Crime Victims Fundamentals
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

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National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAAD)

The National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators represents the 56 state and territorial agencies designated to administer U.S. Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) victim assistance formula grants that provides financial support to agencies that provide direct services to victims of all types of crimes, provides training and technical assistance and advocates on behalf of improvements in rights and services for crime victims.
Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD)

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) mission, as the lead criminal justice system planning agency for Pennsylvania, is to enhance the quality and coordination of criminal and juvenile justice systems, facilitate the delivery of services to victims of crime and increase the safety of Pennsylvania’s communities. The Office of Victim Services within PCCD administers state and federal funds in order to provide grants, training, and technical assistance to community-based and system-based programs that work to serve victims of crime.
What Is the Crime Victims Fund?

- Created in 1984 as dedicated revenue source for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) to support state victim assistance and crime victim compensation.
- Only Federal funding dedicated solely to supporting services to victims of all types of crimes.
- Paid entirely by Federal criminal offenders.

Not by taxpayers!!!
How Crime Victims Fund works *since 2000*

**Year One**
Where the money comes from

**Crime Victims Fund**

**Year Two**
Where the money goes

*Victim Services*
Crime Victims Fund Deposits/Caps

1985-4/2017 = $34.3 Billion
Who paid into the Fund . . .

1985-4/2017
$ 34,305,109,095

- Less than $100m
  - $11,017,475,112
  - 32%

- $100m or More
  - $23,287,663,983
  - 68%

163,137+ Defendants
69 Defendants

Where the Money Goes. . .

VOCA Authorized Programs

- Under the cap
  - Children’s Justice Act ($20m)
  - U.S. Attorneys’ Victim/Witness Coordinators ($20m-$30m)
  - FBI Victim Assistance Specialists ($16m-$26m)
  - Federal Victim Notification System ($4m-$7m)
  - OVC Discretionary Grants ($113m-$125m)
  - State Crime Victim Compensation Formula Grants ($137m-$165m)
  - State Victim Assistance Formula Grants ($445m-$2.2b)

- Above the cap
  - Antiterrorism Emergency Reserve ($50 million)

Other Costs

- OJP Management and Administration (M&A) – since 2012 ($50m-$78m)
- Office of Inspector General – 2015-2017 ($10m)
- Transfer to VAWA – 2016-2017 ($326m-$379m)
State VOCA Assistance Grants
State VOCA Assistance Grants

- Of the amount available:
  - 56 jurisdictions.
  - Base amount
    - Each state, DC, PR and VI = $500,000.
    - American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands = $200,000.
  - Remainder distributed on population.
- For each grant, year of grant plus 3 years.
- States may retain up to 5% for admin/training.
- State discretion to select subgrantees and amounts.
VOCA Assistance Rule

- New rule effective August 8, 2016.
- States may apply new rule to previously unobligated grant funds.

- “Victim” means a person who has suffered physical, sexual, financial, or emotional harm as a result of the commission of a crime.
State VOCA Grant Requirements

- Certifies “priority” (i.e. 10%) to eligible programs providing direct assistance to victims of:
  - “Priority” categories
    - Sexual assault
    - Spousal abuse *(domestic/intimate partner violence)*
    - Child abuse
      - Child sexual abuse/assault can be either sexual assault or child abuse, not both.
      - Does not include adults victimized as children
  - Previously underserved victims of *violent* crime
    - By type of crime and/or
    - *victim demographic characteristics*
      - Cannot be *BOTH* “priority” and “previously underserved.”
Subgrantee Requirements

Statutory Eligibility Requirements
- Public or nonprofit agency.
- Have non-VOCA financial support (new/existing program).
- Use volunteers (unless waived for compelling reasons).
- Promote coordination of victim services within its community.
- Assist victims seeking crime victim compensation benefits.
- Does not discriminate against victims who disagree with the way the State is prosecuting the case.

Administrative Requirements
- Serve victims of Federal crimes.
- Match (20% of total project cost); can be waived.
Subgrantee Profiles

- **Nonprofits**: 69%
  - **Gov’t Agencies**: 29%
  - **Tribes**: 1%

- **Campus**: 1%

- **Domestic & Family Violence**: 38%
  - **Child Abuse**: 21%
  - **Other**: 6%
  - **Underserve**: 20%

- **Sexual Assault**: 15%

- **Domestic and/or Family Violence**
  - Child Sexual Abuse/Assault
  - Adult Physical Assault
  - Child Physical Abuse or Neglect
  - Adult Sexual Assault
  - Burglary
  - ID theft/Fraud/Financial Crime
  - Stalking/…
  - Survivors of Homicide Victims
  - Robbery
  - Adults Sex Abused as Children
  - DUI/DWI Incidents
  - Bullying
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- **Thousands**:
  - Domestic and/or Family Violence: 2,469
  - Child Sexual Abuse/Assault: 574
  - Adult Physical Assault: 570
  - Child Physical Abuse or Neglect: 424
  - Adult Sexual Assault: 316
  - Burglary: 179
  - ID theft/Fraud/Financial Crime: 174
  - Stalking/…: 164
  - Survivors of Homicide Victims: 158
  - Robbery: 146
  - Adults Sex Abused as Children: 120
  - DUI/DWI Incidents: 90
  - Bullying: 58
  - Other Vehicular Victimization: 49
  - Elder Abuse or Neglect: 48

OVC FY16 Performance Reports (N=6,844 Subgrantees; Reports=6,234)
Allowable direct services

- Immediate emotional, psychological, and physical health and safety
  - Crisis intervention
  - Accompaniment
  - Hotline counseling
  - Safety Planning
  - Emergency food, shelter, clothing and transportation
  - Short-term in-home care and supervision
  - Window, door or lock replacement and other safety repairs

- Emergency (within 48 hours) prescription/non-prescription medicine to prevent HIV/AIDS or other infectious disease, durable medical equipment or healthcare items.
Allowable direct services

- Personal advocacy, emotional support; case management
- Mental health counseling and care
- Peer-support
- Facilitate participation in criminal justice and other public proceedings
  - Advocacy
  - Accompaniment
  - Transportation, meals and lodging
  - Interpretations
  - Child and respite care
  - Notifications
  - Victim Impact Statement assistance
  - Property recovery assistance
  - Restitution assistance
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<td>- Coordination of activities</td>
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<td>- Supervision of direct service providers</td>
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<td>- Multisystem, interagency, multidisciplinary response.</td>
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<td>- Contracts for professional services</td>
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<td>- Automated systems and technology</td>
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Legal Assistance

☐ Consistent with OVW Legal Assistance for Victims.
☐ Must be reasonably necessary as a *direct result of the victimization*.
☐ Examples:
  ■ Protective/restraining orders, campus administrative protection/stay-away orders;
  ■ Family, custody, contract, housing, and dependency matters, particularly for victims of intimate partner violence, child abuse, sexual assault, elder abuse, and human trafficking;
  ■ Immigration assistance for victims of human trafficking, sexual assault, and domestic violence;
  ■ Intervention with creditors, law enforcement (e.g., to obtain police reports), and other entities on behalf of victims of identity theft and financial fraud;
  ■ intervention with administrative agencies, schools/colleges, tribal entities, and other circumstances where legal advice or intervention would assist in addressing the consequences of a person’s victimization.
☐ Unallowable – criminal defense and tort lawsuits
Allowable costs

- Personnel costs for direct services
- Skills training for staff
- Training related travel
- Organizational expenses
- Equipment and furniture
- Operating costs
- VOCA administrative time
- Leasing or purchasing vehicles
- Maintenance, repair or replacement of essential items
- Project evaluation
- Indirect costs
Unallowable costs

- Lobbying
- Research and studies
- Active investigation and prosecution of criminal activities
- Fundraising
- Capital expenses
- Victim compensation
- Medical care
- Management salaries and expenses
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<td>Office of Emergency Services</td>
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<td>Office of Victim Services</td>
<td>860-263-2760</td>
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Pennsylvania’s History Funding Services for the Elderly

- Two VOCA-funded programs located in Philadelphia that specialize in serving elderly
  - Center for the Rights and Interests of the Elderly (CARIE)
    - Providing Advocacy to Victimized Elders (PAVE) Project
  - SeniorLAW Center (SLC)
    - Funded since 2002--SeniorLAW Center's Project S.A.F.E. (Stop Abuse and Financial Exploitation)
Pennsylvania’s History Funding Services for the Elderly

- VOCA funded programs with a focus on Elderly Victims—Close collaboration with their Area Agency on Aging
  - Center for Victims in Allegheny County
  - Network of Victim Assistance in Bucks County
  - Women’s Center of Montgomery County
  - Delaware County Senior Victims Unit
  - AWARE, Inc.—Mercer County
Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funding and VOCA

- Currently funded project- “Protecting Older Veterans Who Once Protected Us” (SeniorLAW Center)
  - Designed to improve services for senior veterans in Philadelphia aged 60 and older who are victims of crime and elder abuse
  - Provide a range of focused, collaborative victim services and resources, addressing their continuum of needs including safety, health, shelter and economic security.
  - **Now also being supported with VOCA funding**
VOCA Funding Increases

- For Pennsylvania 2015 Allocation quadrupled its VOCA allocation, from $17 Million to $77 Million!

- Victim Services Advisory Committee and Strategic Planning
  - Services to elderly victims a focus for future funding
Changing Demographics in PA

AGE TOTALS AS % OF PA POPULATION

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PA is 4th “oldest” state in the nation (nearly 2.7 million individuals aged 60 and older and more than 300,000 individuals aged 85 and older)

By the year 2020, 3.3M will be 60 or >
By 2030, >3.6M

Approximately 675,000 of Pennsylvania’s older adults have some form of disability.
Pennsylvanians between 45 and 59 currently make up 22.2 percent of the state’s population (~2.8M)

“Baby Boomers” are coming!
- By 2020, there will be approximately 3.3M will be 60 and older
- By 2030, will exceed 3.6M
VOCA Competitive solicitation

- Released funding announcement March 16th for $30 Million.
  - 25 Projects were funded that have components of focusing on services to Elderly
    - Over half of these projects include legal services for the elderly
    - Some concentrating on collaborations with nursing homes, assisted living, area agency on aging.
Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Training Grant

- Office of Victim Services (OVS) engaged in a project with the Department of Aging (PDA) to promote cross training and collaboration between Older Adult Protective Services and Victim Service Providers
  - Four, day-long regional symposia occurred in June 2017 that involved planning amongst PDA, Human Services, OVS, the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape
The purpose of these symposia was to bring together representatives of system- and community-based victim advocacy organizations and older adult and adult protective service personnel to:

- Educate one another about the laws, systems and philosophies under which each work;
- Enhance awareness of the wide range of services available to individuals who have been victimized; and
- Identify opportunities for future training and collaboration between the two professions.

Anticipate this collaboration to result in more proposals for VOCA funding to serve elderly in upcoming VOCA Solicitation in 2017.
OVS is engaging with Chiefs of Police Association to produce web-based training modules for law enforcement officers on identifying and responding to the needs of elderly victims.
Questions?

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