

NY Annual State Performance Report

Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program

Reporting Period: [Oct 1, 2021 to Sept 30, 2022]

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	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00788-ASSI
Federal Award Amount	\$199,383,453.00	\$132,000,250.00	\$96,706,562.00	\$59,373,683.00	\$83,718,142.00
Total Amount of Subawards	\$190,021,275.00	\$127,358,766.00	\$7,712,892.00	\$6,725,000.00	\$0.00
Total Number of Subawards	562	379	3	10	0
Administrative Funds Amount	\$3,409,836.00	\$4,088,000.00	\$3,703,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Training Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance Remaining	\$5,952,342.00	\$553,484.00	\$85,290,670.00	\$52,648,683.00	\$83,718,142.00

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	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00788-ASSI
Government Agencies Only	74	60	0	0	0
Corrections	4	2	0	0	0
Courts	3	3	0	0	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	6	5	0	0	0
Prosecutor	22	19	0	0	0
Other	39	31	0	0	0
Nonprofit Organization Only	483	317	3	10	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	36	25	0	1	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	156	98	1	0	0
Faith-based Organization	0	0	0	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	39	23	0	0	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	40	29	0	1	0
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	32	18	0	0	0
Multiservice agency	169	117	2	6	0
Other	11	7	0	2	0
Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Agencies, and Organizations Only	0	0	0	0	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	0	0	0	0	0
Court	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence organization	0	0	0	0	0
Faith-based organization	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile justice	0	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	0	0	0	0	0
Organization provides domestic and family violence and sexual assault services	0	0	0	0	0
Prosecutor	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	0	0	0	0	0

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Other justice-based agency	0	0	0	0	0
Other agency that is NOT justice-based (e.g., human services, health, education)	0	0	0	0	0
Organization by and/or for a specific traditionally underserved community	0	0	0	0	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Campus Organizations Only	5	2	0	0	0
Campus-based victims services	2	1	0	0	0
Law enforcement	0	0	0	0	0
Physical or mental health service program	0	0	0	0	0
Other	3	1	0	0	0
Total Number of Subawards	562	379	3	10	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	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00788-ASSI
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	518	376	3	0	0
B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	0	1	0	0	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	43	3	0	10	0
D. Start up a new Native American victim services project	0	0	0	0	0
E. Expand or enhance an existing Native American project	0	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	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00788-ASSI
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	463	343	3	10	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	463	342	3	10	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	463	341	3	10	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	463	341	3	10	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	463	341	3	10	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	463	343	3	10	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	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00788-ASSI
Child Abuse					
Total Amount	\$31,884,494.00	\$13,256,490.00	\$2,812,542.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	16.00 %	10.00 %	3.00 %	0.00 %	
Domestic and Family Violence					
Total Amount	\$79,749,373.00	\$51,747,009.00	\$3,439,801.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	40.00 %	39.00 %	4.00 %	0.00 %	
Sexual Assault					
Total Amount	\$28,956,928.00	\$18,637,372.00	\$301,231.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	15.00 %	14.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %	
Underserved					
Total Amount	\$44,410,803.00	\$33,108,596.00	\$1,159,318.00	\$6,725,000.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	22.00 %	25.00 %	1.00 %	11.00 %	

Budget and Staffing					
Staffing Information	2018-V2-GX-0047	2019-V2-GX-0040	2020-V2-GX-0043	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00590-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00788-ASSI

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Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	25213	16114	2046	199
Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	174474142	6302289	2220075	68473
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	25971	8144	32	152
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	1755057	889361	11443	7311

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)	355	11353	12061	12473	13086	12243
Adult Sexual Assault	356	5765	5823	6505	6135	6057
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	355	1535	1617	1605	1483	1560
Arson	355	142	139	120	134	133
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	355	2783	3120	3013	3747	3165
Burglary	355	1042	1047	1174	1002	1066
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	355	7850	7653	7168	9605	8069
Child Pornography	355	461	377	453	420	427
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	356	13332	14147	13179	11919	13144
Domestic and/or Family Violence	356	39884	44668	53387	44855	45698
DUI/DWI Incidents	355	794	648	505	421	592
Elder Abuse or Neglect	355	1603	1515	1683	1627	1607
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	355	255	220	370	392	309
Human Trafficking: Labor	355	275	311	311	316	303
Human Trafficking: Sex	356	1290	1381	1325	1277	1318
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	355	2329	2550	2192	1874	2236
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	355	118	144	136	144	135
Kidnapping (custodial)	355	50	52	69	45	54
Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	355	38	48	139	199	106
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	355	694	728	661	689	693
Robbery	355	1211	1268	1272	1199	1237
Stalking/Harassment	355	7618	8085	8076	8217	7999
Survivors of Homicide Victims	355	1789	2060	1763	1660	1818
Teen Dating Victimization	354	233	307	335	343	304
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	355	80	25	186	195	121
Other	353	338472	366583	421174	422457	387171

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	393	383	398	488	2507
Homeless	3338	3407	4049	3625	22275
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	5527	5722	6696	5952	36581
LGBTQ	1554	1575	1848	1690	13083
Veterans	284	322	301	323	1879
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/ Physical /Mental	5709	5928	6445	6776	42942
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	6172	6250	9677	6574	51862

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Other	551	599	594	817	7068
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General Award Information		
Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level	Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.	596731	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year	1270221	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.	315321	52.84 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?	73751	12.36 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.	36998	

Demographics		
Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian or Alaska Native	1144	0.36 %
Asian	7057	2.24 %
Black or African American	47394	15.03 %
Hispanic or Latino	39509	12.53 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	776	0.25 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	77561	24.60 %
Some Other Race	4257	1.35 %
Multiple Races	10868	3.45 %
Not Reported	36544	11.59 %
Not Tracked	90211	28.61 %
Race/Ethnicity Total	315321	
Gender Identity		
Male	54422	17.26 %
Female	161928	51.35 %
Other	1435	0.46 %
Not Reported	10356	3.28 %
Not Tracked	87180	27.65 %
Gender Total	315321	
Age		
Age 0- 12	31447	9.97 %
Age 13- 17	17014	5.40 %
Age 18- 24	21835	6.92 %
Age 25- 59	118526	37.59 %
Age 60 and Older	16490	5.23 %
Not Reported	19731	6.26 %
Not Tracked	90278	28.63 %
Age Total	315321	

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	372	292362	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	276001
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	890160
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	130621
			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	181154
			Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	12273
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	6552
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	18742
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	326836

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B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	357	135094	B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	6109
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	18467
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	19160
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	8107
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	45415
			B10. Interpreter services	34648
C. Emotional Support or Safety Services	335	221050	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	183376
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	297383
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	1829
			C4. Individual counseling	383532
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	39578
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	85072
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	51594
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	132	12502	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	184813
			D2. Transitional housing	17999
			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	14286
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	339	343179	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	684463
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	4629
			E3. Assistance with restitution	9202
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	39306
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	116943
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	13327
			E7. Immigration assistance	37120
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	36777
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	40382
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	134045
E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	33908			

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.	0
Number of people trained or attending education events during the reporting period.	1099
Number of events conducted during the reporting period.	31
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 this 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 30 training events, including multiple webinar series, both web-based and in-person Victim Service Academy Trainings as well as a large-scale professional development summit on restorative justice practices, held in Albany, NY.	

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<p>Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.</p> <p>OVS developed a Management Assessment Plan to replace our existing Risk Assessment Tool. This plan is utilized for subrecipient monitoring. We use this for scheduling desk audits and site visits along with Fiscal Cost Report reviews. In addition, the New York State Community Violence Intervention Act (CVIA) was recently enacted by the New York State Legislature, which requires that ten percent of our Victim Assistance award be dedicated to community or hospital-based violence intervention programs to address gun violence. In conjunction with an Executive Order from our Governor that declares gun violence to be a public health crisis, OVS has been able to provide funding to multiple Victim Assistance Programs across the State that provide services to victims of gun violence. This funding primarily supports entities that we did not previously fund.</p>
<p>Describe any earned media coverage events/episodes during the reporting period.</p> <p>Please see the following link for relevant information https://ovs.ny.gov/search/news.</p>
<p>Describe any coordinated responses/services for assisting crime victims during the reporting period.</p> <p>Immediately following the 5/14 mass shooting at the Buffalo Tops store, OVS arrived in Buffalo with a team of staff to assist anywhere that was needed. OVS staff members assisted the individuals affected by the incident in filing compensation claims for medical bills, funeral expenses, and other needs resulting from the incident. OVS has continued to support the Buffalo community in various ways. OVS applied for the Antiterrorism Emergency Response Program (AEAP) through OVC and has partnered with the Resource Council of WNY to create the Buffalo United Resiliency Center (BURC). OVS has provided continued support by sending OVS staff to the Resiliency Center to assist victims and has also provided support in coordinating volunteers from local organizations to maintain a presence at the Resiliency Center should a victim come in needing support. OVS will continue their support in Buffalo with the AEAP grant for the Resiliency Center. OVS has also supported other agencies through funding for their response to the Buffalo tragedy, both with VOCA support and separate State funding.</p>
<p>Please discuss the major issues in your state that either assist or prevent victims from receiving assistance during the reporting period.</p> <p>Programs have expressed that while they provide compensation information to all clients during their intake process, many victims are reluctant to apply. This may be for a variety of reasons, such as not having the necessary police report or other acceptable documentation, they may be too overwhelmed to initiate the claims process, or they may not have immediate out of pocket expenses at that time. Contract Management Specialists discuss this with programs during site visits and explain that the application process can be revisited later in the client's process if they choose to file. OVS also continues to offer monthly victim assistance program trainings for any programs that wish to attend along with including compensation staff on our site visits to provide additional training and to answer any compensation related questions.</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>OVS funded programs participate in local coalitions, multidisciplinary teams, and task forces to coordinate services for various victim populations. Programs have also begun to hold bi-monthly NYS VAP Support Hour phone calls. These calls are attended by OVS staff who answer questions and provide timely updates for the programs. OVS encourages programs to sign up for and participate in our VAP Connect resource, which gives the programs a forum to post questions and topics for conversation for anyone to reply and engage in conversations. OVS has also created a Community Engagement Liaison position to foster more outreach and constructive connections with stakeholders and partners. This position works closely with the OVS Advisory Council, regional coalitions, local agencies, and other stakeholders to identify and address issues and concerns that programs are expressing, and to involve stakeholders in a more meaningful way in the activities of OVS.</p>
<p>Please describe any notable activities at the grantee level during the reporting period that improved delivery of victim services.</p> <p>Notable Activities: Management Assessment Plan implementation. OVS implemented the new Management Assessment Plan for all subrecipients in this reporting period. This new monitoring framework was also reviewed towards the end of the period and is continued for all new subrecipient awards made for the next period, 10/1/22-9/30/2025. OVS responded, along with other State agencies to the Tops Supermarket hate crime in May of 2022. NYS dedicated significant resources to the response, including fronting the support for what will eventually be a resiliency center supported with AEAP award funds. OVS selected, via competitive bid, the Council of State Governments Justice Center to conduct a comprehensive state-wide victim of crime needs assessment. This multi-year project will help to improve the effectiveness of services and resources to victims by identifying needs in the community and the gaps in services. OVS prepared for the continuance of the Training & Technical Assistance Request Program, which matches consultants with OVS-funded programs to deliver a wide range of custom-tailored organizational leadership and communication services trainings and webinars at no cost to programs. OVS issued a new competitive solicitation for funding subrecipients statewide for the period 10/1/22-9/30-25. Over \$373 million dollars, or \$124 million per year will be provided to NYS Victim Assistance Programs.</p>
<p>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</p> <p>During the reporting period OVS reissued its multi-year competitive solicitation for services to victims of crime and survivors. As part of the application process programs were required to self-identify the percentage of effort that the funding would support in each of these specific categories (numbers represent 3-year total): Domestic Violence \$176.0 million, 47% Underserved \$86.2 million, 23% Child Abuse \$61.8 million, 17% Sexual Assault \$49.2 million, 13% OVS funds many specialized programs, some examples of which are as follows: Domestic Violence o Traditionally over 40% of OVS funding supports Domestic Violence programming. This includes traditional shelter-based services, culturally specific services, attorney services, services specific to LGBTQ+ survivors, among others. Underserved o SNUG – OVS funds case managers and social workers to form part of a public health model approach to addressing gun violence. This unique partnership between the Division of Criminal Justice Services and the Office of Victim Services aims to address the trauma individuals and communities face due to long-term exposure to gun violence and provides help and support to improve lives and strengthen neighborhoods impacted by violence. Social Workers and case managers work at SNUG sites to provide mental health counseling and other services to individuals and families. Social Workers are embedded at hospitals serving SNUG sites to reach victims and families in the immediate aftermath of violence and connect them with services and support from SNUG teams o OVS also provides funding to other gun violence specific programs with VOCA Victim Assistance awards under the 2021 Community Violence Intervention Act. Child Abuse o OVS in this reporting period expanded its mobile response to child abuse needs by continuing to partner with the State Office of Children and Family Services to procure additional mobile RVs specifically designed to serve underserved and rural areas of New York State. Sexual Assault o OVS funds almost 150 programs providing some element of sexual assault programming. This includes the New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NYSCASA) whose goal is to strengthen responsive service for all sexual assault victims/survivors through collaboration with a wide variety of colleagues, professionals and stakeholders. OVS in this period also continued to improve upon the tool which was made available to victims of crime in NYS - OVS Resource Connect (https://ovs.ny.concerncenter.com/). This tool now has over 1,500 users a month and was developed in partnership with woman-owned, Monroe County-based ConcernCenter. The platform allows individuals to find help and resources by using everyday language to search for support for a specific concern or need, by zip code. OVS Resource Connect then generates a list of programs that can provide services to meet their needs. It allows users to quickly locate and connect to programs that provide direct services and support, including victim compensation, counselling, legal help, assistance with filing claims, advocacy, and other critical supports that victims of crime need. This has proven to be a very useful tool for connecting victims of crime with services that they might not otherwise be aware of.</p>
<p>Please briefly describe efforts taken to serve Victims of Federal crime during the reporting period.</p> <p>The majority of OVS Victim Assistance Programs deal primarily with local law enforcement on cases and report not being exposed to federal crimes in the course of their activities. They have expressed 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.</p>
<p>Please identify any emerging issues or notable trends affecting crime victim services in your state during the reporting period.</p> <p>Affordable housing is an issue and trend that is commonly brought up as a major barrier for crime victims services in this state. The lack of affordable housing is forcing people to stay in the shelters longer, therefore not allowing programs to provide those services to new clients. It is very difficult for programs to facilitate the move from shelters to affordable permanent housing.</p>
<p>Please briefly outline any staffing retention issues that your victim assistance program has and why these issues may occur during the reporting period.</p> <p>Programs report a high turnover of staff for various reasons. One of the main retention issues is that the work is overwhelming and often feels never ending which leads to staff burnout. Programs are also finding it challenging to find professional, educated staff that will stay in their positions long term at the salaries they can afford to pay them. During the reporting period, the OVS Advisory Council conducted a survey of programs to ascertain specific challenges and statistics related to staff retention issues. The survey found that 81% of responding organizations reported struggling more than usual to maintain or hire new staff. The primary concerns cited by the organizations related to insufficient wages and salaries, staff burnout, and vicarious trauma due to the nature of the work and increased client needs.</p>
<p>Please explain your state process to publicize its victim assistance funding for services to victims of crime during the reporting period.</p>

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Comprehensive efforts were made to publicize the OVS 2022 RFA, including publication of the funding opportunity in the New York State Contract Reporter, distribution of the announcement via the OVS Listerv (8,000+ subscribers), and direct outreach with community stakeholders. OVS staff also shared the funding opportunity at regional collation meetings, State-wide association meetings, and intergovernmental engagement meetings.

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

To ensure OVS resources are reaching underserved victims and communities, the OVS Training & Outreach Unit added a Community Engagement Liaison (CEL) position. This new position is currently responsible for the management of a state-wide Victims of Crime Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis, in which findings and results are expected to better inform funding opportunities for underserved populations. In addition, a comprehensive review of the definition of underserved populations was conducted during the agency's primary competitive solicitation for funding during this review period.

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

The new OVS Community Engagement Liaison is also responsible for helping to cultivate and facilitate inter-agency and stakeholder relationships and has logged more than 140 community engagement hours since hire. The positions work on the Victims of Crime Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis also allows for the agency to discover unknown gaps in service and will provide future recommendations for addressing these issues. In addition, OVS continues to fund and maintain a state-wide concern-based search engine, OVS Resource Connect, which allows for any crime victim to seek and discover services made available to them.

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 Annual 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.