

# KS Annual State Performance Report

## Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program

Reporting Period: [Oct 1, 2022 to Sept 30, 2023]

*This aggregated data is self-reported by the grantees and subgrantees in each state/territory.*

OVC VOCA Assistance Funds					
	2019-V2-GX-0069	2020-V2-GX-0047	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00626-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00746-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00397-ASSI
<b>Federal Award Amount</b>	\$20,091,625.00	\$14,907,641.00	\$9,371,512.00	\$12,811,531.00	\$12,035,817.00
<b>Total Amount of Subawards</b>	\$18,980,727.00	\$12,736,700.00	\$6,683,758.00	\$5,120,317.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Number of Subawards</b>	68	45	22	23	0
<b>Administrative Funds Amount</b>	\$940,903.00	\$745,380.00	\$468,575.00	\$640,576.00	\$601,790.00
<b>Training Funds Amount</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Balance Remaining</b>	\$169,995.00	\$1,425,561.00	\$2,219,179.00	\$7,050,638.00	\$11,434,027.00

Subgrantee Organization Type					
<small>The total number of subgrantees represents all subgrantees 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	2019-V2-GX-0069	2020-V2-GX-0047	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00626-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00746-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00397-ASSI
<b>Government Agencies Only</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Corrections	0	0	0	0	0
Courts	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	8	1	1	0	0
Prosecutor	6	3	1	0	0
Other	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Nonprofit Organization Only</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	20	22	5	17	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	0	0	0	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	5	4	2	4	0
Faith-based Organization	0	0	0	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	16	7	11	0	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	2	1	0	0	0
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	2	3	1	0	0
Multiservice agency	6	4	1	2	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Agencies, and Organizations Only</b>	<b>0</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	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
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
<b>Campus Organizations Only</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Campus-based victims services	1	0	0	0	0

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Law enforcement	0	0	0	0	0
Physical or mental health service program	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Number of Subawards</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</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> <small>A single SAR can select multiple purposes. Numbers are not unique</small>					
	2019-V2-GX-0069	2020-V2-GX-0047	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00626-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00746-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00397-ASSI
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	66	43	22	23	0
B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	0	2	0	0	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	2	0	0	0	0
D. Start up a new <b>Native American</b> victim services project	0	0	0	0	0
E. Expand or enhance an existing <b>Native American</b> project	0	0	0	0	0

<b>VOCA and Match Funds</b> <small>A single SAR can select multiple service types. Numbers are not unique</small>					
	2019-V2-GX-0069	2020-V2-GX-0047	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00626-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00746-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00397-ASSI
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	63	40	22	20	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	62	40	22	23	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	53	33	20	13	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	33	17	16	4	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	58	34	21	15	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	67	42	22	23	0

<b>Priority and Underserved Requirements</b>					
Priority Area	2019-V2-GX-0069	2020-V2-GX-0047	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00626-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00746-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00397-ASSI
<b>Child Abuse</b>					
Total Amount	\$3,601,193.00	\$4,747,822.00	\$2,358,346.00	\$2,143,365.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	18.00 %	32.00 %	25.00 %	17.00 %	
<b>Domestic and Family Violence</b>					
Total Amount	\$10,332,358.00	\$5,117,532.00	\$3,263,700.00	\$2,976,952.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	51.00 %	34.00 %	35.00 %	23.00 %	
<b>Sexual Assault</b>					
Total Amount	\$2,513,756.00	\$2,037,392.00	\$884,230.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	13.00 %	14.00 %	9.00 %	0.00 %	
<b>Underserved</b>					
Total Amount	\$2,533,420.00	\$833,408.00	\$177,482.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	13.00 %	6.00 %	2.00 %	0.00 %	

<b>Budget and Staffing</b>					
Staffing Information	2019-V2-GX-0069	2020-V2-GX-0047	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00626-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00746-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00397-ASSI
Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	1124	662	487	258	
Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	735926	514248	266343	192815	
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	817	940	330	478	
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	58788	50525	28877	25060	

## AGGREGATED SUBGRANTEE PERFORMANCE MEASURE DATA

<b>Victimization Type</b>						
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)	18	760	747	698	676	720

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Adult Sexual Assault	34	1004	1016	1098	913	1007
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	16	218	196	211	184	202
Arson	9	26	13	16	15	17
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	7	39	31	48	37	38
Burglary	12	649	543	955	782	732
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	40	1383	1443	1392	1243	1365
Child Pornography	10	82	65	75	58	70
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	42	2797	3276	3330	3030	3108
Domestic and/or Family Violence	43	9662	9989	9738	9267	9664
DUI/DWI Incidents	13	105	73	94	107	94
Elder Abuse or Neglect	14	47	36	54	24	40
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	2	1	1	0	1	0
Human Trafficking: Labor	12	2	4	7	21	8
Human Trafficking: Sex	22	112	88	112	143	113
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	12	396	276	430	275	344
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	11	29	33	38	28	32
Kidnapping (custodial)	8	10	7	10	5	8
Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	4	40	47	39	31	39
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	9	24	22	20	24	22
Robbery	13	97	81	106	103	96
Stalking/Harassment	27	572	597	662	483	578
Survivors of Homicide Victims	10	252	269	314	406	310
Teen Dating Victimization	9	16	9	13	0	9
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	2	0	3	0	1	1
Other	8	697	599	933	823	763

## 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	55	38	41	67	366
Homeless	181	203	230	257	1918
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	363	316	264	237	1885
LGBTQ	218	209	212	220	1650
Veterans	83	81	127	82	857
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/ Physical /Mental	1139	1210	1132	969	7363
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	652	545	489	551	6248
Other	105	89	113	91	1088

## General Award Information

Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level	Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.	67537	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year	8053	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.	46883	69.42 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?	1959	2.90 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.	2060	

## Demographics

Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native	430	0.92 %
Asian	344	0.73 %
Black or African American	5758	12.28 %
Hispanic or Latino	6234	13.30 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	52	0.11 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	24395	52.03 %
Some Other Race	528	1.13 %
Multiple Races	1269	2.71 %
Not Reported	7873	16.79 %
Not Tracked	0	0.00 %
<b>Race/Ethnicity Total</b>	<b>46883</b>	

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Gender Identity		
Male		10751 22.93 %
Female		30553 65.17 %
Other		140 0.30 %
Not Reported		5384 11.48 %
Not Tracked		55 0.12 %
<b>Gender Total</b>		<b>46883</b>
Age		
Age 0- 12		5510 11.75 %
Age 13- 17		3700 7.89 %
Age 18- 24		4436 9.46 %
Age 25- 59		23383 49.88 %
Age 60 and Older		3003 6.41 %
Not Reported		6849 14.61 %
Not Tracked		2 0.00 %
<b>Age Total</b>		<b>46883</b>

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	59	38985	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	28063
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	24230
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	14759
			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	26175
B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	58	25732	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	1274
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	695
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	3614
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	51114
			B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	1226
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	796
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	1550
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	1950
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	10446
			B10. Interpreter services	1975
C. Emotional Support or Safety Services	52	41530	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	26662
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	42088
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	255
			C4. Individual counseling	71189
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	7161
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	12117
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	9116
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	32	3999	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	92307
			D2. Transitional housing	6368
			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	604
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	58	31365	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	44558
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	1254
			E3. Assistance with restitution	1364
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	8573
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	6098
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	1607
			E7. Immigration assistance	99
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	4151

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	E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	408
	E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	6083
	E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	401

**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	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.	67
Number of events conducted during the reporting period.	3
<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
<b>Describe any program or educational materials developed during the reporting period.</b>	
N/A	
<b>Describe any planning or training events held during the reporting period.</b>	
The SAA hosted one multi-week virtual-based KAVA class for victim service providers. In addition, an advanced, topic-focused class was held for prior KAVA graduates. No VOCA administrative or training funds were used for these training expenses.	
<b>Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.</b>	
N/A	
<b>Describe any earned media coverage events/episodes during the reporting period.</b>	
N/A	
<b>Describe any coordinated responses/services for assisting crime victims during the reporting period.</b>	
Applicants must promote coordinated public and private efforts to aid crime victims within the community. Coordination may include, but is not limited to, serving on state, federal, local, or Native American task forces, commissions, working groups, coalitions, and/or multi-disciplinary teams. Coordination efforts also include developing written agreements that contribute to better and more comprehensive services for crime victims. Each VOCA subgrant applicant must address how and what entities the applicant collaborates or proposes collaborating with to carry out the grant project.	
<b>Please discuss the major issues in your state that either assist or prevent victims from receiving assistance during the reporting period.</b>	
Subgrantee descriptions of issues faced in their communities continue to include challenges reaching the geographically isolated victims and survivors, with the vast majority of the state being considered rural. Due to the rural population distribution, many victim service programs manage a multi-county service area, adding to the challenge when an advocate may need to travel a considerable distance to meet a victim face-to-face. Subgrantee agencies have worked hard since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic to develop protocols and purchase equipment to provide virtually based services. Shelter programs continue to utilize hotels to assist with shelter needs while dealing with social distancing, sanitization, and quarantine issues for clients and staff's health and safety. As a result of the limited low-cost housing, an issue in both rural and urban areas of Kansas, domestic violence victims and survivors are staying longer in shelters, which means more programs operate more days at total capacity. There is an extremely high need for transitional housing. The challenges surrounding resources for crime victims with mental health issues also continue to rise toward the top of the list. Survivors in shelter struggling with mental health issues have unique needs that may be difficult to accommodate in shelter environments. Additionally, there continue to be wait lists for therapeutic services.	
<b>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.</b>	
The KGGP continues to coordinate with the Kansas Crime Victims Compensation Board Office. The Executive Director of the Office participates in committees that are working to coordinate training for those who work with crime victims (including advocates, law enforcement, and other criminal justice professionals) and presents a workshop on crime victim compensation at the Annual Crime Victims Rights Conference. As noted above, the KGGP hosted the CVCB Executive Director to provide training for subgrantee victim service staff. In addition, the KGGP works closely with the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence and the Kansas Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers to ensure coordination of efforts. Both agencies also participate in the above-referenced committees. Although these are not VOCA-funded activities, they illustrate the collaborative effort VOCA encourages. Coordination with community partners is an essential topic of discussion when Analysts conduct on-site compliance reviews. Successes and challenges are discussed, and technical assistance is provided to explore ideas for enhancing community coordination. Subgrantees provide outreach through efforts that identify crime victims and ensure they are provided the necessary services.	
<b>Please describe any notable activities at the grantee level during the reporting period that improved delivery of victim services.</b>	
The Annual Crime Victims' Rights Conference was held in May 2023 with around 450 attendees. Professionals in victim services, law enforcement, prosecution, mental health, corrections, criminal justice personnel, and crime victims attend the training to discuss and learn about services and working with crime victims. All agencies receiving VOCA funding must send at least one person to this conference. The agenda focuses on training for those serving victims of crime. All subgrantees must attend training on the reporting requirements for the grant. In addition, the VOCA program analysts conduct site visits and compliance reporting for each grant project and provide ongoing technical assistance. The KGGP is the host agency for the KAVA, with one virtual-based class held during the previous 12 months. We are anticipating three academies to be scheduled through the end of 2024 to continue the opportunity for advocates to receive this essential foundational skill-based training.	
<b>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</b>	
Child Abuse Category—provided by child advocacy center: A child victim had been abused by a teenaged cousin at a family reunion, and this disclosure resulted in law enforcement and the Department for Children and Families referring the case to the local child advocacy center (CAC). At first contact with the victim's caregivers, it was clear they were reluctant to schedule an interview, but still did due to the concern for their child. At the appointment, the child victim provided an effective disclosure about what had happened. During the follow-up family advocacy session, both caregivers were receptive to all information and resources provided to them. The CAC's Family Advocate was able to walk the family through the investigative process, helped them set up a child medical examination, and set up therapy referrals for both the child victim and the caregivers themselves. They have been responsive to all follow-up care offered; both caregivers and the child have been attending therapy and are doing very well. The services provided by the VOCA-funded staff positions have been invaluable in helping this family heal from the trauma. Domestic Violence Category—provided by a domestic violence services agency: While attending a fundraiser with their spouse for the local domestic violence agency, a survivor realized that their home life was not normal or safe; they had been manipulated and isolated by their spouse- even to the point of having not held employment in years, with the spouse being the sole provider for the household. After this realization, the survivor called the domestic violence agency's 24/7 hotline and explained that the spouse was abusive to not only the survivor, but also their child. The survivor did not feel confident they could leave with the child. The advocate assured them that support and resources were available, while still acknowledging the challenges ahead. After making the decision to leave, the survivor and their child stayed in shelter for two months. In this time, they found part-time employment and worked with a case manager to navigate the family court system to ensure the child was safe. While in shelter, the survivor attended support group services to address their loss and grief. The survivor and their child met with the agency's child counselor and began to work on rebuilding a relationship. After reconnecting with family for additional support, the survivor was successfully referred to a separate local agency for transitional housing and are continuing to do well and thrive in the community. Sexual Assault Category—provided by a sexual assault services agency: A victim attending therapy at a sexual assault services agency for about a year provided victimization of sexual trauma from 20 years prior and was experiencing grief from both the loss of a parent and a divorce from an emotionally abusive partner. The therapist used both Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) techniques with the client. CBT was used to develop an understanding about emotions, thoughts, and behaviors- due to the survivor initially showing difficulty with emotional regulation or acknowledgement. The survivor then transitioned to EMDR prep and was able address the victimization that brought them to the agency. They described that- while they still experienced moments of distress- these felt short-term and less hurtful than in the past; they have been able to desensitize the beliefs of poor decision making, low self-esteem, and responsibility for their abuse by others. Underserved Category—provided by a children's shelter agency: A human trafficking victim was admitted to a specialized anti-human trafficking residential program. While there, the victim was grieving the recent loss of a family member with whom they had a very close and nurturing relationship; the victim struggled deeply with their grief. Staff determined the victim would benefit from grief services, administered through a different program at the agency- a child bereavement program. Staff from both the residential and bereavement programs worked with the victim to process their grief and commemorate the family member's memory. During this period, the victim also struggled with their perpetrator's upcoming trial, in which they had agreed to testify in-person. Staff helped the victim prepare the testimony and accompanied the victim to the trial for safety and support. After a brave testimony, the perpetrator was sentenced to prison. This victim's heritage plays a large role in their life, and they expressed a desire to celebrate their birthday with a cultural celebration. The day of the event, the victim experienced many emotions due to their family not attending but was able to	

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express and manage these emotions and expectations in healthy ways.

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

Any federal crime victim seeking assistance from a VOCA-funded subgrantee is entitled to and will receive direct services. In addition, all crime victims receive compensation information when they contact a subgrantee program. Federal victim/witness staff are invited to participate in trainings sponsored by this office, including the Kansas Academy for Victim Assistance and the Annual Crime Victims Rights Conference. VOCA subgrantees serve federal crime victims by going to court proceedings with the victims to offer support and answer questions about the court process; helping victims file applications with the Crime Victims Compensation Board, providing information and referrals regarding other community resources; and providing counseling, therapy, treatment, and safe shelter for victims.

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

Feedback from subgrantees regarding issues impacting services continues to include navigating services for victims with more specialized needs, which also increases the demand for qualified, trained staff. Human trafficking continues as an ever-increasingly discussed issue at both the national level as well as in Kansas. As has been the case for several years, the lack of affordable housing, mental health and substance abuse counseling, childcare, and qualified legal assistance continues as a major challenge in Kansas. VOCA funds have assisted with the expansion of mental health and legal assistance in numerous areas around the State, although with each expansion of services, more needs arise. As the overall population ages, agencies are working to increase elder abuse-focused services and outreach efforts. As is the case nationally, there is an increase in the connection between drug use and crime. Methamphetamine and opioid addiction is showing a direct impact on the number of crimes committed against victims, including violent crimes, fraud-related crimes, abuse of the elderly and children, and property crimes. Domestic violence agencies are still reporting that the level of violence continues to escalate. Through a federal discretionary grant from the Office on Violence Against Women, the Improving Criminal Justice Response grant, Kansas has developed a resource toolkit and training for the implementation of high-risk teams utilizing lethality assessment protocols to enhance the criminal justice response to high-risk domestic violence offenders and to increase support and safety for victims of intimate partner violence.

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

Retention of qualified staff continues to challenge agencies across Kansas. Subgrantees are experiencing the same difficulties seen across the country in identifying, hiring, and retaining qualified staff. The uncertainty of VOCA funding levels adds to the difficulty in adopting pay increase models that are correlational with the job market. An increase in the severity of violence and high lethality risk is leading to extreme staff burnout. The high demand for therapists combined with non-profit pay scales particularly impacts programs ability to compete with private practices. Additionally, there are a notable number of long-time Executive Directors that are retiring in the coming months.

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

The KGGP maintains a distribution list of email addresses for organizations and agencies eligible to apply. The League of Kansas Municipalities and the Kansas Association for Counties also are notified and send the information to their membership. The KGGP office provides the Kansas Secretary of State's Office with a copy of the notice for publication in the Kansas Register. Additionally, anyone may access the grant solicitation packet via the Internet on the Governor's website.

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

In July 2022, the KGGP finalized the 2022-2025 Kansas Implementation Plan to guide the direction of several federal grants, including the Federal Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance funding. The Implementation Plan includes identifying and enhancing services for underserved communities and populations. Applicants for VOCA funding are required to develop VOCA project goals and objectives supporting the Implementation Plan.

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

By enhancing and expanding access to victim services such as crisis response agencies, law enforcement-based advocates, prosecutor-based advocates, both county and city level, and agencies providing services specifically to disabled victims, many of the service needs and/or gaps have been met or alleviated. The KGGP has responded by funding requests for additional court service providers and legal service funds, additional advocacy services dollars for therapeutic services, bilingual services providers, translation services, and specialized training opportunities. Some projects provide specialized elder abuse and human trafficking services. With the recent and significant decreases in VOCA funding, the KGGP has worked with the Governor and Kansas Legislature to identify funds to ensure there is no gap in crime victim services. Currently, State General Funds are assisting to maintain services. However, this continues to be a concern with dire Crime Victim Fund deposit level projections. Open communication is maintained with the KCSDV, CACs of KS, and the KCA to encourage discussion to identify gaps and respond. In addition, subgrantees are encouraged to contact their Analyst if any issues arise.

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

The KGGP prepares and compiles statistical data from the subgrantee reports. The information is transferred to a dashboard report on the KGGP website. In addition, the KGGP provides information to elected officials as requested.