

Victims Services Quarterly Conversation #29

October 9, 2025



DCJS

Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services

Victims Services Quarterly Conversations

- Held beginning of each quarter
- DCJS & VS announcements
- Grant program updates
- Occasional training topics & guests
- “Tools-You-Can-Use” & “Featured Resource”
- Quarterly Conversation Topic



October is

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

~ Quarterly Conversation Topic ~

Be thinking...

Are you seeing **new or different trends** in your work with survivors of domestic violence?

If so, what is one that you're seeing?

VSQC Tools-You-Can-Use

Tools You Can Use

Launching tomorrow, October 10th, on World Mental Health Day, the new and expanded

[Virginia HEALS Website](#)

This “first-of-its-kind resource hub provides ready-to-use tools, training, and guides to support trauma-informed and healing-centered practices across Virginia.”

Office of Trauma and Resilience Policy (OTRP)

Virginia Department of Social Services

Virginia Victims Fund

(See VVF slides attached)

Questions?



VSQC Featured Resource

Intersections of Domestic Violence & Stalking: SPARC

(Stalking Prevention, Awareness, & Resource Center)

Video on the intersection of stalking and domestic violence:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aSjLgzo299E>

Resources to identify stalking behavior:

<https://www.stalkingawareness.org/stalking-behaviors/>

~ Quarterly Conversation Topic ~

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DCJS & Victims Services Team Announcements

Work Group to Address Sustainable Funding for Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examinations and Services

House Bill 1731 required that:

- DCJS convene a work group to address sustainable funding for sexual assault medical forensic examinations and services to include a variety of state and local stakeholders.
 - ➡ Two meetings held: June 9th & August 13th
- The work group submit a report with recommendations to the General Assembly by November 1, 2025.
 - ➡ Awaiting final approval on report

Statewide Committees

- Are you interested in contributing to statewide efforts to respond to sexual and domestic violence and support survivors?
- Do you want your voice to be heard by state agency leaders, legislators, and others?
- Are you in a leadership role at a sexual and/or domestic violence agency?

If so, consider applying to become a member of:

**Virginia Advisory Committee on
Sexual and Domestic Violence**

**Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Program
Professional Standards Committee**

Contact Kristina Vadas at 804-786-7802 or kristina.vadas@dcjs.virginia.gov

SDV Program Professional Standards

- Applications for those seeking reaccreditation have closed.
- Applications for initial accreditation are currently open and will close on November 21st. Eligible agencies have been contacted.
- The next Professional Standards Committee meeting will be on December 4th.
- Please reach out to the DCJS Professional Standards Team with any questions: sdvstandards@dcjs.virginia.gov

DCJS Victims Services Training

Online Grant Management Training Videos – 29 Modules Now Available!

Through the DCJS Learning Management System (LMS)

Log in or create a LMS account here:

<https://training.benchmarkonline.app/dcjs/signin>

DCJS Victims Services Training

“Building Stronger Cases: Effective, Sustainable, and Collaborative Investigations”

October 14–15, 2025

8:30 am-5:00 pm

Roanoke Police Academy

Roanoke, Virginia

This training is **free**

dcjs.virginia.gov/eventRegistration/register.cfm?eventid=3784

Upcoming Free Training from the **Office of the Attorney General**

Trauma-Informed Sexual Assault Investigations Training

South Hill, VA–October 15-16, 2025

Dublin, VA–November 5-6, 2025

For more information, please visit: www.oag.state.va.us/saki/saki-training

PERK (Physical Evidence Recovery Kit) Tracking System Presentation

October 23, 2025

To register: Click [here](#) or email saki@oag.state.va.us

Victims Crisis Assistance & Response Team (**VCART**)

- The VCART is officially over 300 strong!
- Upcoming trainings include Trauma-Informed Care training and FAC trainings
- Next Basic VCART training will be in Spring 2026, location TBD
- To join VCART, contact Andrew Kinch (andrew.kinch@dcjs.virginia.gov)
- To request training, contact Dawn Bush (dawn.bush@dcjs.virginia.gov)

State Trafficking Response Team

Upcoming Training – Registration Open Now!

Human Trafficking Investigation and Prosecution

January 12-13 (Intro), January 14-15 (Advanced)

Visit our website with the QR code.

Sign up for our mailing list for updates.

Join the Virginia Human Trafficking Resource Directory.



Victims Services Grant Program Updates

New Special Condition for U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs Recipients/Subrecipients

- Applicable to recipients who receive VOCA funds as part of DCJS award
- Legal services are defined as “professional services of the kind lawfully provided only by individuals licensed to practice law”
- Exceptions noted in four areas

Managing Your Grants in OGMS

- Registration
 - Security Updates
- Alerts
- Managing Contacts
 - Primary & Additional Grantee Contacts
- Correspondence
- Encumbrances
- Contract Amendments
- Status Reports & Claims
- Funding Opportunity

Managing Your Grants: Resources

- OGMS Training & Resources:

<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/grants/ogms-training-resources>

- For videos, guides, sample forms, policies, documents:

<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/victims-services/grant-management-resources>

- For tips on effective and efficient grant management:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oS1c7101XO8>

- For questions regarding your DCJS grant, contact your assigned grant monitor using OGMS Correspondence.

Monthly Grantee Orientation

Victims Services Grant Management Orientation Sessions
2nd Friday of Each Month

Next Session:

Friday, October 10, 2025, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Register at:

https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_vV3mLCSxTq2lcsftlm1RPA

VS VOCA-Supported Grants

- 1. Victims Services Grant Program (VSGP) (competitive)**
 - 1st quarter financial reports are due 10/15/25
 - 1st quarter status reports are due 10/15/25 using an Excel based template (attached to the funding opportunity and sent via OGMS)
- 2. VSGP for Sexual and Domestic Violence Services (SDVS) (non-competitive)**
 - 1st quarter financial reports are due 10/15/25
 - 1st quarter status reports are due 10/15/25 in OGMS and PMT
 - Any PMT problems, email Anya.Shaffer@dcjs.virginia.gov

VS VOCA-Supported Grants

3. Victim Witness Grant Program (VWGP)

- 1st quarter financial and status reports are due 10/15/25
- VWGP/VSDCS Refresher In-Person Training:
 - [10/17/2025 Shenandoah \(Harrisonburg\)](#)
 - [11/7/2025 Tidewater \(Newport News\)](#)
- Continue to forward VSDCS technical assistance and enhancement requests to VictimsServicesTA@dcjs.virginia.gov.

VS VOCA-Supported Grants

Victims Services Data
Collection System (VSDCS)
“Charged Offenses” survey will
be available until 12/1/25



VS VAWA-Supported Grants

4. Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)

- Quarterly status reports are **NEW** in 2025
- Quarterly financial & status reports are due 10/15/25
- CY 2026 grant funding:
 - DCJS is now accepting applications.
 - Only current SASP recipients are eligible to apply for level funding.
 - Application deadline is 10/16/25 at noon.
 - Applicants must be up to date on quarterly status and financial reports, among other eligibility requirements listed in the grant guidelines.
 - Grant guidelines are attached to the SASP CY 2026 funding opportunity in OGMS.

VS VAWA-Supported Grants

5. Virginia Services, Training, Officers, Prosecution (VSTOP)

- Quarterly financial reports are due 10/15/25
- CY 2025 award period ends 12/31/25
- CY 2026 Continuation Funding Opportunity **(559180)** is due 10/20/25 at 12:00 PM (noon)
 - Level funding for current CY 2025 VSTOP grantees in good standing
 - One-year funding opportunity **(1/1/26-12/31/26)**
 - Applications must be submitted in OGMS & late applications will not be accepted
- CY 2026-2027 Competitive Funding Opportunity for Law Enforcement Applicants **(559468)** is due 10/20/25 at 12:00 PM (noon)

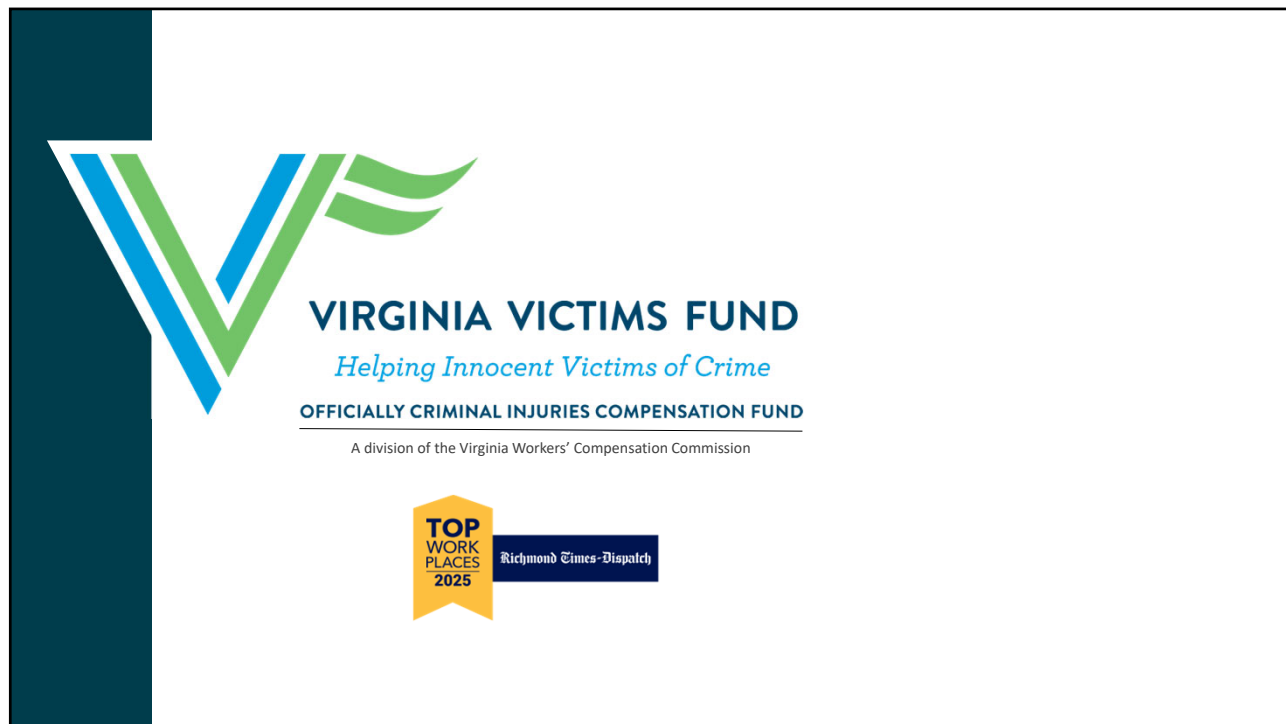
Other Funding Sources

6. Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Fund (VSDVVF)

- 1st quarter status and financial reports are due on 10/15/25
- All grantees will report directly into OGMS
- PDF uploads are no longer required
- SFY 2026 VSDVVF SOGAs were sent via OGMS Correspondence on 6/23/25

Questions?





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VVF Updates



EXPLANATION

Additional information on website
WebFile Terms Explained for VW





Advising applicants and
claimants about necessary
documents.

▼ Is this page helpful?

Yes, this page is helpful.

Select your role

Victim Witness Advocate

Please share your feedback. What do you like or not like?

Please add more information about...|

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Submit your feedback



NAME

Please email me if you want a list of your
localities' claims and VVF Claims Examiners.

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VVF Updates

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Funding Information

Please be advised that based on delays in grant funding beyond 368.11-1 (A), (B), and (D). Virginia law distinguishes between mandatory expenses and all other expenses, such as funeral re. Therefore, the reimbursement of discretionary expenses is cont

VVF is prioritizing awards for lost wages when victims are unab victims.

Secondary priorities are for awards to claimants with out-of-poc funding.

We encourage victims to continue applying for benefits; howeve when awards will be made.

Note: All eligible homicide claims filed before August 15, 2025, i



Sharon Diaz
Director

October 9, 2025

Claim Application No. [REDACTED]
Victim: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

The Virginia Victims Fund (hereafter, the Fund) has received your claim application.

The next stage of the process is determining whether an eligible crime has which requires documentation from proper authorities, such as law-enforc and court records, including permanent protective orders.

The Fund will attempt to obtain necessary law-enforcement records, how sought a criminal complaint or a permanent protective order, you must pr. Ultimately, it is your responsibility to ensure that all documentation is sub

Once documents are received and examined, you will be notified whether t

If your application is deemed eligible, you will need to provide proof of ph injury and other receipts. While the Fund attempts to obtain health record behalf, it is your responsibility to ensure that all documentation is submit

Please visit our website for more information on how to gather necessary

You are strongly encouraged to contact your local Victim Witness Program claim application, submission of claim documents, and other victim serv program is attached and available on our website.

Based on delays in grant funding beyond our control, the Fund is currently only a for lost wages when victims are not able to return to work and for loss of support homicide victims, pursuant to Va. Code § 19.2-368.111 (A)(B)(D). All awards an available funding.

Should you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,
Sharon Diaz
Virginia Victims Fund

Enclosure(s)

By way of this letter, you have a pending claim application that prohibits a debt collection activities pursuant to Va. Code § 19.2-368. Show this letter to medical providers engaged in debt collectio

Acknowledgment Letter - August 2023 update

VVF Claims Process

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 - Apply for benefits
 - Application reviewed for completeness
 - Decision issued about eligibility
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 - Eligible applications assigned to examiner
 - Supporting documents must be submitted
 - Decision by claims examiner
- 3

 - Accept or appeal the award, denial or final reminder decision

AWARD

- Expenses are eligible and supported by documents
- Va. Dept. of Treasury issues a check

DENIAL

- Expenses are not eligible
- Claimant is not eligible
- Crime is not eligible
- An explanation will be provided if a claim is denied

FINAL REMINDER

- Expenses are eligible but documents are missing
- Claimant has two years from eligibility date to submit documents or claim will close



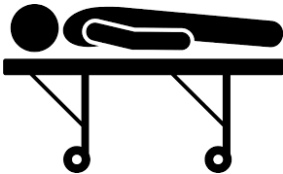
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Statutory Responsibilities & Authority



Physical injury for any eligible crime



Emotional injury stemming from stalking, attempted robbery, attempted abduction, or from a crime listed in Va. Code § 17.1-805(C).



Advise claimants about the law in our letters.

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New Claimant WebFile

Home > Virginia Victims Fund's WebFile

Starting Sept. 26, 2025, VVF WebFile will have its own dedicated login page. If you've accessed WebFile in the past, please be sure to **clear your browser cache** to access the new VVF WebFile page for the first time.


ALL USERS: LOG INTO WEBFILE HERE


Learn More About **Your** WebFile

 <i>Claimants</i>	 <i>Providers</i>	 <i>Forensic Nurses</i>	 <i>Victim/Witness</i>
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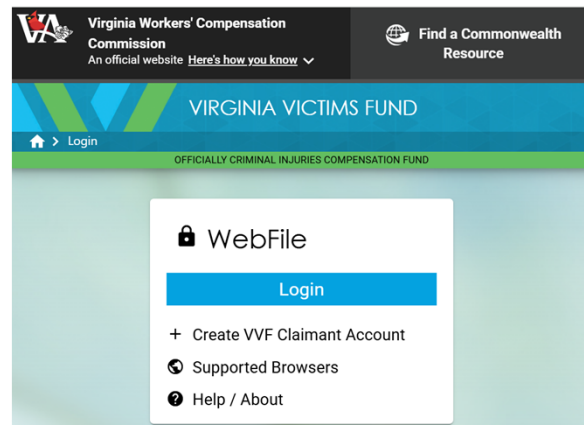
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Mandatory WebFile for Providers

Every year we receive about 10,000 emails and faxes from providers.

WebFile was created for providers to have 24/7 access to claims.



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MISC Updates

New VVF website domain and email addresses.

.ORG → .GOV

VVF.VIRGINIA.GOV

First.Last@vuf.virginia.gov

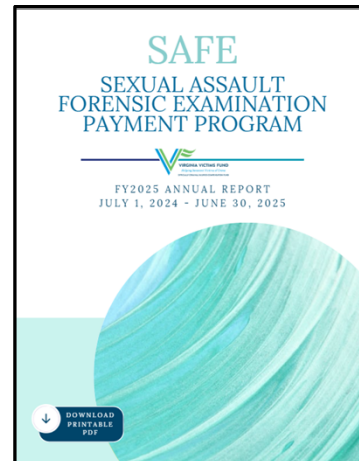
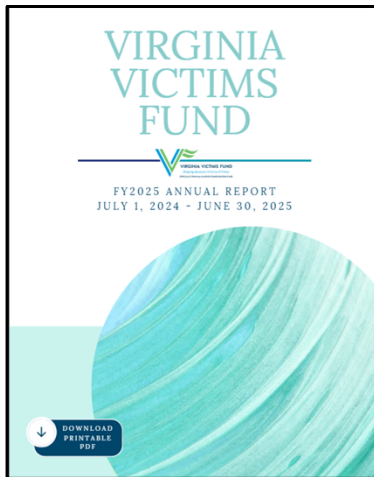
Old domains and emails still work.

Why?

- To prove we are a state program
- To access VITA translation services

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Annual Reports



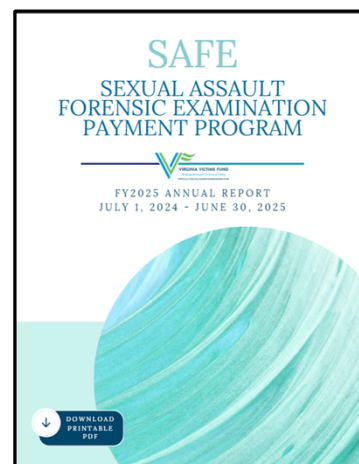
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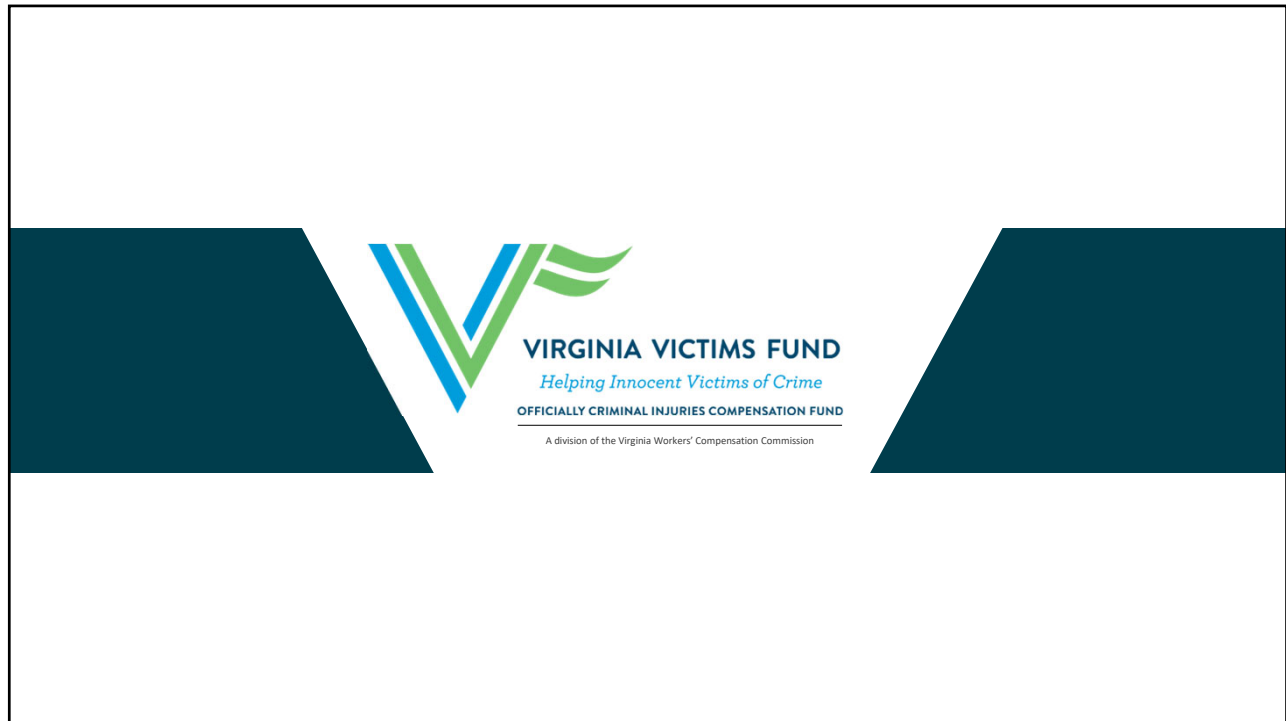
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PERKS
ACUTE EXAMS
FOLLOW UP EXAMS

SAFE DOES NOT PAY:
STRANGULATION EXAMS
TRACE EVIDENCE EXAMS



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