

ND 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-0019	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00584-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00776-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00453-ASSI
Federal Award Amount	\$4,268,738.00	\$2,830,097.00	\$3,751,160.00	\$3,560,590.00
Total Amount of Subawards	\$4,268,738.00	\$1,150,811.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Number of Subawards	27	18	0	0
Administrative Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
Training Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance Remaining	\$0.00	\$1,629,286.00	\$3,701,160.00	\$3,560,590.00

Subgrantee Organization Type				
<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>				
Type of Organization	2020-V2-GX-0019	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00584-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00776-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00453-ASSI
Government Agencies Only	1	12	0	0
Corrections	0	0	0	0
Courts	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	0	1	0	0
Prosecutor	1	10	0	0
Other	0	1	0	0
Nonprofit Organization Only	25	4	0	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	3	0	0	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	1	0	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	3	1	0	0
Faith-based Organization	0	0	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	13	1	0	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	2	0	0	0
Multiservice agency	3	1	0	0
Other	0	1	0	0
Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Agencies, and Organizations Only	1	2	0	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	0	0	0	0
Court	0	0	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence organization	0	0	0	0
Faith-based organization	0	0	0	0
Juvenile justice	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	0	0	0	0
Organization provides domestic and family violence and sexual assault services	1	2	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
Campus Organizations Only	0	0	0	0
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
Total Number of Subawards	27	18	0	0

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

Subaward Purpose				
A single SAR can select multiple purposes. Numbers are not unique				
	2020-V2-GX-0019	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00584-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00776-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00453-ASSI
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	27	18	0	0
B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	0	0	0	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	0	0	0	0
D. Start up a new Native American victim services project	0	0	0	0
E. Expand or enhance an existing Native American project	0	0	0	0

VOCA and Match Funds				
A single SAR can select multiple service types. Numbers are not unique				
	2020-V2-GX-0019	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00584-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00776-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00453-ASSI
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	27	18	0	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	25	14	0	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	26	10	0	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	19	6	0	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	26	18	0	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	27	18	0	0

Priority and Underserved Requirements				
Priority Area	2020-V2-GX-0019	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00584-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00776-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00453-ASSI
Child Abuse				
Total Amount	\$909,605.00	\$118,422.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	21.00 %	4.00 %		
Domestic and Family Violence				
Total Amount	\$2,087,566.00	\$410,342.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	49.00 %	14.00 %		
Sexual Assault				
Total Amount	\$582,981.00	\$131,776.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	14.00 %	5.00 %		
Underserved				
Total Amount	\$688,585.00	\$490,151.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	16.00 %	17.00 %		

Budget and Staffing				
Staffing Information	2020-V2-GX-0019	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00584-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00776-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00453-ASSI
Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	291	69		

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Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	129823	55805		
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	677	27		
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	62889	976		

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)	39	805	883	1002	1113	950
Adult Sexual Assault	41	255	246	295	303	274
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	37	90	79	86	100	88
Arson	21	13	22	14	16	16
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	35	355	465	407	567	448
Burglary	22	136	93	72	76	94
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	41	286	272	319	280	289
Child Pornography	34	25	29	31	34	29
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	43	394	409	448	436	421
Domestic and/or Family Violence	44	1228	1467	2081	2088	1716
DUI/DWI Incidents	23	17	12	37	44	27
Elder Abuse or Neglect	35	49	53	32	72	51
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	23	2	2	1	2	1
Human Trafficking: Labor	35	6	3	7	13	7
Human Trafficking: Sex	44	52	52	51	53	52
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	23	180	197	216	194	196
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	25	12	11	11	8	10
Kidnapping (custodial)	23	5	5	3	7	5
Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	15	1	0	0	0	0
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	21	142	156	160	213	167
Robbery	22	35	24	22	25	26
Stalking/Harassment	42	389	415	541	602	486
Survivors of Homicide Victims	31	41	24	24	28	29
Teen Dating Victimization	41	32	35	36	31	33
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	17	51	60	94	87	73
Other	18	720	605	769	743	709

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	13	19	27	28	128
Homeless	237	225	280	286	2003
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	21	23	29	33	284
LGBTQ	46	85	119	120	414
Veterans	10	16	15	27	138
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/ Physical /Mental	280	313	455	495	3083
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	43	38	43	43	347
Other	38	123	100	127	1884

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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.	17444	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year	981	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.	9822	56.31 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?	3998	22.92 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.	1206	

Demographics		
Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian or Alaska Native	1861	18.95 %
Asian	55	0.56 %
Black or African American	515	5.24 %
Hispanic or Latino	364	3.71 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	25	0.25 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	5637	57.39 %
Some Other Race	58	0.59 %
Multiple Races	172	1.75 %
Not Reported	1093	11.13 %
Not Tracked	42	0.43 %
Race/Ethnicity Total	9822	
Gender Identity		
Male	2684	27.33 %
Female	6474	65.91 %
Other	59	0.60 %
Not Reported	568	5.78 %
Not Tracked	37	0.38 %
Gender Total	9822	
Age		
Age 0- 12	1042	10.61 %
Age 13- 17	679	6.91 %
Age 18- 24	1234	12.56 %
Age 25- 59	5707	58.10 %
Age 60 and Older	605	6.16 %
Not Reported	515	5.24 %
Not Tracked	40	0.41 %
Age Total	9822	

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	45	11394	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	12472
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	8720
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	3521
			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	8465
			Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	287
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	338
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	683
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	11044

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B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	38	5056	B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	244
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	36
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	514
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	629
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	3832
			B10. Interpreter services	104
C. Emotional Support or Safety Services	38	10681	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	13630
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	5178
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	814
			C4. Individual counseling	19394
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	1719
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	3199
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	2342
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	25	1148	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	14442
			D2. Transitional housing	2212
			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	239
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	42	8647	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	16418
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	2199
			E3. Assistance with restitution	758
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	1104
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	598
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	1342
			E7. Immigration assistance	7
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	637
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	439
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	5771
E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	44			

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	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
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.	
n/a	
Describe any planning or training events held during the reporting period.	
n/a	
Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.	

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Updated VOCA Grant Administrator manual to reflect current federal program requirements as indicated during federal program manager site visit. Created a budget template for subgrantees for the current award to ensure adequate information to assess reasonableness of budget items and allocability of the expenses. Implementing a Determination of Suitability policy in coordination with HR department if the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation would have a self-award again in the future.

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

No press releases were issued or media coverage received during the reporting period.

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

The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCR) coordinates with the ND Attorney General's Office and the ND Department of Health & Human Services as victim services funding partners. These agencies hold quarterly meetings to discuss common practices, issues, and educational opportunities such as webinars for victim service agencies.

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

North Dakota continues to have issues with the limited or non-existence of victim services in the rural areas especially in western North Dakota. There is lack of mental health and addiction services in the western part of the state. Transportation issues such as not having a vehicle or unreliable vehicle and limited services make it difficult for some victims to receive services needed. Some agencies are indicating they are having difficulties finding volunteers to assist with crisis hotlines or other areas and this has placed additional burden of staff to cover core services.

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 Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation encourages coordination between the subgrantees and community to help crime victims. The domestic assault/sexual assault/child abuse agencies work together with law enforcement, city and states attorneys, social service systems, public health agencies, homeless coalitions, legal services, housing assistance agencies, mental health counseling providers, shelters, food pantries, disability service agencies, medical providers. One agency collaborated with their county public health to provide greater outreach and prevention services including a 5K run addressing the stigma of domestic violence. Another domestic/sexual assault agency coordinates with local coalition for homeless people regarding services.

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

Subgrantees are providing information about the crime victims compensation program in a variety of ways. Agencies have placed Crime Victim Compensation (CVC) posters from DOCR's website in client rooms; advocates offer victims assistance in completing CVC applications; the CVC link to DOCR's website is also cross-posted on some agency's websites. DOCR shared aggregate VOCA annual performance numbers of the underserved groups in ND with CAWS and their members. They are looking to use as a baseline to measure future outreach efforts to LGBTQ+ and other marginalized groups.

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

North Dakota continues to meet the percentage level requirements of the priority groups. The crime victims allocation percentages based on funding for each of the priority groups comprise of 19 percent for Child Abuse; 46 percent for Domestic and Family Violence; 13 percent for Sexual Assault; and 22 percent for Underserved populations.

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

North Dakota continues to maintain a good working relationship with federal victim witness specialists. The federal victim witness specialists often reach out to the state crime victim compensation program assisting victims with information and coordinating to provide needed law enforcement report information.

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

Significant barrier in North Dakota is lack of resources. Oftentimes victims are extremely low-income and are in need of the basic necessities. Agencies providing victim services continue to indicate they are understaffed. One children's advocacy center indicated they have a 4-month waiting list currently for 60 traumatized children. This wait list is due to not having staffing levels to meet the demand. North Dakota has been able to sustain the VOCA awards through this reporting period by utilizing two federal awards - one being split between two annual award periods. All previous federal VOCA awards are now utilized. The subgrantees are increasingly worried about the reduced funding for VOCA. For North Dakota's next annual award cycle, there will be a 34 percent reduction compared to this reporting period.

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

North Dakota's program has seen turnover in the grants manager and administrative assistant positions during the reporting period. A new grant administrator was hired in early 2023 as well as an administrative assistant. The program was also moved from the Administrative Services section to the Business Office of the Department. The program consists of these two employees reporting to the director/CFO. A contracts & grants manager was added toward the end of the reporting period which is now overseeing the grant administrator position. There has been additional shift in duties internally for the program to try and maintain workload balance. With the staff turnover, moving VOCA program to Business Office area, and new program staff, there has been a learning curve adjustment for the VOCA Assistance program.

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

The Notice of Funding Opportunity is emailed to a broad group listing that also includes past and current recipients and potential applicants. The solicitation is also posted on our website.

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

In North Dakota, many of the victims served are underserved based on their status - rural, minorities, or elderly. North Dakota tries to ensure that victims are provided services including the underserved through the solicitations and questions in the grant application.

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

North Dakota is working with subrecipients including coalition partners to identify gaps in services and what can be done within confines of the grant requirements. The Department attends meetings of a needs assessment planning committee coordinated through a domestic violence coalition. The needs assessment was conducted to determine the strengths and gaps in North Dakota for domestic violence. This included identifying unserved or underserved populations, common needs identified by survivors and advocates, specific impacts of Covid-19 pandemic, and challenges of underserved groups. The coalition along with its members is now focusing on how to reach out to these affected groups to improve services needed.

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

No outcome measures are reported to the governor, legislature, or other state entity during the reporting period. The Department will be issuing their biennial report soon which will include brief summary of the VOCA Assistance program in North Dakota for FY 21-23.