

# ME 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				
	2020-V2-GX-0038	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00631-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00760-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00399-ASSI
<b>Federal Award Amount</b>	\$7,147,730.00	\$4,610,705.00	\$6,257,025.00	\$5,940,998.00
<b>Total Amount of Subawards</b>	\$7,577,169.00	\$5,144,703.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Number of Subawards</b>	28	19	1	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>	(\$429,439.00)	(\$533,998.00)	\$6,187,025.00	\$5,940,998.00

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	2020-V2-GX-0038	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00631-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00760-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00399-ASSI
<b>Government Agencies Only</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Corrections	0	0	0	0
Courts	0	1	0	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	1	0	0	0
Prosecutor	7	1	0	0
Other	1	1	0	0
<b>Nonprofit Organization Only</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	1	0	0	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	2	2	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	7	7	0	0
Faith-based Organization	0	0	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	1	1	0	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	3	1	1	0
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	1	3	0	0
Multiservice agency	2	0	0	0
Other	2	2	0	0
<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

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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>28</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</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				
	2020-V2-GX-0038	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00631-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00760-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00399-ASSI
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	26	19	1	0
B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	2	0	0	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	0	0	0	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

<b>VOCA and Match Funds</b>				
A single SAR can select multiple service types. Numbers are not unique				
	2020-V2-GX-0038	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00631-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00760-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00399-ASSI
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	13	15	1	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	9	14	1	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	9	16	1	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	2	9	1	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	13	17	1	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	13	18	1	0

<b>Priority and Underserved Requirements</b>				
Priority Area	2020-V2-GX-0038	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00631-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00760-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00399-ASSI
<b>Child Abuse</b>				
Total Amount	\$1,291,816.00	\$1,399,634.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	18.00 %	30.00 %	0.00 %	
<b>Domestic and Family Violence</b>				
Total Amount	\$3,457,393.00	\$1,624,617.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	48.00 %	35.00 %	0.00 %	
<b>Sexual Assault</b>				
Total Amount	\$647,833.00	\$419,046.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	9.00 %	9.00 %	0.00 %	
<b>Underserved</b>				
Total Amount	\$2,180,126.00	\$1,658,908.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	31.00 %	36.00 %	1.00 %	

<b>Budget and Staffing</b>				
Staffing Information	2020-V2-GX-0038	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00631-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00760-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00399-ASSI
Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	352	323	10	

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Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	531755	373790	6790
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	205	313	4
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	54000	72482	4160

## 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)	19	1771	1838	1843	1760	1803
Adult Sexual Assault	28	792	988	720	640	785
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	13	87	71	87	72	79
Arson	8	61	18	27	24	32
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	14	201	86	56	58	100
Burglary	9	271	383	356	388	349
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	10	337	347	365	338	346
Child Pornography	14	13	16	15	19	15
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	17	465	595	510	482	513
Domestic and/or Family Violence	25	5462	5804	5597	5500	5590
DUI/DWI Incidents	9	51	52	58	61	55
Elder Abuse or Neglect	24	149	110	131	141	132
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	10	5	5	3	2	3
Human Trafficking: Labor	10	14	5	16	14	12
Human Trafficking: Sex	22	169	161	174	171	168
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	10	907	1145	774	943	942
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	6	31	39	35	33	34
Kidnapping (custodial)	5	9	4	5	5	5
Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	2	0	0	1	0	0
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	8	100	100	73	88	90
Robbery	10	56	112	92	83	85
Stalking/Harassment	27	871	933	994	1072	967
Survivors of Homicide Victims	13	339	359	303	384	346
Teen Dating Victimization	15	12	17	26	19	18
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	2	0	0	1	1	0
Other	6	4703	4098	4296	4292	4347

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	14	21	22	19	111
Homeless	851	862	954	978	4835
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	166	142	226	276	870
LGBTQ	136	147	150	156	723
Veterans	40	56	52	61	333
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/ Physical /Mental	670	654	686	678	4508
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	88	129	117	224	746
Other	19	4	5	3	4305

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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.	48621	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year	67	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.	18630	38.32 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?	14515	29.85 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.	546	

Demographics		
Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native	92	0.49 %
Asian	99	0.53 %
Black or African American	471	2.53 %
Hispanic or Latino	125	0.67 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	6	0.03 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	6826	36.64 %
Some Other Race	155	0.83 %
Multiple Races	144	0.77 %
Not Reported	10458	56.14 %
Not Tracked	254	1.36 %
<b>Race/Ethnicity Total</b>	<b>18630</b>	
<b>Gender Identity</b>		
Male	2174	11.67 %
Female	12481	66.99 %
Other	134	0.72 %
Not Reported	3714	19.94 %
Not Tracked	127	0.68 %
<b>Gender Total</b>	<b>18630</b>	
<b>Age</b>		
Age 0- 12	887	4.76 %
Age 13- 17	535	2.87 %
Age 18- 24	1238	6.65 %
Age 25- 59	8642	46.39 %
Age 60 and Older	1339	7.19 %
Not Reported	5869	31.50 %
Not Tracked	120	0.64 %
<b>Age Total</b>	<b>18630</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	27	34116	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	52770
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	21369
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	6146
			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	21172
			Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	1401
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	76
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	895
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	43223

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B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	18	9247	B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	54
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	101
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	168
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	144
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	3598
			B10. Interpreter services	1215
C. Emotional Support or Safety Services	22	17402	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	34895
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	33406
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	601
			C4. Individual counseling	9451
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	5768
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	0
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	2896
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	11	2306	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	40299
			D2. Transitional housing	52616
			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	1360
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	29	26922	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	14548
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	914
			E3. Assistance with restitution	8423
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	17591
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	11579
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	553
			E7. Immigration assistance	2
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	1440
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	741
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	5440
E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	3034			

**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.	
	0
<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>	
N/A	
<b>Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.</b>	

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The Violence Prevention Program (VPP) updated and finalized its policy and procedure manual during this performance period. However, no new policy changes were made.

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

No media coverage of events/episodes were earned during the reporting period.

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

During this reporting period, coordinated responses for assisting crime victims continued to occur through collaboration between domestic violence service providers, sexual assault service providers, law enforcement, and other community partners, when appropriate. Examples include The DV/CPS Liaison Program in which DV advocates are housed within each child welfare district office and partner with child welfare staff on cases when domestic violence is suspected in the home. Additionally, the Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC) in Maine provide a place and an opportunity for victims in alleged child sexual abuse investigations to be interviewed by a trained forensic interviewer in the presence of multiple stakeholders at one time, in order to prevent the need for multiple interviews. This coordinated response often includes law enforcement, child welfare staff, forensic interviewers, family advocates, etc.

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

Transportation can be a barrier to accessing services, particularly in rural parts of the state, and the availability of emergency shelter is limited. Another challenge faced by victims are long waitlists, particularly for mental health services. However, as communities rebound from the pandemic, many are finding that services are more readily available, in virtual form. Another barrier to receiving assistance has been the challenge for programs to hire and retain staff. With high numbers of vacancies, agencies are struggling to serve the many victims that need assistance. Funding cuts are also beginning to impact service availability and delivery, so the state is currently exploring all possible solutions.

## **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.**

VPP continued to fund both public and private entities and required coordinated responses and routine collaboration of our contractors/MOU partners, serving victims of crimes. These contractors included Victims Witness Advocates working in local District Attorney's offices, statewide coalitions serving victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, the Elder Abuse Institute of Maine, the Immigrant Resource Center of Maine, Legal Services for the Elderly, and Pine Tree Legal Assistance, Inc. VPP also issued MOUs to 3 other departments of state government, supporting services for victim advocacy and court appointed special advocates for children.

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

Both the full-time program coordinator position dedicated to VOCA as well as the Violence Prevention Program Manager position remained filled. This continuity has served to create consistency within the program and enhanced positive relationships with providers. The VPP program also updated its Policy and Procedure Manual, maintained and updated its website and developed a work plan to address the recommendations of the recent Statewide Victim Needs Assessment.

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

**Child Abuse:** This priority was met by providing funding to the statewide Children's Advocacy Centers housed within the Maine Coalition to End Sexual Assault (MECASA) and the DV/CPS liaison program housed within the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence (MCEDV). Additionally, the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program within the Maine Judicial Branches also serve victims of child abuse and neglect, involved in the court system. **Sexual Assault (SA):** Victims of sexual violence are served through local SA resource centers across the state that are managed by the statewide coalition MECASA. The Immigrant Resource Center of Maine provides culturally-specific gender-based violence services. **Victim Witness Advocates** are also funded with VOCA dollars and work at local District Attorney's Offices to assist victims of sexual violence. **Domestic Violence (DV):** Victims of domestic violence are served through local DV resource centers across the state that are managed by the statewide coalition MCEDV. The Immigrant Resource Center of Maine provides culturally-specific gender-based violence services. **Victim Witness Advocates** are also funded with VOCA dollars and work at local District Attorney's Offices to assist victims of domestic violence. **Underserved Populations:** This priority was met by providing funding to providers supporting victims who are immigrants, asylum seekers or refugees, Mainers over the age of 65, and surviving family members of homicide victims. During the reporting period, we continued to contract with the Immigrant Resource Center of Maine (IRCM) to directly fund and support their work with victims of sexual violence and/or domestic violence within immigrant, asylum seeker and refugee communities. Our contracts with the Elder Abuse Institute of Maine the Legal Services for the Elderly continue to support victims of violence in Maine over the age of 65. VOCA funding through an MOU with our OAG supported victim advocate positions supporting surviving family members of homicide victims. MECASA also continued to provide funding to MaineTransNet to support their efforts to support survivors from the LGBTQ+ community.

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

The Maine Sex Trafficking and Exploitation Network (Maine STEN) is a program of our SA coalition. Maine STEN provides training, technical assistance, and resources to direct service providers engaged in anti-trafficking efforts in Maine, as well as community awareness. The CACs funded through MECASA continued to respond to the needs of CSEC victims and some have hired specific CSEC coordinators to handle these complicated cases. The VPP Program Manager has begun co-facilitating an ad hoc committee, created by LD 1092, which requires DHHS to form a committee of stakeholders in order to assess CSEC prevention/response in Maine and make recommendations for improvement to the legislature in January of 2025.

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

Like many other states, Maine has seen an increase in the need for housing, mental health services and substance use services. While not specific to victims, these issues certainly impact that subset of individuals as well.

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

Our VPP program has remained stable over this performance period. However, our invoicing and contract staff have struggled with staffing which has sometimes led to delays. Also, our community partners and coalitions are experiencing hiring and retention issues, as is the rest of the workforce. These issues are compounded by the fact that the agencies can't afford the wages and benefits that attract and retain staff. Our SA coalition put in a bill this period, which would have allowed them to increase the base pay for advocates, but the bill did not pass.

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

VPP is currently exploring alternative methods of administering funding as part of the work plan developed to address the statewide victim needs assessment. Any RFPs developed would be posted on the DHHS Division of Procurement Services website.

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

VPP continued to fund underserved populations via contracting directly with local providers working with immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers as well as victims over the age of 65. Additionally, VPP provided funding to our DV and SA coalitions who partner with community organizations prioritizing underserved populations, including the LGBTQ+ community.

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

VPP continued to meet monthly with our DV and SA coalitions as well as IRCM to identify gaps in services and discuss possible solutions. Other programs were met with less frequently, but as needed. VPP also developed and has been working through a workplan to address the recommendations of a recent statewide victim needs assessment, which includes addressing service gaps, specifically within underserved populations.

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

The Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) must annually report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on the number of Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs), an overview of the protocols adopted by CACs, the effectiveness of the centers in coordinating both the investigation and prosecution of child sexual abuse, and the number of referrals of victims of child sexual abuse for treatment. Additionally, the newly formed CSEC committee is required to submit a report and recommendations to the legislature in January of 2025.