

WA 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-0034	2020-V2-GX-0022	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00605-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00686-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00478-ASSI
Federal Award Amount	\$51,207,272.00	\$38,159,052.00	\$23,924,343.00	\$32,966,344.00	\$31,079,099.00
Total Amount of Subawards	\$50,442,445.00	\$37,220,564.00	\$24,744,043.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Number of Subawards	364	234	169	51	9
Administrative Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Training Funds Amount	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance Remaining	\$764,827.00	\$938,488.00	(\$819,700.00)	\$32,966,344.00	\$31,079,099.00

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-0034	2020-V2-GX-0022	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00605-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00686-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00478-ASSI
Government Agencies Only	57	45	9	1	0
Corrections	0	0	0	0	0
Courts	3	0	1	0	0
Juvenile Justice	5	0	2	0	0
Law Enforcement	2	1	1	1	0
Prosecutor	44	43	3	0	0
Other	3	1	2	0	0
Nonprofit Organization Only	260	180	136	45	9
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	24	10	10	1	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	0	1	1	1	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	7	13	9	1	0
Faith-based Organization	2	1	0	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	10	9	5	1	1
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	47	22	29	27	5
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	9	2	2	1	1
Multiservice agency	138	105	70	10	0
Other	23	17	10	3	2
Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Agencies, and Organizations Only	47	9	24	5	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	7	1	3	1	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	7	1	4	0	0
Prosecutor	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	5	2	2	0	0
Other justice-based agency	0	0	0	0	0
Other agency that is NOT justice-based (e.g., human services, health, education)	3	1	1	0	0
Organization by and/or for a specific traditionally underserved community	19	4	11	3	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	6	0	3	1	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Campus Organizations Only	0	0	0	0	0
Campus-based victims services	0	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
Total Number of Subawards	364	234	169	51	9

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

Subaward Purpose <small>A single SAR can select multiple purposes. Numbers are not unique</small>					
	2019-V2-GX-0034	2020-V2-GX-0022	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00605-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00686-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00478-ASSI
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	352	231	165	47	7
B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	3	1	1	1	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	9	2	3	3	2
D. Start up a new Native American victim services project	0	0	0	0	0
E. Expand or enhance an existing Native American project	1	0	0	0	0

VOCA and Match Funds <small>A single SAR can select multiple service types. Numbers are not unique</small>					
	2019-V2-GX-0034	2020-V2-GX-0022	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00605-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00686-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00478-ASSI
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	241	162	127	42	9
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	239	140	127	42	9
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	205	136	96	42	8
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	41	79	44	1	5
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	255	179	95	42	9
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	280	181	127	42	9

Priority and Underserved Requirements					
Priority Area	2019-V2-GX-0034	2020-V2-GX-0022	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00605-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00686-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00478-ASSI
Child Abuse					
Total Amount	\$10,499,462.00	\$5,470,434.00	\$3,927,298.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	21.00 %	14.00 %	16.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %
Domestic and Family Violence					
Total Amount	\$14,091,785.00	\$20,664,847.00	\$9,398,703.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	28.00 %	54.00 %	39.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %
Sexual Assault					
Total Amount	\$10,562,174.00	\$4,365,708.00	\$5,019,555.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	21.00 %	11.00 %	21.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %
Underserved					
Total Amount	\$15,236,813.00	\$6,719,574.00	\$2,068,487.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	30.00 %	18.00 %	9.00 %	0.00 %	0.00 %

Budget and Staffing					
Staffing Information	2019-V2-GX-0034	2020-V2-GX-0022	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00605-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00686-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00478-ASSI
Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	78812	3210	77235	75471	177
Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	1837106	1443033	1073542	216792	66474
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	3735	2013	2667	240	19
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	309340	225683	163490	31024	1473

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)	63	495	549	555	365	491

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Adult Sexual Assault	83	1698	1849	2029	1943	1879
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	80	445	432	457	453	446
Arson	61	10	10	8	6	8
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	61	47	66	115	80	77
Burglary	61	242	215	155	36	162
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	124	651	691	823	608	693
Child Pornography	122	21	31	23	19	23
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	127	2923	3341	3290	2784	3084
Domestic and/or Family Violence	117	6600	6544	6764	6370	6569
DUI/DWI Incidents	63	23	27	17	7	18
Elder Abuse or Neglect	64	46	69	70	66	62
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	66	30	30	36	25	30
Human Trafficking: Labor	77	133	132	129	109	125
Human Trafficking: Sex	84	236	228	232	190	221
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	63	296	328	258	143	256
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	63	10	8	10	7	8
Kidnapping (custodial)	63	13	8	8	4	8
Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	63	6	14	19	9	12
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	62	32	32	29	21	28
Robbery	63	53	66	43	21	45
Stalking/Harassment	62	418	463	507	430	454
Survivors of Homicide Victims	66	214	205	205	168	198
Teen Dating Victimization	135	106	105	93	87	97
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	61	0	0	0	1	0
Other	0	162	156	133	46	124

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	121	134	147	131	1203
Homeless	2216	2210	2305	2166	22957
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	724	723	642	514	6631
LGBTQ	309	305	339	350	2386
Veterans	80	76	70	65	844
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/ Physical /Mental	2415	2584	2677	2418	24138
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	877	848	831	678	8549
Other	0	0	0	0	0

General Award Information

Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level	Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.	58570	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year	0	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.	37757	64.46 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?	1908	3.26 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.	385	

Demographics

Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian or Alaska Native	1803	4.78 %
Asian	1074	2.84 %
Black or African American	2771	7.34 %
Hispanic or Latino	7852	20.80 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	304	0.81 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	17549	46.48 %
Some Other Race	429	1.14 %
Multiple Races	1244	3.29 %
Not Reported	4731	12.53 %
Not Tracked	0	0.00 %
Race/Ethnicity Total	37757	

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Gender Identity		
Male		5886
Female		30278
Other		671
Not Reported		922
Not Tracked		0
Gender Total		37757
Age		
Age 0- 12		4944
Age 13- 17		4376
Age 18- 24		4219
Age 25- 59		21563
Age 60 and Older		2655
Not Reported		0
Not Tracked		0
Age Total		37757

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	88	9002	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	0
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	460
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	0
			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	8560
B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	131	41584	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	1091
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	1649
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	0
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	36924
			B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	4305
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	484
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	3558
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	1753
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	1053
			B10. Interpreter services	0
C. Emotional Support or Safety Services	107	17488	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	9025
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	0
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	0
			C4. Individual counseling	4063
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	2349
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	1626
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	3003
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	66	2073	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	1786
			D2. Transitional housing	9
			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	284
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	88	24404	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	563
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	695
			E3. Assistance with restitution	455
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	910
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	982
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	0
			E7. Immigration assistance	0
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	0

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	E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	0
	E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	15537
	E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	7836

ANNUAL QUESTIONS

Grantee Annually Reported Questions	Count
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	0
No	1
Describe any program or educational materials developed during the reporting period.	
None	
Describe any planning or training events held during the reporting period.	
No noteworthy events were held.	
Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.	
While no significant changes our program policies were implemented, we did continue our ongoing efforts to clarify and interpret program policies for program managers within our agency. This includes conducting refresher training for staff members, as well as highlighting different program policies and procedures for discussion during staff meetings.	
Describe any earned media coverage events/episodes during the reporting period.	
None	
Describe any coordinated responses/services for assisting crime victims during the reporting period.	
Office of Crime Victim Advocacy (OCVA) and the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) meet approximately twice monthly to coordinate responses and services statewide. OCVA staff meets regularly with the Children s Advocacy Centers of Washington to discuss the service needs for children who have been victims of abuse. OCVA & DSHS staff meet regularly with the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence to discuss domestic violence services across the state. OCVA staff meets regularly with Harborview Center for Sexual Assault and Traumatic Stress to confer on Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner services, training needs (not funded with VOCA). OCVA staff participate on the Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) Task Force, which involves work to address untested sexual assault forensic exam kits. OCVA staff also work with the Washington State Human Trafficking Task Force to discuss recommendations related to human trafficking services. The Office of Crime Victim Advocacy and DSHS conduct regular meetings/conference calls with state crime victim coalitions and associations to share VOCA implementation updates and gather information about emerging issues or needs state coalitions and associations may be hearing about from victim service programs throughout the state.	
Please discuss the major issues in your state that either assist or prevent victims from receiving assistance during the reporting period.	
Many service providers in our state have reported an increase in staff turnover and difficulties in filling direct service positions. While direct services have always had a high turnover rate, we are seeing increases in difficulties filling staff vacancies, particularly in rural areas that struggle to find qualified applicants willing to provide services in rural communities, particularly when those challenges are compounded with challenges in communities where everyone knows everyone and advocates appearing in court with a client, for example, can result in that advocate or their family being targeted for harassment and violence. Leadership at service programs are struggling with burnout and exhaustion, and we are seeing many long-time leaders choosing to retire or step away from managing victim services. This results in loss of practical institutional knowledge and experience at those programs, and further increases the stress on their remaining staff. Victims from marginalized communities are reporting increasingly severe animosity from mainstream communities, which results in reluctance to come forward for services, even to request services from a provider within their community. Programs that serve marginalized communities are reporting increases in hate speech, graffiti, and vandalism, all of which leads to barriers to victims coming forward to receive assistance. At the same time, there are many success stories of programs that persevered despite these obstacles. Washington State s increasingly diverse network of service providers means that when one program is experiencing challenges, they are now more likely to have a network of other providers to reach out to for support and assistance. While OCVA and DSHS will always prioritize providing help, support, and technical assistance, we have found that support from within the service provider community often resonates more deeply. Increasing the opportunities for programs to talk to one another about the challenges they face seems to have had a positive impact.	
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.	
Washington State VOCA Assistance Administrators support the coordination of public and private efforts that help crime victims through local subgrantees activities. All VOCA-funded local subgrantees work collaboratively with agencies in their communities to provide victim-centered services. Domestic violence, sexual assault, and crime victim service providers routinely partner with allied professionals in law enforcement, prosecution, and the court system.	
Please describe any notable activities at the grantee level during the reporting period that improved delivery of victim services.	
One example of a notable activity was the creativity and flexibility grantees used in the administration of Emergency Financial Assistance to meet the unique, victim-centered needs of individuals in crisis. An example of this was the Asotin and Garfield County CASA program, which receives VOCA funding via their Victims of Child Abuse and Neglect grant. They identified that one area kids needed assistance after abuse, particularly when being placed in foster care, was help finding normalcy and consistency in the midst of traumatic upheaval. One example of this was a child who played the cello. Beyond the skill development, music lessons gave this child a creative outlet and surrounded her with positive role models and fostered healthy peer relationships. It also provided the child with a much needed sense of stability. The grantee utilized their VOCA grant funds to help the child s foster family continue to pay the child s enrollment fees and instrument rental costs, which otherwise would not have been possible once the child was placed in care.	
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	
This reporting period we continued to provide services to victims of child abuse via the Children s Advocacy Center Child Centered Services VOCA Initiative. We set aside 6.4% of our VOCA grant subrecipient dollars to Child Advocacy Centers. In addition, this reporting period we also funded a new to direct funds to other providers of service to children, with the Victims of Child Abuse and Neglect Initiative which funded one time 12 months grants to programs providing services to child victims of abuse and neglect who would not otherwise receive VOCA funding. Our Domestic Violence Shelters continues to support victims of Domestic Violence across our state. With the increase in VOCA funds, we were able to fund these programs more fully than previously, allowing them to provide quality services to more victims than ever before. In addition, many of our DV shelter providers applied for and received one of the complementary competitive grants for enhancement of current services, which has allowed them to try out new modalities of service, including several different forms of housing assistance and advocacy designed to assist survivors in securing and moving into safe and stable housing, provide relocation support, or assist survivors to remain in their current housing. DV victim services programs, including those that do not operate shelter facilities, are using VOCA funds to expand provision of therapy services, legal support, and provide culturally and community specific services for immigrants and refugees, Latinx survivors, Black/African-American survivors, Native American/Indigenous survivors, Deaf/Hard of Hearing survivors, and LGBTQIA survivors. Our network of sexual assault providers has similarly benefited from the implementation of Washington s VOCA plan. Advocates are now being compensated at living wages and staff vacancies filled. The state s 35 accredited Community Sexual Assault Programs continue to guarantee access to every sexual assault victim in Washington, adult or child, to the services of crisis intervention, information and referral, medical/legal advocacy, and support. In addition to these core services, providers across the state continue to offer specialized sexual assault services (therapy, support groups, medical social work) as well as culturally and community specific advocacy and therapy services. Underserved victims of other crimes are funded in Washington through variety of different initiatives. Victim Witness Assistance Units, located in all 39 of our county Prosecutor s offices, work with victims of all crime types, including victims of assault, elder abuse, and other crimes. Our network of 44 Crime Victim Service Centers across the state serve victims of all crimes other than Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. Our Human Trafficking initiative focuses resources for victims of sex trafficking and labor trafficking. Services to tribal grantees via our Tribal Government Initiative continue to serve a wide variety of crime types in 17 of our state s 29 federally recognized tribes, and include focus areas of elder abuse, child abuse, and other underserved crime types. Similarly, our initiatives to fund Services By and For Marginalized Communities fund all crime types within populations historically impacted by discrimination. During this reporting period, we funded a total of 32 By and For Initiative grants to programs that are culturally based, directed, and substantially controlled by communities historically impacted by discrimination.	

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Please briefly describe efforts taken to serve Victims of Federal crime during the reporting period.
Eight Washington state sub-grantees provide support and assistance to victims of labor and sex trafficking. Due to the strategies used by exploiters, individuals are very hesitant to come forward and advocates spend a tremendous amount of time building trust. Support and assistance for these individuals has included in-person advocacy, assistance with accessing medical care, crisis intervention, collaborating with treatment facilities and assisting individuals by purchasing food and clothing. Advocates have provided support during FBI interviews and collaborated with FBI Victim Specialists. Human trafficking grantees located in Seattle are experiencing an increase in referrals related to labor trafficking. One program is providing civil legal assistance to victims seeking T-Visa certification. The program has noticed an increase in domestic servitude cases. Another program in Seattle is providing support and assistance to victims of labor trafficking and assisting individuals in accessing housing and other services.
Please identify any emerging issues or notable trends affecting crime victim services in your state during the reporting period.
The lack of affordable housing units and the super competitive rental market means even with sufficient VOCA funding to support move-in costs and temporary rental assistance, programs are still having a hard time finding options for survivors. Additionally, we have seen increased issue in rural areas where victims and survivors struggle with transportation – whether that includes difficulty accessing a vehicle or have limited funds for public transportation and gas.
Please briefly outline any staffing retention issues that your victim assistance program has and why these issues may occur during the reporting period.
The Washington State Office of Crime Victims Advocacy and Department of Social and Health Services both have historically high staff retention rate overall. While the state government does not provide compensation at the same rate as the private sector, it does offer reasonable benefits, union membership, and a work/life balance. With the increase in the VOCA Assistance award, administrative funds have allowed the department to hire more staff in order to develop and implement new subgrant programs, shift workloads to be more equitable, and increase staff's ability to address more complex issues.
Please explain your state process to publicize its victim assistance funding for services to victims of crime during the reporting period.
This reporting period, funding opportunities were publicized in a variety of ways. Funding opportunities were advertised to current grantees via email, publicized to state coalitions, and application materials were posted on our agency's website. We also notify everyone that signs up for our agency's GovDelivery mailing list of all funding opportunities. We post all of our open competitive funding solicitations on the Washington Electronic Business Solution (WEBS) statewide portal. In addition, outreach was conducted throughout the year by individual staff members to ensure that current subrecipients and others that might wish to become subrecipients were aware of different opportunities. Current subrecipients were repeatedly encouraged to reach out to other agencies within their respective communities to share information on available funds. We are always finding new ways to ensure our funding solicitations reach as many service providers as possible.
Please explain how your state is able to direct funding to new/underserved populations during the reporting period.
Our state's VOCA Plan is structured in such a way as to direct approximately half of VOCA funding to initiatives that are open opportunities. Through this, we have seen a gradual increase in new populations being served every year. For example, our VOCA By and For Initiative provides funding to victim services providers created and operated by underserved communities such as ethnic and racial communities, immigrants and refugees, LGBTQ2IA, individuals with disabilities or who are deaf/hard of hearing, and Native American tribes. Each new rollout results in a greater number of new/underserved populations being reached. While we will continue to advertise the availability of funding and continually strive to make our materials more accessible, the single best way we have spread information about this funding is through the successful experiences of earlier By and For recipients. Even when recipients come from completely different communities, word spreads quickly and each year we receive new applicants. In addition to this, we continue to target funding to new/underserved populations through targeted funding. For example, our Victims of Child Abuse and Neglect funding was only offered to entities not already funded via our VOCA State Plan, broadening the breadth of service providers and through that, further extending the reach of the dollars. Our Unmet Needs initiative includes priority areas for eligibility to target the funding to where the need is greatest. Most of our funding opportunities have mechanisms by which we can target resources to those that need it most.
Please explain how your program is able to respond to gaps in services during the reporting period.
One way we do this is through regional community planning processes conducted by current subrecipients. The Office of Crime Victims Advocacy supports local control of funding and service decisions within the Sexual Assault programs to address unmet needs and gaps within that service area. Another way we address gaps in service is through an analysis of funding allocated and services provided. We analyze data on all of the grants funded through the Washington State VOCA Plan, as well as the data reported by those grantees. By analyzing agencies and projects funded, as well as crime victims served, and cross referencing that data against state demographics and crime prevalence information, we identify areas where gaps in services may exist, and target additional funding opportunities toward those areas where flexibility within our statewide plan allows. For example, past efforts resulted in priority areas within competitive funding solicitations, based on that analysis of gaps. State administrators meet regularly to discuss currently funded service areas, remaining needs, and develop strategies for funding gaps.
Please list and explain any outcome measure(s) that are reported to the governor, legislature, or other state entity during the reporting period.
We did not report any outcome measures to state entities this reporting period.