

# Victims Services Quarterly Conversation #18

February 1, 2023



**DCJS**

Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services

# VS Quarterly Conversations

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- Held beginning of each quarter
- Mix of specific topics & discussion
- DCJS & VS announcements
- Q&A

# Local, State, and National Traumatic Events

# Victims Crisis Assistance and Response Team (VCART)

- VCART offers support to localities that require additional assistance in times of crisis brought about through a mass casualty criminal event.
- Available to assist communities for events with local, regional, and/or statewide impact.
- Please reach out if needed!

<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/victims-services/victim-crisis-assistance-and-response-team-vcart>

# Victims Crisis Assistance and Response Team (VCART)

- Join the team!  
Basic VCART training will be held in Roanoke in May.
- Two additional Basic VCART trainings will be held in 2023.
- VCART outreach webinars for K-12 (2/15, 2/23, 2/28).
- To request a training on VCART for your staff, contact Dawn Bush at [dawn.bush@dcjs.virginia.gov](mailto:dawn.bush@dcjs.virginia.gov)
- To learn more about VCART and/or becoming a member, contact Andrew Kinch at [andrew.kinch@dcjs.virginia.gov](mailto:andrew.kinch@dcjs.virginia.gov)

# Sexual and Domestic Violence Services in Virginia: New Funding Project

# SDV Funding Project

DCJS Victims Services Team recently entered into an important partnership with Knowledge Advisory Group, LLC, to develop a comprehensive strategy for funding sexual and domestic violence services across Virginia.

# SDV Funding Project

Many sexual and domestic violence (SDV) agencies currently receive non-competitive “Core Services Funding” through the DCJS Victims Services Grant Program (VSGP).

These non-competitive award amounts are based primarily on funding amounts historically received from DCJS.



# SDV Funding Project

## Project Purposes Include:

- To improve equity in grant-making and increase stability of awards for vital SDV services.
- To provide consistency, objectivity, and fairness when awarding grant funds.
- Minimize significant discrepancies in grant award amounts among similar organizations.
- Provide a reasonable method to weather fluctuations in available grant funds.
- Project in partnership with local sexual and domestic violence agencies, the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, and other relevant stakeholders.

# SDV Funding Project

Approximate nine-month timeline.

Members of the project team include:

Andi Martin, Anya Shaffer, Kristina Vadas (DCJS)

Trina Willard & Sandra Wright (KAG)

Stacy Ruble (KAG/River City Grants)

Emma Yackso (KAG/Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities)

# Questions?



# Victims Services Grant Program Announcements

# DCJS Victims Services Grant Programs

*as of January 1, 2023*

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

# SASP – CY 2023

- Award letters were sent to recipients in December 2022.
- Return the signed SOGA to DCJS Grants Management (per the award letter instructions) by February 10, 2023.
- As stated in grant conditions, all projects must be implemented within 60 days of the start of the grant period (March 2, 2023).
- 1st Quarter financial reports are due April 15, 2023.
- VAdata has a new reporting option for most SASP funded services.

# SASP – Additional Funding Opportunity

- DCJS anticipates opening a SASP Special Funding Opportunity this Spring with funding to begin July 1, 2023 for 12 months.
- Funding must be used for direct services to sexual assault victims.
- Be sure you are registered for DCJS Updates to be informed of this, and all, newly opened funding opportunities.

# VSGP – SFY 2022

## Reappropriation of State General Funds



# VSGP – SFY 2023

- We are in the last 6 months of the current grant cycle.
- Claims and status reports for 10/1–12/31 were due 1/17/23.
- On the VSGP status report form in OGMS, there is a new section to report project income. Please disregard this section of the status report until you start reporting for your SFY 2024 grant (first report due October 15, 2023).
- We have increased the character limit for the VSGP narrative responses, including case studies. Please use the increased space to tell us about the great work you do or challenges you face.

# VSGP – SFY 2024

- Currently funded VSGP grantees, in good standing (not in suspended status, up to date on VSGP reports), can apply for continuation funding.
- Guidelines are posted on DCJS website.
- The Funding Opportunity is open in OGMS (**FO #493320**).
- Predetermined award amounts can be found on the DCJS VOCA Victims Services Grant Program website and through a link in the guidelines. If you have questions about these amounts, please email Andi or Anya.
- Applicants must limit their SFY 2024 request to these predetermined amounts.
- Due date for the continuation funding opportunity is **March 3, 2023**.
- Questions should be emailed to grant coordinators, Anya and Andi, and the program's assigned Grant Monitor.

# ARPA VSGP Restoration Funding

- ARPA awards are currently scheduled to end 6/30/23.
- Once all funds are spent, mark the last claim as “Final.” No additional claims are required for remainder of award period.
- Annual status report is required if any funds are spent between 7/1/22 – 6/30/23. Due 7/15/23.
- Source of ARPA funding is U.S. Department of the Treasury (federal), awarded to Virginia and appropriated through the state budget.
- Do not yet know whether ARPA funds will be available in SFY 2024. This will be determined by the final, adopted state budget for SFY 2024. Additional information to be provided.

# ARPA VSGP Restoration Funding

- Some programs received additional ARPA funds in July 2022. If this applies to your program, be sure to complete a contract amendment called Modified Award Amount so you can start using those funds.
- See [7/22/22 memo](#) from Kristina Vadas for more information about the additional ARPA funding in 2022. Available on DCJS website under Victims Services/Grants/ARPA.
- See list of [unallowable ARPA costs](#). Also available on website noted above.
- Allowable uses of ARPA funds and spending down.

# VWGP

- SFY 2024 awards – additional information on next steps coming soon.
- Update to Special Conditions for Victims Services Data Collection System (VSDCS).
- Victim/Witness Codebook updates to reflect VSDCS.

# VWGP: VSDCS

- Officially launched!
- Future Enhancements
- Decommission of CIMS
- Q and A session: TBD

# VSTOP

- VSTOP Cumulative Annual Reports were due on January 31, 2023 for work performed during Calendar Year 2022. As always, these must be submitted to federal partners. Please respond to all requests for revisions from your Grant Monitor in a timely manner to ensure we can submit by due date.
- The Virginia FFY 2022–2025 STOP Implementation Plan has officially been approved by our federal partners!  
Available on our website at:

<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/sites/dcjs.virginia.gov/files/publications/victims/statevstopimplementationplan.pdf>

# VSDVVF

- At this time, we are monitoring and assessing the balance in the VSDVVF State Special Fund.
- Used ARPA funds and State General Funds to support SFY 2023 grants, in order to bolster the Special Fund.
- Grantees will be notified soon regarding SFY 2024 VSDVVF grants. We anticipate opening a funding opportunity for current grant recipients.



# VSDVWF: New Purpose Area

## Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners / Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners

- Nine new recipients were awarded under this funding opportunity beginning January 1, 2023.
- Negotiations for grant revisions are underway.
- A New Director Orientation (NDO) will be held for all new grantees on February 13, 2023. Pre-registration is required. There is no fee for attendance. See the email sent on 1/23/23 for more information or contact Tierra Williams.

# OGMS Reminders

## (On-line Grant Management System)

- All authorized officials & staff responsible for grants management must be registered in the system & associated with the correct organization and grant
- Check your “spam” folder for OGMS notifications
- For grant related inquiries, contact your monitor via OGMS Correspondence
- OGMS Training Resources is available at:  
<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/grants/ogms-training-resources>
- For technical support contact: [ogmssupport@dcjs.virginia.gov](mailto:ogmssupport@dcjs.virginia.gov)

# DCJS & Victims Services Team Announcements

# VS Grant Monitors & Regional Assignments

- **Amia Barrows**, Grant Monitoring Supervisor, Statewide & *Capitol/Northern Neck & Northern (temporarily)*
- **Dione Bassett**, Hampton Roads
- **Kelly Carpenter**, Shenandoah
- **Bunny Chidester**, Western
- **Sharon Reed**, Southwest
- **Chrissy Smith**, Southside & *Central I-95 Corridor (temporarily)*
- *Two vacancies*

# Victims Crisis Assistance & Response Team Program

- **Julia Fuller-Wilson**, *State Crisis Response Coordinator / Supervisor*
- **Dawn Bush**, *VCART Training and Outreach Specialist*
- **Andrew Kinch**, *VCART Program Specialist*

# Victims Services Administrators/Coordinators

- **Tricia Everetts**, *Training Coordinator*
- **Chad Felts**, *Intimate Partner Gun Violence Prevention Coordinator*
- **Patricia Foster**, *Victim/Witness Program Coordinator*
- **Gleibys Gonzalez**, *Sexual Assault Forensic Services Coordinator*
- **Jennifer Kline**, *Improving Criminal Justice Responses (ICJR) Grant Program Coordinator*
- **Andi Martin**, *Sexual Assault & Intimate Partner Violence Program Coordinator*
- **Anya Shaffer**, *Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Administrator*
- **Amber Stanwix**, *SDV Program Professional Standards Coordinator*
- **Andrea Sumter**, *SDV Program Professional Standards Site Visit Consultant*
- **Tierra Williams**, *VSTOP & Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund (VSDVVF) Program Coordinator*

# Sexual Assault Forensic Services Program

An updated **Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner  
Program Directory** is now available!

To receive the updated version,  
contact Gleibys Gonzalez at  
[gleibys.gonzalez@dcjs.virginia.gov](mailto:gleibys.gonzalez@dcjs.virginia.gov)

# Victims Services Trainings

- List of all DCJS trainings:  
<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/training-events>
- Contact Tricia Everetts, [tricia.everetts@dcjs.virginia.gov](mailto:tricia.everetts@dcjs.virginia.gov)



# Adult/Adolescent Sexual Assault Nurse/Forensic Examiner (SANE/SAFE) Clinical Skills Lab

March 4-5, 2023

Harrisonburg, VA

Additional Information at:

<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/training-events/adultadolescent-sexual-assault-nurseforensic-examiner>

Contact Gleibys Gonzalez at [gleibys.gonzalez@dcjs.virginia.gov](mailto:gleibys.gonzalez@dcjs.virginia.gov)

# Expert Testimony in Sexual and Domestic Violence Cases

SAVE-THE-DATE

Richmond, VA: March 17, 2023

# Trauma-Responsive Investigations & Sexual Assault Victim Interviews (TRI-SAVI) Training

SAVE-THE-DATE

Richmond, VA: June 12-15, 2023

Wytheville, VA: September 12-15, 2023

# Questions?

