

MS Annual State Performance Report

Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program

Reporting Period: [Oct 1, 2017 to Sept 30, 2018]

This aggregated data is self-reported by the grantees and subgrantees in each state/territory.

OVC VOCA Assistance Funds				
	2015-VA-GX-4038	2016-VA-GX-0024	2017-VA-GX-0049	2018-V2-GX-0168
Federal Award Amount	\$18,418,789.00	\$20,665,359.00	\$17,133,550.00	\$30,399,551.00
Total Amount of Subawards	\$16,709,346.00	\$19,008,706.00	\$10,211,923.00	\$0.00
Total Number of Subawards	121	68	47	0
Administrative Funds Amount	\$736,752.00	\$826,614.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Training Funds Amount	\$184,187.00	\$206,653.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Balance Remaining	\$788,504.00	\$623,386.00	\$6,921,627.00	\$30,399,551.00

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	2015-VA-GX-4038	2016-VA-GX-0024	2017-VA-GX-0049	2018-V2-GX-0168
Government Agencies Only	45	21	21	0
Corrections	2	1	1	0
Courts	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Justice	0	0	0	0
Law Enforcement	19	9	9	0
Prosecutor	19	8	10	0
Other	5	3	1	0
Nonprofit Organization Only	72	45	24	0
Child Abuse Service organization (e.g., child advocacy center)	30	25	10	0
Coalition (e.g., state domestic violence or sexual assault coalition)	3	1	1	0
Domestic and Family Violence Organization	13	7	4	0
Faith-based Organization	4	2	2	0
Organization Provides Domestic and Family Violence and Sexual Assault Services	9	5	2	0
Organization by and/or for underserved victims of crime (e.g., drunk driving, homicide, elder abuse)	0	0	0	0

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Sexual Assault Services organization (e.g., rape crisis center)	3	1	1	0
Multiservice agency	10	4	4	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Federally Recognized Tribal Governments, Agencies, and Organizations Only	4	2	2	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	2	1	1	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
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)	2	1	1	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	121	68	47	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				
	2015-VA-GX-4038	2016-VA-GX-0024	2017-VA-GX-0049	2018-V2-GX-0168

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A. Continue a VOCA-funded victim project funded in a previous year	103	65	45	0
B. Expand or enhance an existing project not funded by VOCA in the previous year	9	5	3	0
C. Start up a new victim services project	14	2	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	1	0	0	0

VOCA and Match Funds

A single SAR can select multiple service types. Numbers are not unique

	2015-VA-GX-4038	2016-VA-GX-0024	2017-VA-GX-0049	2018-V2-GX-0168
A.INFORMATION & REFERRAL	68	65	46	0
B.PERSONAL ADVOCACY/ACCOMPANIMENT	66	62	44	0
C.EMOTIONAL SUPPORT OR SAFETY SERVICES	63	64	45	0
D.SHELTER/HOUSING SERVICES	29	34	26	0
E.CRIMINAL/CIVIL JUSTICE SYSTEM ASSISTANCE	54	61	41	0
F. ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPENSATION CLAIMS	70	67	47	0

Priority and Underserved Requirements

Priority Area	2015-VA-GX-4038	2016-VA-GX-0024	2017-VA-GX-0049	2018-V2-GX-0168
Child Abuse				
Total Amount	\$2,991,998.00	\$8,805,069.00	\$3,989,662.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	16.00 %	43.00 %	23.00 %	
Domestic and Family Violence				
Total Amount	\$3,707,566.00	\$5,717,810.00	\$3,665,322.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	20.00 %	28.00 %	21.00 %	
Sexual Assault				
Total Amount	\$1,017,476.00	\$2,254,214.00	\$1,470,071.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	6.00 %	11.00 %	9.00 %	
Underserved				
Total Amount	\$1,028,830.00	\$2,211,601.00	\$1,053,341.00	\$0.00
% of Total Federal Award	6.00 %	11.00 %	6.00 %	

Budget and Staffing

Staffing Information	2015-VA-GX-4038	2016-VA-GX-0024	2017-VA-GX-0049	2018-V2-GX-0168
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Total number of paid staff for all subgrantee victimization program and/or services	1153	623	462	
Number of staff hours funded through this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	765249.15	752654	550596	
Total number of volunteer staff supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	944.032	927	609	
Number of volunteer hours supporting the work of this VOCA award (plus match) for subgrantee's victimization programs and/or services	127814	86049	62319	



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)	52	625	753	813	766	739
Adult Sexual Assault	74	183	273	276	253	246
Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children	72	119	105	139	126	122
Arson	26	26	24	25	18	23
Bullying (Verbal, Cyber or Physical)	45	9	23	33	20	21
Burglary	35	515	768	712	621	654
Child Physical Abuse or Neglect	2	1001	1219	1038	1174	1108
Child Pornography	66	98	103	48	45	73
Child Sexual Abuse/Assault	100	1540	2172	1959	2109	1945
Domestic and/or Family Violence	9	2217	2351	2301	2330	2299
DUI/DWI Incidents	33	69	76	59	35	59
Elder Abuse or Neglect	50	33	31	42	15	30
Hate Crime: Racial/Religious/Gender/ Sexual Orientation/Other (Explanation Required)	28	1	3	6	1	2
Human Trafficking: Labor	44	0	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking: Sex	78	15	22	25	32	23
Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime	34	290	314	293	481	344

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Kidnapping (non-custodial)	41	29	62	34	36	40
Kidnapping (custodial)	41	0	7	4	1	3
Mass Violence (Domestic/International)	21	3	14	0	1	4
Other Vehicular Victimization (e.g., Hit and Run)	33	23	26	36	29	28
Robbery	36	173	218	201	173	191
Stalking/Harassment	54	102	93	104	87	96
Survivors of Homicide Victims	2	375	431	403	510	429
Teen Dating Victimization	64	2	2	12	6	5
Terrorism (Domestic/International)	15	0	0	0	0	0
Other	13	371	339	359	442	377

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	15	15	17	20	43
Homeless	213	211	279	365	994
Immigrants/Refugees/Asylum Seekers	259	243	217	216	575
LGBTQ	37	36	38	47	98
Veterans	34	37	70	66	128
Victims with Disabilities: Cognitive/Physical /Mental	368	412	389	404	1145
Victims with Limited English Proficiency	246	237	227	230	626
Other	74	78	60	69	147

General Award Information

Activities Conducted at the Subgrantee Level	Number	Percent
Total number of individuals who received services during the Fiscal Year.	42319	
Total number of anonymous contacts who received services during the Fiscal Year	1500	
Number of new individuals who received services from your state for the first time during the Fiscal Year.	20732	48.99 %
Of the clients who received services, how many presented with more than one type of victimization during the Fiscal Year?	4223	9.98 %
Number of individuals assisted with a victim compensation application during the Fiscal Year.	5603	

Demographics

Demographic Characteristic of New Individuals Served	Number	Percent
Race/Ethnicity		
American Indian or Alaska Native	327	1.58 %

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Asian	60	0.29 %
Black or African American	8723	42.08 %
Hispanic or Latino	765	3.69 %
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	20	0.10 %
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	9432	45.49 %
Some Other Race	81	0.39 %
Multiple Races	408	1.97 %
Not Reported	849	4.10 %
Not Tracked	67	0.32 %
Race/Ethnicity Total	20732	
Gender Identity		
Male	7044	33.98 %
Female	13532	65.27 %
Other	8	0.04 %
Not Reported	109	0.53 %
Not Tracked	39	0.19 %
Gender Total	20732	
Age		
Age 0- 12	6712	32.38 %
Age 13- 17	2955	14.25 %
Age 18- 24	1827	8.81 %
Age 25- 59	7371	35.55 %
Age 60 and Older	746	3.60 %
Not Reported	1004	4.84 %
Not Tracked	117	0.56 %
Age Total	20732	

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	62	24279	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			A1. Information about the criminal justice process	15214
			A2. Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	20209
			A3. Referral to other victim service programs	9615

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			A4. Referral to other services, supports, and resources (includes legal, medical, faith-based organizations, address confidentiality programs, etc.)	9283
B. Personal Advocacy/ Accompaniment	56	12277	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			B1. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	224
			B2. Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	473
			B3. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	3789
			B4. Individual advocacy (e.g., assistance in applying for public benefits, return of personal property or effects)	5171
			B5. Performance of medical or nonmedical forensic exam or interview or medical evidence collection	2022
			B6. Immigration assistance (e.g., special visas, continued presence application, and other immigration relief)	581
			B7. Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	1008
			B8. Child or dependent care assistance (includes coordination of services)	3543
			B9. Transportation assistance (includes coordination of services)	14152
			B10. Interpreter services	541
C. Emotional Support or Safety Services	53	14225	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			C1. Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	8408
			C2. Hotline/crisis line counseling	14213
			C3. On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	310
			C4. Individual counseling	13676
			C5. Support groups (facilitated or peer)	7160
			C6. Other Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing; art, writing, or play therapy, etc.)	12106
			C7. Emergency financial assistance	1426
D. Shelter/ Housing Services	34	3025	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			D1. Emergency shelter or safe house	32104
			D2. Transitional housing	14617

			D3. Relocation assistance (includes assistance with obtaining housing)	286
E. Criminal/ Civil Justice System Assistance	53	13093	Enter the number of times services were provided in each subcategory.	0
			E1. Notification of criminal justice events	7131
			E2. Victim impact statement assistance	4689
			E3. Assistance with restitution	2825
			E4. Civil legal assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	764
			E5. Civil legal assistance with family law issues	1743
			E6. Other emergency justice-related assistance	466
			E7. Immigration assistance	559
			E8. Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	2490
			E9. Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	2081
			E10. Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	3086
			E11. Other legal advice and/or counsel	682



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	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.	250
Number of events conducted during the reporting period.	4
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.	
power point presentation; webinar recording	

Describe any planning or training events held during the reporting period.

OAIV conducted an orientation meeting for all new sub-grantees which included training on the topics of general OAIV procedures, reimbursement process, PMT reporting process. OAIV hosted a webinar (conducted by the MS Attorney General's Office) on civil rights compliance for all subgrantees in May OAIV, through the MS Attorney General's Office, conducted a training at the MS Prosecutor's Conference for Victim Advocates on the uses and availability of VOCA funding.

Describe any program policies changed during the reporting period.

OAIV continues to evaluate its policies and procedures. Although no changes were finalized during the reporting period, changes being developed include revising monitoring policies, revision of provisions related to validation of data entered into subgrant award reports and quarterly reporting data; and civil rights compliance. these policies will be finalized during the next reporting period.

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

n/a

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

the MS VOCA program is funding enhanced multi-disciplinary team efforts in response to child abuse by funding advocates dedicated to serve as liaisons between MDT and child protection services to ensure all cases are being referred to and addressed by the MDT.

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

Continuing issues that prevent victims from receiving assistance include the lack of transportation for rural victims; lack of required training for law enforcement on the availability of services; and lack of state funding to support victim services. Issues that assist victims in receiving assistance include

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.

OAIV coordinated with the MSDH Office of Performance Improvement to conduct a survey of victim service organizations throughout the state of Mississippi. the survey was developed, released, and prepared by the Illinois Public Health Institute. of 73 survey received, 62 had sufficient data to analyze. Questions were on topics as varied as service delivery, funding assistance, training and technical assistance needs, barriers to provision of services, victim needs and trends. The survey results were compiled during September, 2018, and so a final report is not yet available for OAIV review. The results of these surveys will form the basis for upcoming strategic planning for future uses of VOCA funding. MS is also currently engaging the MS Public Health Institute to assist in a processes evaluation of the functions of OAIV and its RFP process.

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

Through its monitoring efforts, OAIV continues to ensure that the services provided by subgrantees meet minimum standards and that professionals providing services carry the proper certifications or licensure to delivery. Additional requirements have been placed on subgrantees, particularly law enforcement, prosecutor and court-based subgrantees, to ensure that not only VOCA funded staff is properly trained, but all members of the organization receive minimum levels of training on domestic violence, and sexual assault and have implemented policies which are reflective of current MS law regarding responses to these crimes.

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: VOCA funds support child advocacy centers, children's homes, and CASA programs. Additionally, the Children's Safe Center, which provides medical forensic examinations for children, now received VOCA funding. Also, the victim assistance coordinators and advocates housed within law enforcement agencies and prosecutors offices statewide address victims of child abuse. Domestic Violence: VOCA funding supports domestic violence shelters, non-residential services for victims of domestic violence, transitional housing for victims of domestic violence and legal services for domestic violence victims. Also, the victim assistance coordinators and advocates housed within law enforcement agencies and prosecutors offices statewide address victims of domestic violence. Sexual Assault: VOCA funds supports rape crisis centers in the state of Mississippi. Funding also supports one non-hospital based SANE program, operated through a rape crisis center with a qualified SANE A trained nurse. Also, the victim assistance coordinators and advocates housed within law enforcement agencies and prosecutors offices statewide address victims of sexual assault. Underserved: VOCA funds support victim assistance coordinators and advocates housed within law enforcement agencies and prosecutors offices statewide who address victims of all types of crimes.

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VOCA funds support the MS Homicide Survivors' Coalition in providing services to survivors of homicide victims. VOCA funds also support the only adult human trafficking shelter.

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

while no specific efforts have been taken to serve victims of federal crimes, all subgrantees must certify that they will serve victims of federal crimes.

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

a continuing issue impacting crime victim service is lack of sufficient opportunities for education and training for the service providers. A related issue is lack of consistent and effective training for law enforcement and prosecutors surrounding the availability of services. The lack of community support for centralized services also presents challenges to effectively serving victims of crime in MS.

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

OAIIV has had significant staff retention issues within the state program and many sub-grantees continue to have high rates of turnover in staff. the reasons for these issues within OAIIV stem from the system developed by the state personnel board, salary limits imposed due to reduced state funding, and internal MSDH policies related to hiring. Issues with subgrantees having high turnover also relate to low levels of pay for positions which may be extremely stressful and cause trauma to those assisting victims. High turnover rates reduce the effectiveness of services being provided to victims of crime.

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

OAIIV publicizes victim assistance funding in a number of ways. the solicitation is advertised on the MSDH website and on social media. Partner organizations, such as the DV and SA coalitions, the MS Chapter of Child Advocacy Centers, the MS Attorney General's Office, the MS Association of Chiefs of Police, the MS Sheriff's Association and the MS Prosecutors association are all advised of the availability of funds and asked to publish to their membership.

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

OAIIV has attempted a number of measure to direct funding to new and/or underserved populations. Intentional and personal outreach allowed OAIIV to begin funding a linguistic and culturally specific Vietnamese population on the MS Gulf Coast. Outreach to organizations representing the Hispanic population in Mississippi have, to date, been unsuccessful. With regard to underserved crime types, OAIIV has expanded its sub-grantees to include a human trafficking shelter and is working currently to provide funding to therapeutic foster care programs for abused children. OAIIV was able to direct funding to the MS Attorney General's Office to translate materials into Spanish and Vietnamese - the materials translated included informational brochures and pamphlets on victims rights, victim compensation, and instructions for completing petitions for protection orders and other forms.

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

At the present, OAIIV is in the process of completing its strategic planning process, one of the purposes of which was to identify gaps in services. Gaps may exist in different ways: lack of specific types of services, lack of access to existing services, or lack of quality services. As the results of the surveys are examined, OAIIV will develop specific RFPs to solicit specific services to fill those gaps.

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

OAIIV reported to outcome measure to the Governor, legislature or other state entity during the reporting period.