roger Williams University's Justice Training and Research Institute and Sisters Overcoming Abusive Relationships.

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

We have statewide coverage of victim advocates in all the 39 cities and towns but due to the decrease in funding many have had to cover much greater geographic areas than they did previously.

**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**

VOCA funds are being used to assist many of the above referenced victims through various agencies in our state. Some examples are Child Abuse – Gateway's Trauma Treatment Project includes specialized evidence-based treatment for children and youth in crisis as a result of a significant trauma. Services range from crisis intervention, outpatient therapy, to intensive in-home treatment. They refer and meet the victims who are sent to Hasbro Hospital's Lawrence Albin Child Safe Forensic Unit to be evaluated. The most common forms of trauma cases referred to Gateway are related to physical abuse, sexual abuse, domestic violence, traumatic separation from primary caretakers, chronic bullying, traumatic grief, and complex trauma. Last year they provided Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral therapy to approximately 300 children in RI that are particularly represented in lower socio-economic groups. Domestic Assault – The Domestic Violence Resource Center of South County provides a comprehensive range of services for victims of domestic violence and their children. They are the only agency in Washington County that specifically addresses the needs of abuse victims by serving nine municipalities, including Block Island, which can only be reached by ferry, and significant Narragansett Indian tribal lands. (They work with the tribe annually with their Health Fair, but the tribe prefers to handle things internally. The DVRC provides support and information only as requested). Many of their clients have incomes of less than \$10,000/year. Their Residential Program includes a confidential Safe Home, Transitional Housing, and Permanent Supportive Housing units; Helpline & Drop-In Center; Support Groups; One-on-One Counseling; Court Advocacy; Prevention & Outreach. Sexual Assault – Sojourner House's LGBTQ+ Sexual Assault Advocacy Program assist individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ who experience sexual violence. This is a marginalized group and more likely to experience sexual violence and often have a harder time accessing services due to stigma, discrimination, and lack of programs tailored to their needs. The goal is to provide supportive services for LGBTQ+ victims of sexual assault in RI and to educate community members and service providers on how to support LGBTQ+ victims of sexual assault. The program provides crisis intervention, LGBTQ+ support groups, case management services, criminal justice information and advocacy, police statement and court accompaniment, assistance with applying for victims compensation, safety planning, assistance with researching and applying for housing, benefits, and



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other immigrants often face multiple barriers when trying to access victim services. The Southeast Asian community in RI, i.e., Cambodian, Hmong, Laotian, and Vietnamese refugee and immigrant communities is over 20,000 strong and experience high levels of trauma, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and violence. Throughout 2020 and into 2021 they have seen an increase in anti-Asian hate stemming from misinformation of where the COVID-19 virus came from. They have seen a big increase in clients calling in and reporting actions of retaliation against them. The CSEA provides a safe and appropriate environment for their Southeast victims of sexual assault as well as domestic and dating violence and stalking.

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

In Rhode Island victims of Federal Crimes are treated without differentiation from any other crime.

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

The number of crime victims has still been high this year with the added stress that COVID has caused.

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

There are no staff retention issues currently.

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

The funding process begins with the VOCA administrator mapping out a timeline of Request for Proposals events for the upcoming year. Once the RFP process has been mapped, the RFP receives any appropriate updates based on federal VOCA guideline changes before being finalized and passed on to the advisory committee with note of the changes. The VOCA Administrator and the VOCA Grant Project Specialist send emails with the attached RFP and call the agencies in the State of Rhode Island that assist with victims informing them of the RFP, the application deadline and the date and time of the mandatory application workshop which was again held virtually due to COVID-19. Within the timeframe of a month to a month and a half of announcing the RFP, PSGAO conducts the workshop for the applicants and the applications arrive shortly thereafter. Once the RFP deadline has passed, the administrator distributes the applications to each VOCA Advisory Committee member. The Committee then meets weekly and reviews the applications regularly between June and September and makes the recommendations to the Rhode Island Criminal Justice Policy Board, which makes the final funding approval decisions.

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

We continually update our process according to the latest needs assessment and gap analysis that was recommended. Previously, we were able to reach out to new agencies to include more underserved individuals but with the funding dropping down even further than last year, it was not possible. This year we had to not only reduce funding for our agencies, but we also had to drop some very important programs because we just did not have enough funds to support their programs.

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

The PSGAO was hoping to have an updated needs assessment done but decided against it so that we had more funds to give to our subrecipients.

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

None at this time.