

Victims Services Quarterly Conversation #20

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VS Quarterly Conversations

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

Beginning a New State Fiscal Year: Effective and Efficient Grants Management

Effective and Efficient Grants Management

- ✓ Register in the On-line Grant Management System ([OGMS](#))
- ✓ Read the Award Document, Conditions and [Requirements](#)
- ✓ Demonstrate Compliance w/ Award Conditions and [Requirements](#)
- ✓ Submit the Signed Award Document in a Timely Manner
- ✓ Develop a Grants Management Plan
- ✓ Develop a Filing System for Grant Documentation
- ✓ Maintain Communication Internally & w/ DCJS
- ✓ Maintain Supporting Documentation for Financials and Program Activity

Effective and Efficient Grants Management

- ✓ Maintain Time and Effort Tracking Compliance
- ✓ Timely Submission of Claims (Financial Reports & Reimbursement)
- ✓ Timely Submission of Status Reports (Programmatic Activities)
- ✓ Monitor Spending and Grant Performance
- ✓ Submit Budget Modifications during the Award Period
- ✓ Submit Changes in Grant Funded Staff and Authorized Officials
- ✓ Prepare for Sub-recipient Monitoring

Questions?



Sexual and Domestic Violence Program Professional Standards

SDV Program Professional Standards

- The Professional Standards Committee has met a total of three times.
 - The March 29th meeting consisted of a review of the history of the Committee, the Professional Standards, and the current procedures
 - During the May 9th meeting, the Committee fully accredited 11 agencies
 - During the July 12th meeting, the Committee fully accredited five agencies
- A list of the fully accredited agencies may be viewed on the [Accredited Agencies](#) page of the [Professional Standards website](#).

SDV Program Professional Standards

- Round 3 of this accreditation cycle is currently open
 - Organizational Self-Assessment Summaries will be accepted through July 31st
 - Agencies eligible to apply will then be given instructions regarding completing applications
 - Applications will be accepted August 14th – September 29th
 - If you have any questions, you can review the June 21st information session on the Professional Standards Webinar page
- The Professional Standards Committee will begin a review of the Professional Standards at the September 27th meeting

Victims Services Grant Program Announcements

DCJS Victims Services Grant Programs

as of July 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 U.S. 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
 - Financial Reports for 2nd Quarter were due July 17
- State Fiscal Year 2024 SASP Special Funding Opportunity
 - New Grant Orientation was July 6, 2023. A recording of the training and the slides are attached to the Funding Opportunity, which is attached to Grant Components.
 - Signed SOGAs due July 21
 - Project implementation deadline August 29
- Calendar Year 2024 SASP
 - This competitive funding opportunity and guidelines to open late July or early August. Sign up for [DCJS updates](#) to be informed of this funding opportunity and others through DCJS.

American Rescue Plan Act ([ARPA](#)) VSGP Restoration

- Unless granted a 12-month extension, ARPA grants ended June 30
- Annual ARPA status reports were due July 17
- Quarterly financial reports and claims were due July 17
- Be sure a detail of expenditures has been submitted for all claims

American Rescue Plan Act ([ARPA](#)) VSGP Restoration

- For programs that received an extension: after your July 17 claim is approved, you may complete a budget amendment as described in your extension request (if needed). Also, signed SOGAs due August 29.
- DCJS determining how to administer ARPA funding included in the SFY 2024 budget.

Victims Services Grant Program ([VSGP](#))

- SFY 2022-2023 awards ended June 30, 2023
 - Quarterly financial and status reports were due July 17
- SFY 2024
 - Grant period started July 1, 2023 (12-month grant)
 - New Grant Orientation was July 11, 2023. A recording of the training and the slides are attached to the Funding Opportunity, which is attached to Grant Components.
 - Signed SOGAs due July 30
 - Encumbrance on all grants due July 28 (SAR worksheet)
 - Check to ensure your VSGP budget matches your SOGA and contact your grant monitor ASAP if it does not match.

Victims Services Grant Program ([VSGP](#))

Note the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number is 16.575. An email from DeAndrea Williams was sent on June 30, 2023, about this SOGA correction for SFY 2024 awards.

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

- Final SFY 23 Status Reports were due July 17, 2023 via OGMS
 - Programs will not have access to FY 24 grant funds until all grant requirements have been met for FY 23
- SFY 24 began on July 1, 2024
 - Award Period: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
- Please ensure compliance with all encumbrances by the due date indicated
- All applicants received level funding for SFY 24
- Grants has electronically disseminated SOGAs via OGMS
 - Please return your signed SOGA via the Grants Mailbox indicated in your SOGA

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.
- Status Reports were due July 17, 2023 via OGMS
- 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 was due by July 17, 2023, via OGMS
- Future funding opportunity to be announced in summer 2023
 - Will incorporate VAWA Reauthorization of 2022 requirements
 - Training and support will be provided by the VS Staff

Victim Witness Grant Program (VWGP)

- VWGP SFY 2024 award packages have been sent out via OGMS Correspondence.
- To reduce the administrative burden on grantees, DCJS Victims Services staff used the OGMS “copy grant” feature to move SFY 2023 grants to SFY 2024.
- Once the signed SOGA has been received by DCJS, Grants Management will move awards to **Underway** status.
- Following receipt of the signed SOGA, programs will have to satisfy encumbrances by entering a budget amendment in the OGMS Contract Amendments component.
- Grant Monitors will review the budget amendment and upon approval, Grants Management will enter the revised SFY 2024 budget in OGMS.

Victims Services Data Collection System ([VSDCS](#))

- VSDCS Progress Report Expanded [Instructions](#) are posted on DCJS website.
 - Quarterly Progress Reports must be submitted in VSDCS. Grant Monitor approves in VSDCS before the report can be uploaded to OGMS.

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

Only upload **Approved progress reports to OGMS.*

VSDCS Technical Assistance

- Lockout wait period is changed to 30 minutes.
- Enhancements to VSDCS will occur in first quarter of SFY 2024.
- VSDCS “SWOT” Analysis with new Project Manager is being planned.

Please continue to email enhancement needs, questions, and technical assistance inquires to VictimsServicesTA@dcjs.virginia.gov

DCJS & Victims Services Team Announcements

VS Grant Monitors & Regional Assignments

- **Amia Barrows**, *Grant Monitoring Supervisor*, Statewide
- **Dione Bassett**, Hampton Roads
- **Jowanna Bassfield**, Northern
- **Kelly Carpenter**, Shenandoah
- **Bunny Chidester**, Western
- **Aria Chipley**, I-95 Corridor/Northern Neck
- **Sharon Reed**, Southwest
- **Chrissy Smith**, Capitol/Southside
- VS Monitoring [Regions](#)

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*

Victims Crisis Assistance and Response Team (VCART)

Several state and regional crisis responses conducted over the last 8 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 Williamsburg on September 19-21
- An additional Basic VCART training will be held in late 2023
- VCART outreach webinars for emergency managers are being conducted
- 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 completed interviews and surveys with stakeholders. Focus groups will commence in August.
- Anticipated date for project completion is Fall 2023, for use in funding determinations possibly starting in SFY 2025.

Lethality Assessment Program (LAP)

- Statewide LAP team (Office of the Attorney General, DCJS, and Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Action Alliance) to be trained on LAP 2.0 curriculum this fall.
- Data collection for the 1/1/23 - 6/30/23 reporting period is underway. If you have any questions or did not receive the online survey link and password by email, please contact Chad Felts at chad.felts@dcjs.virginia.gov

Trauma-Responsive Sexual Assault Investigations 4-Session Training Series

Wytheville Community College

September 12: Understanding Sexual Assault & the Neurobiology of Trauma

September 13: Trauma-Informed Interviewing

September 14: Sexual Assault Investigations Strategies

September 15: Working with Vulnerable Populations

Registration (No Team Application)

Register for 1 day or all 4 days

Questions?

