

# WY 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-0016	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00608-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00814-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00429-ASSI
<b>Federal Award Amount</b>	\$3,362,222.00	\$2,272,984.00	\$2,928,268.00	\$2,783,406.00
<b>Total Amount of Subawards</b>	\$3,544,282.00	\$2,159,335.00	\$2,761,818.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Number of Subawards</b>	66	33	50	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>	(\$182,060.00)	\$113,649.00	\$166,450.00	\$2,783,406.00

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-0016	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00608-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00814-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00429-ASSI
<b>Government Agencies Only</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>
Corrections	0	0	0	0
Courts	0	1	1	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	13	9	12	0
Prosecutor	14	2	11	0
Other	0	0	0	0
<b>Nonprofit Organization Only</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0</b>
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	11	6	6	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	0	0	0	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	0	1	1	0
Faith-based Organization	0	0	0	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	16	12	13	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)	4	0	1	0
Multiservice agency	7	1	4	0
Other	1	1	1	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>66</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>50</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-0016	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00608-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00814-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00429-ASSI
A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	66	32	48	0
B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	0	0	1	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	0	1	1	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-0016	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00608-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00814-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00429-ASSI
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	62	32	49	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	60	30	45	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	53	27	44	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	34	20	33	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	54	27	44	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	66	33	50	0

<b>Priority and Underserved Requirements</b>				
Priority Area	2020-V2-GX-0016	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00608-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00814-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00429-ASSI
<b>Child Abuse</b>				
Total Amount	\$929,666.00	\$491,378.00	\$571,804.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	28.00 %	22.00 %	20.00 %	
<b>Domestic and Family Violence</b>				
Total Amount	\$1,289,285.00	\$1,026,006.00	\$1,243,352.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	38.00 %	45.00 %	42.00 %	
<b>Sexual Assault</b>				
Total Amount	\$560,523.00	\$305,677.00	\$407,261.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	17.00 %	13.00 %	14.00 %	
<b>Underserved</b>				
Total Amount	\$624,105.00	\$245,237.00	\$401,866.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	19.00 %	11.00 %	14.00 %	

<b>Budget and Staffing</b>				
Staffing Information	2020-V2-GX-0016	2021-15POVC-21-GG-00608-ASSI	2022-15POVC-22-GG-00814-ASSI	2023-15POVC-23-GG-00429-ASSI
Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	232	110	164	

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Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	145419	76685	88881
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	597	300	447
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	43903	32439	45683

## 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)	79	652	619	679	923	718
Adult Sexual Assault	87	203	175	188	187	188
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	83	23	30	41	43	34
Arson	51	6	4	8	7	6
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	64	143	142	129	126	135
Burglary	50	168	148	219	193	182
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	96	577	580	726	860	685
Child Pornography	73	15	11	38	48	28
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	96	227	257	275	254	253
Domestic and/or Family Violence	94	1525	1659	1599	1845	1657
DUI/DWI Incidents	57	216	223	569	273	320
Elder Abuse or Neglect	82	18	19	19	18	18
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	58	8	0	1	3	3
Human Trafficking: Labor	64	2	2	1	4	2
Human Trafficking: Sex	80	14	9	8	14	11
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	55	164	158	220	229	192
Kidnapping (non-custodial)	63	13	14	13	34	18
Kidnapping (custodial)	65	1	3	4	2	2
Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	45	0	0	0	0	0
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	51	500	422	358	448	432
Robbery	51	54	24	19	24	30
Stalking/Harassment	84	434	371	401	425	407
Survivors of Homicide Victims	64	94	73	40	61	67
Teen Dating Victimization	77	18	22	20	11	17
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	39	0	1	3	4	2
Other	34	889	835	962	1133	954

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	11	15	10	15	143
Homeless	170	160	140	199	1235
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	41	41	20	32	345
LGBTQ	44	43	44	62	285
Veterans	29	20	19	30	152
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/ Physical /Mental	236	192	186	260	1916
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	51	46	32	67	510
Other	260	6	176	234	919

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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.	20214	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year	224	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.	16121	79.75 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?	4007	19.82 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.	1542	

Demographics		
Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
American Indian or Alaska Native	752	4.66 %
Asian	58	0.36 %
Black or African American	296	1.84 %
Hispanic or Latino	1162	7.21 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	30	0.19 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	10662	66.13 %
Some Other Race	71	0.44 %
Multiple Races	379	2.35 %
Not Reported	927	5.75 %
Not Tracked	1785	11.07 %
<b>Race/Ethnicity Total</b>	<b>16122</b>	
<b>Gender Identity</b>		
Male	4741	29.41 %
Female	8989	55.76 %
Other	45	0.28 %
Not Reported	470	2.92 %
Not Tracked	1876	11.64 %
<b>Gender Total</b>	<b>16121</b>	
<b>Age</b>		
Age 0- 12	2048	12.70 %
Age 13- 17	1143	7.09 %
Age 18- 24	1774	11.00 %
Age 25- 59	7317	45.39 %
Age 60 and Older	1368	8.49 %
Not Reported	1081	6.71 %
Not Tracked	1390	8.62 %
<b>Age Total</b>	<b>16121</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	52	12417	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	18992
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	18181
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	13182
			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	23841
			Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	463
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	158
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	2772
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	127897

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B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	47	8261	B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	572
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	88
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	6212
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	7415
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	22617
			B10. Interpreter services	706
C. Emotional Support or Safety Services	41	5879	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	64040
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	38157
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	16152
			C4. Individual counseling	939
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	10924
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	203
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	77484
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	27	1288	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	16493
			D2. Transitional housing	8413
			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	761
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	45	10580	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	12206
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	1563
			E3. Assistance with restitution	3091
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	18695
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	2001
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	886
			E7. Immigration assistance	38
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	2282
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	558
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	3422
E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	895			

## 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.	500
Number of events conducted during the reporting period.	4
<b>Did the grant support any coordination activities (e.g., with other service providers, law enforcement agencies) during the reporting period?</b>	
Yes	0
No	1
<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>	
Wyoming held our annual Joint Symposium on Children and Youth in June 2023 which provided training on a wide range of topics on children's justice. Our office also teaches victims issues and victim compensation every three months for the Peace Officer Basic Course at the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy.	
<b>Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.</b>	

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The Division did not update or change any program policies during the reporting period.

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

The Division participated in the standard annual press releases and proclamation signings by Governor Gordon for Victim's Rights Week, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and Stalking Awareness Month.

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

The Division continues to lead the Human Trafficking Task Force (HTTF), a statewide organization consisting of many federal, state, and local agencies including the FBI, US Attorney's Office, Wyoming Highway Patrol, local law enforcement, various victim service providers, SANE programs, etc. The HTTF continues to lead Wyoming efforts to bring awareness to the public around human trafficking and to provide training to law enforcement, victim service providers, and other professionals throughout Wyoming. The Division continues to collaborate with the Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (WCADVSA) to provide both adult and pediatric SANE training for nurses in the state. Division Director Cara Chambers continues to chair the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Task Force (MMIPTF) which includes Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho leaders and members as well as victim service providers, law enforcement and other stakeholders.

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

Programs in our state continue to struggle with staff retention due to the wage disparity within the private sector and the inability to provide health benefits in some cases. The Division allows subgrantee programs to utilize our funding for regular pay raises, but unfortunately most agency budgets still do not allow for regular COLA or merit increases. Lack of mental health services in our state continues to negatively impact victims of crime regularly, and it is not uncommon for most of our communities to have very limited or unaffordable options for mental health provision. The shortage of affordable housing has plagued Wyoming for several years now and continues to be a massive hurdle for most victims. Agencies are revising their shelter policies to allow survivors additional time in shelter but this is not a permanent solution. Unfortunately as VOCA funding decreases so does the funding for shelter services and emergency financial assistance to victims.

## **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 Division promotes the coordination of public and private efforts within the communities through our grant funds, as all recipients of Division funding are required to collaborate with the victim service providers in their service area and are encourage to collaborate with other community agencies to provide wrap-around services. Division staff attend community awareness events and meet with key stakeholders about ways to improve access to services and increase partnerships. The Division collaborates strongly with our state domestic violence and sexual assault coalition (WCADVSA) to enhance SANE training and provide technical assistance to our funded programs and we have also developed relationships with several state and community agencies who participate in our VAWA Implementation Plan Committee in order to address gaps in service and address underserved populations.

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

The Division continues to enhance the education of service providers, law enforcement, attorneys, and other stakeholders through our two primary training events every year. The Wyoming Joint Symposium on Children and Youth is a joint venture with the Wyoming Supreme Court, Children's Justice Project and the Division. The Symposium provides opportunities for the filed to learn about crimes against children and best practices in children's justice and advocacy. The Division helps support the WCADVSA's Wyoming Conference on Violence Prevention and Response which provides an opportunity for advocates to learn about prevention activities and best practices in victim advocacy. These two events enhance the ability of victim service providers and other stakeholders in Wyoming deliver services to victims of crime. Additionally, the Division was able to provide training scholarships to subgrantee program which allowed them to participate in various national training conferences and events.

## **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:** The Division uses VOCA funds to support three child advocacy center (CAC's) and five Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs through Wyoming. The CAC's provide child forensic interviews and other services that focus on the well being of children who are victims of or witnesses to crimes. CASA programs provide specially trained advocates who ensure that children have a voice the court process and that their needs are met. All over victim services providers in the State also provide advocacy services to children. **Domestic Assault:** The Division currently funds 23 domestic violence and sexual assault programs, one in each county of the state. The non-profit organizations provide a range of advocacy services to victims of domestic violence including shelter and transitional housing. The Division also provides VOCA funding to 10 county attorney victim/witness programs and 8 law enforcement agencies and these programs provided crisis services and referrals to domestic violence survivors following a report to law enforcement and throughout the court system. **Sexual Assault:** All survivors of sexual assault in Wyoming are eligible for the same services offered to victims of domestic assault. Additionally the Division funds three SANE programs using VOCA funding which is typically used to fund salary and specialized training for nurses. **Underserved:** The Division recognizes several underserved populations in the state, including: Native American, elderly, LGBTQIA+, Hispanic/LatinX, LEP, and rural frontier. The majority of our funded programs have established specific goals aimed at outreach and service provision for the underserved populations and the Division monitors these goals through on-site and desk reviews. The Division works with stakeholders to ensure service provision and outreach to our Native American population and facilitates our state's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Task Force.

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

Teton County Victim Services (TCVS) is located just south of Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks and is surrounded by national forests. TCVS advocates respond to any request for aid or service made from a federal law enforcement agency and provides crisis intervention, emergency assistance and assistance with crime victims compensation applications. The Wind River Indian Reservation is located within Fremont County and Hot Springs County, and while the Division does not currently fund any tribal specific programs on the reservation, advocates from Fremont and Hot Springs Counties work closely with the BIA and FBI to facilitate service provision to victims of crime on federal land.

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

Wyoming continues to struggle with providing affordable and transitional housing to crime victims. Victims in rural communities also struggle with access to SANE exams and the Division will be utilizing FVPSA-ARPA Sexual Assault grant funding to establish a teleSANE program for the state, as well as provide supplies and training to SANE programs. Lack of civil-legal aid and mental health services was also identified as an emerging issue during the reporting period. The Division continues to explore MMIP issues through the MMIPTF and we are working to assist our tribal partners with meeting the needs of victims on the Wind River Indian Reservation.

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

The Division struggled with various staffing issues throughout the reporting period. The Division's Deputy Director of 6 years resigned from his position and one of our program managers resigned in November 2022 due to medical issues in November 2022. An existing program manager was promoted to Deputy Director in April 2023 and our office has been fully staffed since July 1, 2023.

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

The Division operates on a biennial funding process, where programs apply for funding once every two years. Public notice was published in the Casper Star Tribune and Wyoming Tribune Eagle, considered the state-wide newspapers, advertising the request for proposals (RFP). An email was sent to existing services providers advertising the RFP and the WCADVSA was also notified and provided a link to the RFP. Notice of the RFP was given at the Division's annual mandatory meeting for subrecipients and was also listed in our office's Subgrantee Administrator's Guidebook. The Division is currently in the SFY2023 and 2024 cycle and subgrantees will apply for funding again in 2024. The next RFP will be released in February, 2024, and we will use the same process to publicize funding opportunities.

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

The Division operates on a two-year funding cycle and the current reporting period largely occurred in the second year of our cycle. We currently fund existing programs that are working with the elderly, LatinX, LGBTQIA+ and rural communities. Additionally we fund a tribal specific prevention and education program on the Wind River Indian Reservation, though not through VOCA funding.

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

VOCA funds are awarded on a competitive basis in Wyoming. This provides us the opportunity to leverage VOCA funds to achieve the State's funding priorities. Gaps in services are identified through on-site and desk reviews where we discuss underserved populations in each community, as well as through discussions with our stakeholders and partnering agencies. We are occasionally able to grant mid-year awards but most gaps must be addressed during the next funding cycle.

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

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Each year the Division issues a performance report to the Governor and the Attorney General showing victimization rates, services provided to crime victims, and crime types as reported by victim service providers.