

Victims Services Quarterly Conversation #25

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DCJS

Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services

VS Quarterly Conversations

- Held beginning of each quarter
- Mix of specific topics & discussion items
- DCJS & VS announcements
- Q&A
- *NEW* “Tools-You-Can-Use”
- *NEW* “Featured Resource”

October is

**Domestic Violence
Awareness Month**





Welcome to

Kimberly Hill

State Trafficking Services Specialist

Tools-You-Can-Use

iMPRoVE Tool

<https://www.improve-tool.org//home>

**“Measures for Providers Responding to
Victimization Experiences”**



Virginia Victims Fund Information

Shannon Dion, Director

DCJS & Victims Services Team Announcements

Victims Crisis Assistance & Response Team (VCART)

- Basic VCART Trainings will ramp up again in 2025
 - If you are interested in being a part of the team, please contact Andrew Kinch at andrew.kinch@dcjs.virginia.gov
- Regional FAC trainings and VCART Overview trainings will be scheduled soon
 - If you are interested in receiving training, please contact Dawn Bush at dawn.bush@dcjs.virginia.gov

To be notified of upcoming trainings, please sign up for DCJS updates on the DCJS website.

State Trafficking Response Team

- Welcome Kimberly Hill, State Trafficking Services Specialist!
- E-Learning Updates
 - HT Awareness for College Students went live in July 2024
 - HT Training for Hotel Employees is now available in English, Spanish, Bengali, Gujarati, and Hindi
 - Be on the lookout for HT 101 – launching soon!
- In-person classes for early 2025 are being planned now
- Update on HT MDT legislation and protocols
- New email address: ht@dcjs.virginia.gov

SDV Program Professional Standards

- Fairfax County Sexual and Domestic Violence Division, Family Crisis Support Services, and LAWS have been fully accredited as dual agencies. First Step has been fully accredited as a domestic violence agency.
- The DCJS Professional Standards Team is currently evaluating two more agencies for accreditation.
- The Team has also begun a new round of accreditations.

Victims Services

Grant Management Reminders

Grant Management

Successful grant management begins and ends with a firm understanding of the grant requirements and the ability to demonstrate compliance with those requirements.

OGMS Reminders

- Registration
- Award Acceptance
- Dashboard Alerts
 - Add to your Safe Sender List:
VAgrantsDCJS@mail.webgrantscloud.com
 - Check Alert History
- Grant Components
- Encumbrances
- Correspondence
- Technical Assistance: ogmssupport@dcjs.virginia.gov
- Resources: <https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/grants/ogms-training-resources>

OGMS Grant Components

☰ Grant Components	
The grant forms appear below. You can define your own alerts in the Alerts section	
Component	Last Edited
General Information	Nov 7, 2019 1:04 PM - System Administrator
Claims	Oct 8, 2019 1:02 PM - System Administrator
Encumbrances	-
Status Reports	Oct 8, 2019 1:05 PM - System Administrator
Contract Amendments	Oct 8, 2019 1:06 PM - System Administrator
Site Visits	Oct 8, 2019 1:07 PM - System Administrator
Contract	Oct 10, 2019 2:16 PM - System Administrator
Correspondence	-
Grid Budget	Oct 8, 2019 1:00 PM - System Administrator
Funding Opportunity	
Application	

Grant Management Resources

- For instructional guides, sample forms, policies, documents and more, please visit the following page:
<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/victims-services/grant-management-resources>
- For tips on effective and efficient grant management, view the following presentation:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oS1c7101X08>
- For questions regarding your DCJS grant, contact your assigned grant monitor.

Q&A with DCJS Grant Monitors

Do you have questions regarding your DCJS Victims Services grants? Please join us for our next session with the Northern Virginia Grant Monitor, Jowanna Bassfield, and Victims Services Grant Monitoring Team Supervisor, Amia Barrows, in Alexandria to discuss your grant management questions.

Thursday, October 3, 2024, 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Register in advance:

dcjs.virginia.gov/eventRegistration/register.cfm?eventid=3697

Grantee Orientation

DCJS Victims Services Grant Management Orientation

Occurs on the 2nd Friday of each month

Next Session:

Friday, October 11, 2024, 1:00 -2:30 P.M.

Register in advance:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0GCu3fb5SZC2j0gCAWvZkQ

Questions?



VSQC

Featured Resource

**This does not indicate an endorsement by DCJS or the DCJS Victims Services Team.*

Language Access Planning

<https://www.lep.gov/language-access-planning>



Victims Services Grant Program Announcements

DCJS Victims Services Grant Programs

as of July 1, 2024

1. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – noncompetitive
2. Improving Criminal Justice Responses (ICJR)
3. Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)
4. Victim Witness Grant Program (VWGP)
5. Victims Services Grant Program (VSGP) – competitive
6. Victims Services Grant Program (VSGP) – noncompetitive
7. VSTOP
8. Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Victim Fund (VSDVVF)

VS Grant Program Totals

Grant Program	Cycle	# of Awards	Total Amount
Victims Services Grant Program (VSGP) - competitive	FY25	32	\$4,134,113
Victims Services Grant Program (VSGP) - noncompetitive for SDV Services	FY25	55	\$15,800,255
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - noncompetitive for SDV Services	FY25	54	\$3,365,679
Victim Witness Grant Program (VWGP)	FY25	114	\$19,363,749
Improving Criminal Justice Responses (ICJR)	FY25	4	\$277,339
Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)	CY24	31	\$990,597
VSTOP	CY24	85	\$4,597,608
Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Victim Fund (VSDVVF) (Discretionary, Prosecution, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners)	FY25	49	\$2,258,803
Ayuda	FY25	1	\$200,000
Virginia Victim Assistance Network	FY25	1	\$400,000
TOTALS		426	\$51,388,142

New Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) Recipient

- DCJS awarded **STEPS Domestic and Sexual Violence Services** with a SASP grant using unused SASP funds from CY 2023.
- The awarded project will support sexual assault services in an underserved area of Virginia (the counties of Amelia, Buckingham, Cumberland, Lunenburg, Nottoway, and Prince Edward).
- STEPS recently reopened Madeline's House (shelter) in Farmville, VA. Congratulations to STEPS!

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

- Virginia's federal fiscal year 2024 VOCA award totals \$19,866,137, down from \$34,605,387 in FFY 2023, and is a 10-year low.
- We anticipate a similar award in FFY 2025.
- Federal Crime Victims Fund balances remain concerningly low, and there is also ongoing litigation that may impact the future of VOCA funds.

Victim Services Grant Program (VSGP) SFY 2025 (competitive)

- 1st Quarter progress and financial reports are due 10/15.
- Programs that have pending encumbrances will not be able to submit claims until the encumbrance is met.
- New Grant Orientation occurred on 7/15. A recording of the training and the grant guidelines are attached to the grant in OGMS.
- VAdata VSGP – competitive specific option coming soon.

Victim Services Grant Program (VSGP) SFY 2025 (competitive)

- **State funded VSGP** competitive programs will NOT report in PMT. These programs will use an Excel based template that was sent via OGMS correspondence.
- Complete the status report in OGMS then attach the Excel file and submit.
- Reminder: If your grant number has an **S**, such as 25-C8631VPS, then your program is state funded.

Victim Services Grant Program (VSGP) SFY 2025 (competitive)

- **Federally funded VSGP** competitive programs will report in PMT like in previous years – email Anya.Shaffer@dcjs.virginia.gov if you have any trouble accessing PMT or your new SFY25 award.
- Complete the status report in OGMS, attach a PDF of completed PMT data and submit – No change from previous years!
- Reminder: The victims served count starts over each year, so for this quarter, every victim served will be "new".

Victim Services Grant Program (VSGP) SFY 2025 Sexual and Domestic Violence Services (noncompetitive)

- 1st Quarter progress and financial reports are due 10/15.
- Programs that have pending encumbrances will not be able to submit claims until the encumbrance is met.
- New Grant Orientation occurred on 7/16. The slides and a recording of the training are attached to the funding opportunity in OGMS.
- VAdata VSGP – noncompetitive specific option coming soon.

Victim Services Grant Program (VSGP) SFY 2025 Sexual and Domestic Violence Services (noncompetitive)

- Noncompetitive programs will report in PMT like in previous years – email Anya.Shaffer@dcjs.virginia.gov if you have any trouble accessing PMT or your new SFY25 award.
- Complete the status report in OGMS, attach a PDF of completed PMT data and submit.
- Reminder: The victims served count starts over each year, so for this quarter, every victim served will be "new".
- Programs with both a competitive and noncompetitive subaward will report separately on each subaward.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for Sexual and Domestic Violence Services, SFY 25

- 1st Quarter financial and status reports are due 10/15.
- Reminder: Quarterly status reports are new for ARPA.

Victim Witness Grant Program (VWGP)

Great news!

Increased SFY 2025 awards are now at the level of SFY 2023 awards.

Victim Witness Grant Program (VWGP)

- Prior to obligating or expending SFY25 grant funds approved in the state budget, grant recipients are required to allocate the additional funds by submitting a Contract Amendment. **Contract Amendments to allocate SFY25 funding are due October 15, 2024.**
- Grant Goals must be completed in VSDCS before submission of your first quarter SFY25 progress report.

VSDCS Enhancements

Effective with the generation of your Quarter 1, State Fiscal Year 2025 progress report:

- **Progress Report** view is now landscape and the five service categories are grouped together and include the current grant goals and YTD status for victims and witnesses.
- **Terminology** popup updates to mirror federal language.
- **Removal** of Individual Counseling service selection.
- **New Charged Offenses** added.
- **Expanded** special classifications selections.

Please continue to refer VSDCS technical assistance requests and enhancement requests to VictimsServicesTA@dcjs.virginia.gov

Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)

- Calendar Year 2024 SASP
 - Financial Reports for 3rd Quarter due 10/15.
 - Annual status reports due 1/15/25.
 - New Office on Violence Against Women reporting system impacting SASP reporting. SASP reporting webinar held on 10/2. The slides and a recording of the webinar are attached to the CY 24 and 25 funding opportunities.

Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)

- Calendar Year 2025 SASP
 - Continuation grant applications for level funding are due 10/14 at noon.
 - Please follow the CY 2025 SASP Grant Guidelines, which are attached to the funding opportunity (#538235), on the [DCJS website](#), and linked [here](#).
 - An application webinar was held 9/19. The slides and a recording are attached to the funding opportunity in OGMS.

Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund (VSDVVF) Grant Program

- SFY 2025:
 - Award Period: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
 - Level funding was awarded to eligible applicants
 - VSDVVF Special Conditions and SOGAs can be found in OGMS
 - All encumbrances should be met at this time
 - Status Reports are due by COB on 10/15 and must be submitted via OGMS

- For grant program resources visit:

<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/grants/programs/virginia-sexual-and-domestic-violence-victim-fund-grant>

VSTOP – CY 2024-2025

- Award Period: 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2025 (24 months).
- VSTOP Special Conditions and SOGAs can be found in OGMS.
- All encumbrances should be met at this time.
- Note reporting requirement changes indicated in recent memo from VSTOP Coordinator, Tierra Williams.
- CY 2024 Annual Status Reports will be completed within the new federal web-based system.
 - **Training to be provided later this year on the federal web-based reporting system.**
- For grant program resources visit:
<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/victims-services/grants/violence-against-women-v-stop>

Questions?

