

Frequently Asked Questions – VOCA 2025 Application Cycle

Q: If my agency has an open VOCA DV/SA/CAC Basic grant that ends 9/30/2025, do we need to re-apply for funding by the January 31st, 2025 deadline?

A: No, as outlined in the VOCA RFA, any current VOCA Basic grantees who have an active/extended block grant for Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Child Abuse for their designated service areas and counties, do NOT need to apply in this cycle. All VOCA Basic grants will be provided an additional extension in the Spring of 2025 for a period of performance to end 9/30/2026. All VOCA basic agencies will re-apply during the next application cycle in Dec 2025.

Q: The previous cap amount for my VOCA award was Funding Cap – Local (1-4 Counties) : \$ 250,000 but now the RFA reads Funding Cap – Local (1-4 Counties) : \$ 125,000. Is this a reduction?

No, previous funding caps were for a 2 year award amount. While the 2025 application cycle is moving to 3 year periods of performance, only 1 year of funding is being applied for at this time. The current caps refer to 1 budget year, whereas the previous cap was the full 2 year budget. As long as you meet the year cap, you are able to apply for that amount or lower in the appropriate service area category.

I am applying for a continuation of a previously GCC funded VOCA grant but cannot find the correct program priority that matches my previous grant. What program priority do I need to apply under?

Due to ongoing VOCA reductions, the Crime Victim Services Committee and full Governor's Crime Commission voted for the 2025 cycle to prioritize basic service block grants and the Underserved competitive priority due to them being federally mandated areas of funding. Therefore the decision was made to remove multiple program priorities that have previously been included in the application cycle. If your competitive VOCA grant was previously funded under a program priority that is no longer listed, then you may not be able to apply for a continuation of a currently funded agreement. However, please review the Underserved category closely and if your project meets the requirements outlined in that program priority, you can apply there.

Are the Crime Types and Special Populations/Demographics listed under the Underserved program priority exhaustive?

Yes, if you submit an application that does not or cannot meet the requirements detailed under this priority, your application will be declined during preliminary review. If you have a continuation application for Underserved that has a crime type or special population/demographic no longer listed, you may not be able to apply for a continuation this cycle.

How would I properly document my program priority in the initial subaward grantee report and the quarterly OVC PMT reporting for my selected Crime Type and/or Demographic in the application?

If your Underserved grant application is chosen for funding, you will complete both an initial subgrant award report (pre-award) and quarterly PMT reports throughout the life of the grant. The Crime Type and Demographics will be documented under the following areas of those reports:

ISAR: Question 6

Your allocations must align with the applied for crime types/special populations and must be within the Underserved priority ONLY. If your selected types are not listed, you MUST place them in either D7 with the explanation in D8 for victims/crime types served who experience violent crimes.

For example, if you serve Rural victims of domestic violence, you would place the corresponding amount of the award in D7 and in D8 advise Rural victims of sexual assault, as well as any necessary specifics.

If your selected types are Underserved and nonviolent crimes, for example, Financial Fraud, you MUST place that allocation in D9 and provide nonviolent types as explanation. If you are unsure if your designation is nonviolent, please speak with a Planner during completion of the ISAR.

For further, refer to the SAR Guide: https://ovcpmt.ojp.gov/documents/Victim_Assistance_SAR_508.pdf

Quarterly VOCA PMT: Questions 5 and 6

Ensure alignment with SAR and application Underserved Crime Types and Special Populations/ Demographics served. If you do not see your listed categories, all reporting categories have Other sections where data must be entered with the Underserved category your grant has been funded to serve.

For further, refer to the Subgrantee Data Report Guide: <https://ovcpmt.ojp.gov/documents/Victim%20Assistance%20-%20Subgrantee%20Data%20Report%20-%20June%202017.pdf>

- D. Underserved (*includes DUI/DWI crashes, survivors of homicide victims, assault, adults molested as children, elder abuse, robbery, and other violent crimes*)

\$ Amount

- D1. Underserved (*DUI/DWI crashes*)

\$ Amount

- D2. Underserved (*assault*)

\$ Amount

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This questionnaire is to be used only for data collection purposes.
Data must be entered in the OVC PMT at <https://ovcpmt.ojp.gov>.

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- D3. Underserved (*adults molested as children*)

\$ Amount

- D4. Underserved (*elder abuse*)

\$ Amount

- D5. Underserved (*robbery*)

\$ Amount

- D6. Underserved (*survivors of homicide victims*)

\$ Amount

- D7. Other Underserved (*other violent crimes*)

\$ Amount

- D8. Please briefly describe Other Underserved (*other violent crimes*)

Explanation

- D9. Other Underserved (*non-violent crimes*)

\$ Amount (optional)

- D10. Please briefly describe Other Underserved (*non-violent crimes*)

Explanation (optional)

- D11. Please briefly explain how your state or territory defines "underserved" if other than what is listed above.

This is determined by the state for all SARs. It will auto-populate all active SARs during the same federal fiscal year.

Explanation (optional)