

OMB estimate for Victim Compensation

Original: VOCA Victim Compensation Grant Program State Performance Report		Revised: Victim Compensation Formula Grant Program Performance Measures
Format: 2-page hard-copy questionnaire.		Format: The report has been moved to an online data collection tool that will incorporate grantee and subgrantee reporting for the Subgrant Award Report form and the State Performance Report which has been divided into 2 components: Subgrantee Performance Data Report and the Grantee Report which consist of the annual narrative questions. The new data submission tool will minimize reporting time by pre-populating certain data and will include validation checks to ensure data quality.
<i>Question Number (in original document)</i>		<i>Question Number (in revised document)</i>
Section I	1. State 2. Contact name	Pre-populated from a contact list
Section II	1. Number of new claims received during reporting period a. Total claims, if only one claim is usually counted per crime, OR b. Total claims, if victims and indirect victims generally count as separate claims	Question maintained and is unchanged.
	2. Number of claims approved as eligible a. For victims 17 and under b. For victims 18-64 c. For victims 65 and older In the original questionnaire, demographic data was limited to age only.	6. Number of applications approved during the reporting period <i>Expanded:</i> 3. Victim Demographics: The new questionnaire has expanded the categories for age: 0-12, 13-17, 18-24, 25-59, and 60 and older to be consistent with reporting to other Federal agencies, i.e., OVW and HHS reporting. <i>NEW:</i> Demographic data collection has been expanded to include questions on gender identity and race/ethnicity of victims served.
	3. Number of claims denied as ineligible or closed	7. Number of applications denied/closed during the reporting period

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		<p><i>NEW:</i> Added categories for reasons for denial or close status: Claims data has been expanded to include the reasons claims were denied. Options include: application not filed within the time limit; failure to report to police; failure to cooperate with law enforcement, victim/witness coordinator, or other official required by program; incomplete information; contributory misconduct; ineligible crime; ineligible application; and other.</p>
		<p><i>NEW:</i> 8. Number of applications pending at the end of the reporting period.</p>
	4. Number of forensic sexual assault examination claims received, if such claims are handled through a separate claims procedure	9. The new questionnaire maintains this question and is unchanged.
Section III	Payment statistics by crime category: In the original questionnaire, this section requested the number of claims paid and total amount paid for 12 crime types by 1 victimization type (domestic violence).	<p><i>NEW:</i> The revised questionnaire contains a payment-statistics-by-crime-type table that includes expanded crime types (16), victimization types (5), and expense categories (11). It requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the number of applications paid per crime type • the amount paid in each expense category for each crime type • the number of applications related to one of 5 victimization types for each crime type
Section IV	The original questionnaire inquired about the total amount paid in 7 expense categories.	
Section V	<p>1. Describe the impact that VOCA funds have had on your program's ability to meet the needs of crime victims.</p> <p>2. How do you measure your program's efficiency and effectiveness in reducing the financial impact of crime on victims? What are the results?</p>	<p><i>Enhanced:</i> The new questionnaire includes a set of 10 questions answered annually. The narrative questions from the original questionnaire have been expanded and enhanced to improve the detail and quality of the responses. As with the original questions, the new questions seek to measure program performance, but in a more precise way. The questions inquire about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any significant change in the number of applications received during the reporting period; • whether the grantee distributes victim satisfaction surveys;

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any emerging/major issues or notable trends encountered in the state that impacted the program’s ability to meet the needs of crime victims; • efforts taken to serve victims of federal crime; • notable activities that improved the process of victim compensation services; • any laws, initiatives, or policy changes in the state regarding victim compensation; • system-coordination efforts with key justice system personnel to reduce barriers to victims; • public outreach efforts to improve awareness of the program; and • other outcome measures reported to state government <p>The section also permits grantees to include comments to help improve overall the Victim Compensation program.</p>
	<p>3. Did your state use VOCA administrative funds? If so, please describe the impact these funds have had on your state’s ability to provide compensation or improve victim services.</p>	<p>Annual Question 7. Please describe in detail ways in which your state used VOCA Administrative funds and the impact of these funds on the state’s ability to improve victim compensation services during the reporting period.</p>