

Office for Victims of Crime
Victim Compensation Formula Grant Program
Annual Performance Measures Report
October 01, 2022 - September 30, 2023

GRANTEE INFORMATION

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POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS

1. Number of people for whom an application was made for victim compensation benefits during the reporting period.
- Q1: Oct-Dec 2022:
- Q2: Jan-Mar 2023:
- Q3: Apr-Jun 2023:
- Q4: Jul-Sep 2023:
- Annual:
2. Number of victims whose victimization is the basis for the application.
- Q1: Oct-Dec 2022:
- Q2: Jan-Mar 2023:
- Q3: Apr-Jun 2023:
- Q4: Jul-Sep 2023:
- Annual:

3. Victim Demographics						
Population	Number of Victims					
A. RACE/ETHNICITY	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	
American Indian or Alaska Native	2	0	1	2	5	
Asian	0	1	0	2	3	
Black or African American	8	7	10	7	32	
Hispanic or Latino	7	4	5	3	19	
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	19	25	19	8	71	
Some Other Race	0	0	0	0	0	
Multiple Races	0	0	0	2	2	
Not Reported	1	0	0	0	1	
Not Tracked	0	0	0	0	0	
Race/Ethnicity Total	37	37	35	24	133	
B. GENDER						
Male	16	11	14	16	57	
Female	20	26	21	8	75	
Not Reported	1	0	0	0	1	
Not Tracked	0	0	0	0	0	
Gender Total	37	37	35	24	133	
C. AGE						
Age 0- 12	0	2	0	1	3	
Age 13- 17	3	1	1	2	7	
Age 18- 24	10	10	9	4	33	
Age 25- 59	18	22	23	16	79	
Age 60 and Older	5	2	2	1	10	
Not Reported	1	0	0	0	1	
Not Tracked	0	0	0	0	0	
Age Total	37	37	35	24	133	

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PAYMENT STATISTICS BY CRIME TYPE Qtr:2

TYPES OF CRIME	EXPENSE TYPES PAID (in dollars)											TYPES OF VICTIMIZATIONS RELATED TO A CRIME TYPE						
	Total Number of Applications Paid During the Reporting Period	Crime Scene Clean Up	Dependent Care	Economic Support	Funeral Burial	Medical/Dental (except mental health)	Mental Health	Relocation	Replacement Services	Sexual Assault Forensic Exams	Travel	Other (please explain)	Total Paid for this Crime Type	Number of Applications Related to Bullying that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Domestic and Family Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Elder Abuse/Neglect that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Hate Crimes that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Mass Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period
Arson																		
Assault	13	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 18,396	\$ 0	\$ 54,498	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 72,894	0	1	0	0	0
Burglary																		
Child Physical Abuse/Neglect																		
Child Pornography																		
Child Sexual Abuse																		
DUI/DWI																		
Fraud/Financial Crimes																		
Homicide	5	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10,000	\$ 19,401	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 29,401	0	2	0	0	0
Human Trafficking	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,170	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,170	0	1	0	0	0
Kidnapping																		
Other Vehicular Crimes																		
Robbery																		
Sexual Assault	2	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 671	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 671	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking																		
Terrorism																		
Total	21	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 28,396	\$ 19,401	\$ 55,668	\$ 671	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 104,137	0	4	0	0	0

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PAYMENT STATISTICS BY CRIME TYPE Qtr:3

TYPES OF CRIME	EXPENSE TYPES PAID (in dollars)												TYPES OF VICTIMIZATIONS RELATED TO A CRIME TYPE					
	Total Number of Applications Paid During the Reporting Period	Crime Scene Clean Up	Dependent Care	Economic Support	Funeral Burial	Medical/Dental (except mental health)	Mental Health	Relocation	Replacement Services	Sexual Assault Forensic Exams	Travel	Other (please explain)	Total Paid for this Crime Type	Number of Applications Related to Bullying that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Domestic and Family Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Elder Abuse/Neglect that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Hate Crimes that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Mass Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period
Arson																		
Assault	14	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,346	\$ 0	\$ 41,580	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 10	\$ 44,936	0	6	0	0	0
Burglary																		
Child Physical Abuse/Neglect																		
Child Pornography																		
Child Sexual Abuse	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,170	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,170	0	0		0	0
DUI/DWI	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10,000	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud/Financial Crimes																		
Homicide	13	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 20,000	\$ 47,330	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 70,330	0	3	0	0	0
Human Trafficking																		
Kidnapping																		
Other Vehicular Crimes																		
Robbery																		
Sexual Assault																		
Stalking																		
Terrorism																		
Total	29	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 33,346	\$ 47,330	\$ 41,580	\$ 1,170	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10	\$ 126,436	0	9	0	0	0

* Other expense explanations
 Assault Prescription

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PAYMENT STATISTICS BY CRIME TYPE Qtr:4

TYPES OF CRIME	EXPENSE TYPES PAID (in dollars)												TYPES OF VICTIMIZATIONS RELATED TO A CRIME TYPE					
	Total Number of Applications Paid During the Reporting Period	Crime Scene Clean Up	Dependent Care	Economic Support	Funeral Burial	Medical/Dental (except mental health)	Mental Health	Relocation	Replacement Services	Sexual Assault Forensic Exams	Travel	Other (please explain)	Total Paid for this Crime Type	Number of Applications Related to Bullying that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Domestic and Family Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Elder Abuse/Neglect that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Hate Crimes that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Mass Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period
Arson	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 744	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 744	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	11	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 52,765	\$ 230	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 6,954	\$ 59,949	0	5	0	0	0
Burglary																		
Child Physical Abuse/Neglect																		
Child Pornography																		
Child Sexual Abuse	3	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 723	\$ 2,296	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,019	0	0		0	0
DUI/DWI																		
Fraud/Financial Crimes																		
Homicide	4	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 20,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 20,000	0	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 500	0	1	0	0	0
Kidnapping																		
Other Vehicular Crimes	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 1,160	\$ 1,160	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery																		
Sexual Assault	3	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,879	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,879	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking																		
Terrorism																		
Total	24	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 20,000	\$ 58,111	\$ 3,026	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 8,114	\$ 89,250	0	6	0	0	0

* Other expense explanations
 Assault Lost Wages
 Other Vehicular Crimes lost wages

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PAYMENT STATISTICS BY CRIME TYPE - Aggregated

TYPES OF CRIME	EXPENSE TYPES PAID (in dollars)												TYPES OF VICTIMIZATIONS RELATED TO A CRIME TYPE				
	Total Number of Applications Paid During the Reporting Period	Crime Scene Clean Up	Dependent Care	Economic Support	Funeral Burial	Medical/Dental (except mental health)	Mental Health	Relocation	Replacement Services	Sexual Assault Forensic Exams	Travel	Other (please explain)	Total Paid for this Crime Type	Number of Applications Related to Bullying that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Domestic and Family Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Elder Abuse/Neglect that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Hate Crimes that were Paid During the Reporting Period
Arson	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 744	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 744	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	46	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 34,551	\$ 0	\$ 167,075	\$ 476	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 6,964	\$ 209,066	0	15	0	0	0
Burglary																	
Child Physical Abuse/Neglect																	
Child Pornography																	
Child Sexual Abuse	4	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 723	\$ 3,466	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,189	0	0		0	0
DUI/DWI	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 10,000	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud/Financial Crimes																	
Homicide	29	\$ 4,000	\$ 0	\$ 30,000	\$ 113,364	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 147,364	0	5	0	0	0
Human Trafficking	2	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,170	\$ 500	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 1,670	0	2	0	0	0
Kidnapping																	
Other Vehicular Crimes	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 1,160	\$ 1,160	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery																	
Sexual Assault	7	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,879	\$ 2,479	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 6,358	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking																	
Terrorism																	
Total	91	\$ 4,000	\$ 0	\$ 74,551	\$ 113,364	\$ 173,590	\$ 6,922	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 8,124	\$ 380,551	0	22	0	0	0

NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

1. **Please explain any significant change in the number of applications received during the reporting period.**
There have not been any significant changes in the number of applications received during the reporting period. In general, the program is receiving more applications due to the direct medical provider claims being submitted, explained more in #4 below.
2. **The average length of time to process an application for claim eligibility for compensation**
Count days from time of receipt of application to decision. 151

Please explain your state's procedure for processing an application for claim eligibility, from time of receipt of application to decision. The current process is receiving a claim and putting it in the queue and working the claim in order that it is received, unless: A) claimant submits an emergency request due to economic hardship or B) the claim is obviously not eligible (i.e. out-of-state crime, ineligible crime type). As of October 2023, a new internal policy was approved and will soon be launched (projected launch date January 2024) in which all claimants will have a decision of eligibility, determined by the Hearing Officer, done as soon as a law enforcement report is obtained and the claim can be looked at by the Hearing Officer, however, their claim will still be processed according to the order received. The decision will be made faster, and the claimant, if denied, can appeal quicker, and when approved, can notify providers that they are approved, however, are waiting for processing of their application.
3. **Does your state have a victim satisfaction survey?**
No
4. **Please describe any emerging/major issues or notable trends that were encountered in your state that had an impact on your program's ability to meet the needs of crime victims during the reporting period.**
The addition of statute in 2021 allowing medical providers to apply to the CVR directly, however, with no additional staff hired at the time, has been an issue in the programs ability to meet the needs of crime victims during the reporting period. Ample amounts of time must be dedicated by the CVR staff to the direct medical provider claims as they are submitted in batches, and there are a greater number of claims being submitted as more hospitals are utilizing this statute. CVR staff must rely heavily on Emergency Room staff communicating that the victim may be eligible for additional benefits. The medical claims are processed in order that they are received, along with the regular claimant claims, however, the number being submitted at one time (in a batch) is an additional workload to CVR staff, and the potential lack of communication to the victim by the Emergency Room staff about additional expenses being available is a potential barrier to victims. Most importantly, more victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse are being reached through the direct medical provider claims. Once an additional staff is hired, that individual will become the CVR Direct Medical Provider Claim expert and begin the process of networking, training medical providers, and be the POC for the medical community.
5. **Please describe in detail efforts taken to serve Victims of Federal Crime during the reporting period.**
On August 9, 2023, a link was added to the Victim Assistance webpage of the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Nebraska. Prior, there had been no such link. There have been continuous efforts to identify area and individuals who can be contacted to create opportunities for connection between the program and victims of Federal Crime.
6. **Please describe any notable activities during the reporting period that improved the process of victim compensation services.**
There have been several notable improved internal processes and internal policies that have changed within the program to enhance the program's effort to be victim-centered, trauma informed and in line with peer counterparts throughout the US. A job requisition request has been submitted to the State HR (as of 11.15.2023 it has not been processed by State HR) for an additional staff to this program. The claim application has been shortened, with improved trauma-informed language, and with less onus on the victim to submit paperwork immediately with the application. Trauma-informed changes have been made to correspondence letters including denial letters. Changes have been made with internal policies to include forms that CVR staff can use for contact with medical providers/HR/etc., on behalf of the victims for improved and uniformed claims processing procedures. Victims that have applications under medical providers are notified once the claim has been processed that they are eligible for additional expenses through the program (and policies will continue to be improved once the program has additional staff who will act as the expert on the direct medical program). Newsletters are sent out monthly to advocates across the State of Nebraska and a working partnership has been created between the Victim Specialists at the Nebraska Division of Parole Supervision which include printed resource sharing and quarterly meetings.
7. **Please describe in detail ways in which your state used VOCA Administrative funds and the impact of these funds on the state's ability to improve victim compensation services during the reporting period.**
The administrative funds, during the reporting period was used for travel to the Joint National Conference. At the Joint National Conference, I presented on some of the internal changes that have been made in the program due to attending online OVC/VOCA center learning communities. Travel to the conferences has a direct impact on the state's ability to improve victim compensation service as staff makes direct contact with other programs and staff, attends seminars pertaining to victim's compensation and victim's services, and builds rapport with peer program managers throughout the US. The administrative funds are also used for printing costs, postage, memberships, meeting costs of our CVR Committee. These are all necessary expenses that allow our program to operate efficiently.

8. **Were there any laws, initiatives, or policy changes in your state regarding victim compensation during the reporting period? If yes, please briefly describe them and their impact.**

Yes. The impact has not been observed fully as the law went into effect on September 2, 2023. The new statute is below: The biggest impact is reporting went from three to five days, there are new timeline guidelines for minors who submit to the program, and there is a good cause exception for late application. There are currently three new applications in the program that are requesting Good Cause Exceptions, and it is expected that number of type of applications will continue to grow. The addition reporting guidelines for minors will assist children who may not have been aware of the program and will allow for less denials based upon the timeline of submission. (81-1821.Payment of compensation; application; requirements; deadlines; exceptions.(1) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this section, no order for the payment of compensation shall be entered under the Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act unless: (a) The application has been submitted to the committee within the deadline provided in subsection (2) of this section; and (b) The personal injury or death was the result of an incident or offense which had been reported to the police within five days of its occurrence or, if the incident or offense could not reasonably have been reported within that period, within five days of the time when a report could reasonably have been made. (2) An application shall be submitted to the committee: (a) For a victim who was nineteen years of age or older at the time of the personal injury or death, within two years after the date of the personal injury or death; (b) For a victim who was under nineteen years of age at the time of death, within three years after the date of death; and (c) For a victim who was under nineteen years of age at the time of the personal injury, on or before the victim's twenty-second birthday. (3) The committee may evaluate applications submitted beyond the deadline established in this section if the committee finds that good cause existed for missing such deadline. (4) An application submitted by or for a victim of sexual assault, domestic assault, child abuse, or sex trafficking is not subject to the five-day reporting requirement in subsection (1) of this section if, prior to submitting the application the: (a) Applicant or victim has reported such crime to the police; (b) Applicant or victim has obtained a protection order related to such incident or offense; or (c) Victim has presented for a forensic medical exam.)

9. **Please describe system-coordination efforts with prosecutors, law enforcement, courts, U.S. attorneys' offices, tribal systems, State VOCA Victim Assistance Coordinator, or other key personnel within the criminal justice system in your state to reduce barriers to victims who may apply to receive victim compensation.**

The biggest breakthrough with coordination efforts has been with the Victim Specialists at the Nebraska Division of Parole Supervision who have partnered with victim services in the Crime Commission to better coordinate efforts to reach prosecutors, law enforcement, courts, US attorneys' offices, and tribal systems. The Nebraska Victim Advocacy Coordinator is a part of these ongoing meetings. It is our goal to present together, have coordinated outreach events during Crime Victim's Rights Week and to keep connected.

10. **Please explain any public outreach efforts to improve awareness of your program.**

The newsletter goes out monthly to a growing audience and that audience continues to grow. The CVR now has a modular training presentation and will offer certificates of attendance for CVR training. The modular training replaces the former PowerPoint presentation. The training can be modified for different audiences and is interactive. CVR Staff intends a roll out of statewide training including entities such as tribal systems, county attorney offices, victim/witness offices, and entities that are receiving state and federal funding from the Crime Commission. In October 2023, CVR staff hosted a Trauma-Informed Training with an expert in Trauma-Informed practices from The Women's Fund of Omaha. This training was specifically designed for the CVR Committee, the CVR Hearing Officer, VOCA grant managers, and the staff/director of the Crime Commission. This effort was to train the CVR Committee and CVR Hearing Officer in Trauma-Informed practices and outreach to the umbrella agency CVR is housed under. The attendance was excellent and fostered in-house understanding of the CVR Program by other internal programs and staff, as well as an excellent training on Trauma-Informed practices.

11. **Please list any other outcome measure(s) that are reported to the governor, legislature, or other state entity that have not been reported in this submission. Provide the actual measure(s). The data may be reported separately in your progress report.**

There is a biannual report that is due every two years to the legislature. It has not been written yet this year, however, it is the intent of the CVR staff to change the format and data presentation of the report and to circulate the report to the entire legislative body. The report will highlight what the program actually does.

12. **Please provide any additional comments that are helpful to improving the Victim Compensation state and/or federal program.**

Technical assistance from the grant monitor has been great. Once the additional staff can be hired and onboarded, more time can be spent on the development of the program and much needed communication with community partners and stakeholders.