

Victims Services Quarterly Conversation #19

April 11, 2023



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

Welcome New Victims Services Staff!

Jowanna Bassfield

Aria Chipley

April—

National Sexual Assault Awareness Month



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Survivor Voices



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National Crime Victims' Rights Week

April 23–29, 2023

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) VSGP Restoration

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

- VOCA funding levels are still very uncertain and decreases to future federal awards are anticipated.
- DCJS staff is currently planning for SFY 2025.
- The Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General is continuing to select individual subrecipients to audit.
 - Three have been selected so far

Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) Grant

- Calendar Year 2023 SASP
 - Project Implementation deadline was March 1
 - Financial Reports for 1st Quarter due April 17
- State Fiscal Year 2024 SASP Special Funding Opportunity
 - DCJS received 26 applications with requests totaling \$516,816
 - Available funding = \$276,877
 - Grant period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024
 - Funding determinations will be made at the May Criminal Justice Services Board Meeting

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) VSGP Restoration

- ARPA VSGP Restoration Grant recipients may request a 12-month *Grant Award Period Extension* on their current ARPA grant. Requests due by May 15 and may be made through a contract amendment in OGMS.
- Awaiting State Budget for SFY 2024 to determine whether there will be additional ARPA funding and who qualifies for additional money.
- Ensure your agency is up to date on all ARPA required financial reports and each annual status report.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) VSGP Restoration

- Instructions for ARPA extension requests were sent via Correspondence in OGMS.
- The Extension Request asks for:
 - An estimate of the amount of funds that will be unspent by 6/30/2023
 - Response to narrative questions regarding challenges spending funds
 - A budget detailing how the unspent funds will be fully expended by 6/30/2024

Victims Services Grant Program (VSGP)

- SFY 2023 awards end June 30, 2023
 - For programs that get State General Funds in their VSGP award, note the correspondence from DCJS's Grants Management about reporting State General Fund expenses by May 15th.
 - Needed budget amendments due by May 17th.
- SFY 2024
 - Continuation applications were due March 3rd.
 - Applications will go to the Criminal Justice Services Board in May for funding determinations.
 - SFY 2024 grant period is July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

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

- FY 23 Status Reports due April 17, 2023 via OGMS
- Reminder that the submission deadline for budget amendments is 45 days prior to the end of the grant period
- FY 24 Funding Opportunity opened on March 27, 2023.
Applications are DUE: **May 1, 2023 at 12:00 (noon)**
 - Only current FY 23 VSDVVF subrecipients are eligible to apply
 - May request up to current FY 23 award amount
 - Review grant guidelines as allowable/unallowable costs have changed

VSDVWF Forensic/SA Nurse Examiner

- Award Period: January 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
- Within 60 days of the starting date of the grant, the grantee must initiate the project funded. If not, the grantee must report to DCJS, in writing, the steps taken to initiate the project, the reasons for the delay, and the expected starting date.
- First Status Reports due April 17, 2023 via OGMS
- Please return your SOGAs and adhere to all requests for revisions (Encumbrances) as appropriate
- For grant program resources visit:

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

Virginia STOP Violence Against Women Act (VSTOP)

- CY 23 Award Period: 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023
- Biannual Report covering period of 1/1/2023 – 6/30/2023 due July 15, 2023
- Please return your SOGAs and adhere to all requests for revisions (Encumbrances) as appropriate
- Future funding opportunity to be announced in summer 2023

Victim Witness Grant Program (VWGP)

- Continue to await a final state budget; **as previously anticipated, there will be a 10% reduction to the VOCA portion of awards and level funding of state portion of awards.**
- To reduce the administrative burden on grantees, DCJS Victims Services staff will use the OGMS “copy grant” feature for SFY 2024 awards.
 - VWGP staff need to verify that all OGMS components, to include the face sheet, personnel, and other budget forms, are current.
- Following SOGA approval, SFY 2024 budget modifications will be required to reflect federal and state funding levels.

Victims Services Data Collection System (VSDCS)

- VSDCS Progress Report Expanded Instructions posted on DCJS website and via email to each Project Director.
 - Quarterly Progress Report must be submitted and Grant Monitor approved in VSDCS.
 - Approved VSDCS-generated Quarterly Progress Report must be uploaded to OGMS to comply with SOGA.

Note: The timestamp located at the top left of the progress report includes the status of the report: Awaiting Approval or Approved. OGMS upload of the progress report must contain a timestamp status of Approved.

VSDCS Technical Assistance

- Lockout wait period will change from 24 hours to 30 minutes, per VITA approval.
- Instructions to delete individuals entered in VSDCS in error have been developed and are being tested prior to release – more info to come.
- Enhancements to VSDCS will occur in first quarter of SFY 2024. Please continue to email requested enhancements to VictimsServicesTA@dcjs.virginia.gov

VSDCS Technical Assistance

If you have VSDCS questions or need assistance,
please contact

VictimsServicesTA@dcjs.virginia.gov

Questions?



General Grant Management Updates & Reminders

OGMS Grant Components

Grant Components			Manage Alerts	Notes (0)	Map Grant
Component	Form Type / Source / Security	Last Edited			
General Information		Mar 6, 2023 11:32 AM - DeAndrea Willia			
Appropriations		Mar 6, 2023 11:33 AM - DeAndrea Willia			
General Conditions and Assurances - Global					
Attachments					
Authority Certification					
Budget		Feb 28, 2023 10:29 AM - Joseph Thomp			
Claims					
Closeout					
Contract					
Contract Amendments					
Contract Document					
Correspondence					
Encumbrances		Feb 21, 2023 8:31 AM - Amia Barrows			
Equipment					
Face Sheet					
Goals and Objectives					
Non-Supplantation					
Personnel and Employee Fringe Benefits - Percentage Calculated		Feb 1, 2023 6:33 PM - Presepine Flemir			

General Grant Reminders

- **Communication with DCJS** (responsiveness to requests, use OGMS Correspondence)
- **Submit SOGAs within 60 days of award notice to grantsmgmt@dcjs.virginia.gov** (submit a delay of project implementation if applicable)
- **Review Award Conditions** (ensure compliance of all conditions and requirements)
- **Review OGMS Components** (ensure all components are updated, withdraw or submit items in editing or correcting status)

General Grant Reminders

- **OGMS Registration** (no sharing of credentials, project administrator/designee must be registered and review applications thoroughly)
- **Contract Amendments** (update personnel within 30 days, advise DCJS of all budget changes, permission is not needed to submit a request)
 - General Information form can be edited to include additional grantee contacts
- **Claims** (submit quarterly claims even if no expenses incurred, submit a report extension if needed, make sure to request funds in the approved budget or submit a budget amendment if needed)

General Grant Reminders

- **Expenses that are not in the approved budget will not be approved without a budget amendment**
 - Raises or other shifts in salary, position descriptions, must be submitted in a budget amendment/in-line adjustment
 - Deadline for budget amendments is 45 days before the end of the award period
 - Deadline for in-line adjustments is the end of the award period
- **Status Reports** (submit status reports on the date specified in the award conditions, if the deadline is on a weekend or holiday, submit the report the next business day)

Questions?



DCJS & Victims Services Team Announcements

Victims Crisis Assistance and Response Team (VCART)

Several state and regional crisis responses conducted over the last 6 months:

- UVA mass shooting
- Chesapeake Walmart shooting
- Response to Virginia Highlands Community Services Board
- Response to SWVA Regional Jail Authority
- Charlottesville St. Patrick's Day shooting

Thank you to all of our crisis responders who assisted and made a difference in the lives of victims following these traumatic events!

VCART

- Join the team! Basic VCART training will be held in Blacksburg on May 1-3
- Two additional Basic VCART trainings will be held in 2023
- VCART outreach webinars for college campuses – coming soon!
- To request a training on VCART for your staff, contact Dawn Bush at dawn.bush@dcjs.virginia.gov
- To learn more about VCART and/or becoming a member, contact Andrew Kinch at andrew.kinch@dcjs.virginia.gov

Sexual and Domestic Violence (SDV) Funding Project

- DCJS contract with Knowledge Advisory Group (KAG)
- Goal to establish a funding strategy for SDV services that is fair, equitable, and ensures services across the state.
- KAG is doing interviews with stakeholders and will be doing surveys in the near future.
- Anticipated date for project completion is Fall 2023, for use in funding determinations possibly starting in SFY 2025.

SDV Program Professional Standards Committee

- The first Committee meeting with the newly appointed Committee members was held on March 29th
 - This meeting was mostly a review of the history of the Committee, the Professional Standards, and the current procedures
- The Committee will have its second meeting on May 9th
 - During this meeting, the Professional Standards Team will be presenting its recommendations for accreditation status for several agencies

SDV Program Professional Standards Team

- The Professional Standards Team plans to open up Round 3 of this accreditation cycle in July
 - Organizational Self-Assessment Summaries will be accepted during the month of July
 - Anticipate that the applications for accreditation will then be accepted from mid-August through September
- Prior to this Round, the Professional Standards Team will hold an online open forum to inform agencies about the Committee, the current accreditation process, the requirements for the application, and Q&A

Questions?

