

Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA)

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The Department of Social Services (DSS) developed proposed allocation recommendations for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) fund to account for potential funding shifts. These recommendations were provided to the General Assembly the last week of November 2023. DSS also presented these recommendations in the House Budget Committee on December 5, 2023.

On December 14, 2023, DSS presented the proposed recommendations to the VOCA agencies, and requested feedback on each proposal. DSS received seventy-four (74) responses. The results of these responses continues to indicate a distinct divide in the approach the Department of Social Services (DSS) should pursue for future funding allocations.

The sections within this letter include: VOCA Fund Overview & Missouri’s FFY25 VOCA Funding Potential Impact, Summary, Recommendation Responses from Agencies, and Responses to Additional Comments.

VOCA Fund Overview & Missouri’s FFY25 VOCA Potential Impact

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) released information the anticipated VOCA funding reduction is 41%². For FFY23, the funding level is \$24.7M, and the impact of this reduction would result in Missouri’s funding to be reduced to \$14.573M. The FFY24 allocations are not anticipated to be released by OVC until approximately late August 2024.

The FFY24 VOCA contracts with administration totaled \$49.7M. Below are the potential FFY25 VOCA funding impacts. The amounts referenced are dependent upon the federal and state budgets that are passed.

POTENTIAL FFY25 Available Funding

- \$11M – Carryforward from the FFY23 grant
- \$14.573M – Potential FFY24 VOCA award*
- \$16.9M – Governor Parson’s Recommendation to Fund with General Revenue**
\$42.473

*There will likely be carryforward from the FFY24 contracts.

**Note: The SFY25 state budget will likely not be signed until the end of June 2024.

Proposals - Options

The chart below represents specific proposals with the original proposal number, original recommendation, and current recommendation options. There are four (4) options outlined, and DSS recommended Option #2 or Option #4 be implemented.

- Option #2:
 - Five (5) agencies to be sub recipients of federal funds
 - Agencies receiving \$50,000 or less to continue to receive their current allocation if there are funding reductions
- Option #4:
 - DSS will continue to directly contract with all providers
 - Agencies receiving \$50,000 or less to continue to receive their current allocation if there are funding reductions, and the remaining agencies will receive a proportionate decrease of the remaining funds

Proposal	Original Recommendation	Current Recommendations - Options			
		Option #1	Option #2	Option #3	Option #4
1	Contract with five (5) Agencies to Be Sub Recipients	Implement	Implement	Do Not Implement	Do Not Implement
4	Agencies receiving \$200,000 or less will receive the lesser of \$200,000 or their bid amount	Do Not Implement	Partially Implement – Agencies receiving \$50,000 or less will receive the lesser of \$50,000 or their current allocation Note: This impacts 12 agencies that currently receive \$439,218	Do Not Implement – All agencies will receive their current grant with a percentage change based on the available funds Note: If there is not a change in funding – All agencies will receive their current fund level as DSS has previously competitively bid the contracts	Partially Implement – Agencies receiving \$50,000 or less will receive their current allocation & All remaining agencies will receive a percentage change on the remaining funding available Note: If there is not a change in funding – All agencies will receive their current fund amount

Proposals – DSS Recommendation to Implement

The chart below represents specific proposals with the original proposal number, original recommendations, current recommendation, and recommendation rationale. DSS is requesting the General Assembly determine how DSS should proceed.

<i>Proposal</i>	<i>Original Recommendation</i>	<i>Current Recommendation</i>	<i>Recommendation Rationale</i>
2	<p>DSS will continue to contract directly with Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP), but also contract directly with DeafLEAD, and Legal Aid/Legal Services as these agencies provide statewide service.</p> <p>The contract amount for MSHP was \$36,015. The contract amount for DeafLEAD was proposed to increase from \$837,622 to \$1,000,000, and Legal Aid/Legal Services from \$1,018,698 to \$1,750,000.</p>	<p>Continue to contract directly with the (MSHP) for \$36,015</p> <hr/> <p>Do not contract directly with DEAFLead or Legal Services for a specified amount</p>	<p>The MSHP contract is for a human trafficking hotline, and a direct contract between state agencies.</p> <hr/> <p>While DSS still understands the need for these statewide services. After reviewing the responses, and reviewing the potential future fund decrease, DSS is not in a position to allocate additional funds to agencies. Any contracting mechanisms for these two (2) agencies would follow procurement processes of other agencies.</p>
3	<p>A cap of \$750,000 for non-statewide services to reduce the contract amounts as the VOCA fund is anticipated to continue to decline.</p>	<p>Do not have a cap of \$750,000</p>	<p>While there were many responses in favor and opposed to a cap, there was an impact to specific agencies which would have resulted in substantial funding reductions.</p>
5	<p>Discontinue regional allocations.</p> <p>(Note: This portion of the original proposal was removed as it is as it is addressed in proposal #1, <i>“instead rely upon subrecipients to distribute funds across the regions based on demonstrated need across the various types of agencies.”</i>)</p>	<p>Discontinue regions</p>	<p>While the regions were originally implemented to ensure adequate funding based on crime statistics, all commenters were opposed to the regions.</p>
6	<p>DSS will provide a robust training plan including federal training that is available and procure additional training if needed.</p>	<p>DSS will provide a robust training plan and procure additional training if needed</p>	<p>While there was oppositions and in favor of this, DSS is in the process of developing multiple online trainings, and assessing other training needs. DSS intends to reduce the amount of contracted training. A reduction in all administration costs will be needed, including DSS staff¹, if there are fund reductions. In addition, if the fund increases, the decreased administration costs will allow for additional direct service funds.</p>

Recommendation Responses from Agencies

The below outlines the number of agencies responses including those that agreed, disagreed, and neutral. Also included are the compiled comments, which includes the overarching statements regarding the recommendation. The complete list of comments are available in Attachment 1.

- **Proposed Recommendation #1** – *DSS will contract with up to five (5) agencies to distribute the funds*
 - 74 agencies: 34 agree, 17 disagree, and 23 neutral
 - Compiled Comments:
 - Concerns regarding increased administrative costs and bureaucratic processes
 - Disagree with allowing any agency to apply, and instead should be specified agencies with the expertise
 - Some prefer to contract directly with DSS, and others prefer the (five) 5 agencies to be the direct sub recipient of funds to allocate to specified agencies
 - Concerns regarding mixing membership with funding allocations
 - Statement if this occurs that DSS will need to monitor the direct sub recipients, and there should be an appeal process regarding the funding levels since this is a new process
 - Concerns with not allowing direct sub recipients to have VOCA funded members on their board

- **Proposed Recommendation #2** – *Contract directly with MSHSP, DeafLEAD, and Legal Aid*
 - 74 agencies: 38 agree, 6 disagree, and 30 neutral
 - Compiled Comments:
 - Agreeable if the services are offered statewide
 - Concerned will move from being an advocacy agency to a contractual funder
 - Agree to contract directly, but not increase allocation as some agencies have been allowed to show an increased need and others have not

- **Proposed Recommendation #3** – *A cap of \$750,000 for non-statewide services to reduce the contract amounts as the VOCA fund is anticipated to continue to decline*
 - 74 agencies: 44 agree, 15 disagree, and 15 are neutral
 - Compiled Comments:
 - Arbitrary, anti-competition, and not needs based
 - Would reduce available services
 - There always should have been a cap in place to stabilize funding
 - There is a disparity between rural and urban areas, and not having a cap will cause issues, especially with increased staff costs
 - Continuing to allocate large amounts to a few programs will make it difficult to use VOCA funds to have an impact on a wide variety of programs
 - Agree if reevaluated each year
 - There will be a trickle-down affect for agencies that refer to these agencies and a \$1M cap should be considered
 - This will disproportionately impact Kansas City, and DSS should consider a percentage reduction across providers, and the reduction is not based on data
 - These organizations already have large funders unlike smaller organizations
 - Adversely impacts Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence providers

- ***Proposed Recommendation #4*** – *Agencies receiving \$200,000 or less will receive the lesser of \$200,000 or their bid amount*
 - 74 agencies: 42 agree, 17 disagree, and 15 are neutral
 - Compiled Comments:
 - The recommendation is arbitrary, anti-competition, not needs based, and confusing
 - Should be distributed based on services provided, the need for services, and history
 - Concerns it will encourage agencies to request the floor amount
 - Large providers have a wider variety of funding sources, and large funding cuts could cripple small programs, even though the award amount is only a small fraction of the overall budget
 - Would make services more equitable
 - All agencies should go through the same application process

- ***Proposed Recommendation #5*** – *Discontinue regional allocations, instead rely upon sub recipients to distribute funds across the region based on demonstrated need across various types of agencies*
 - 74 agencies: 48 agree, 10 disagree, and 16 are neutral
 - Compiled Comments:
 - None of the comments were in favor of the regions, the comments were in regards to the sub recipients which was address in Recommendation #1

- ***Proposed Recommendation #6*** – *DSS will provide a robust training plan including federal training that is available and procure additional training if needed*
 - 74 agencies: 44 agree, 13 disagree, and 17 are neutral
 - Compiled Comments:
 - Would like to continue to receive training from MOCADSV and Kids First
 - This would create confusion and duplication of training
 - Would like more detail on the training plan
 - Concerned with new training
 - DSS should spend time on sustaining the VOCA fund
 - Should be provided by experts, and not DSS
 - Could help agencies with decreased funds

Responses to Additional Comments

These were other comments throughout that were not specifically applicable to one of the recommendations. Below are the compiled comments and responses.

- Comment: Concerns with equitable distribution of funds, as currently agencies with comparable services do not receive comparable funds
 - DSS Response: There are multiple agency types funded with VOCA, and having the four (4) distinct service types are required by the grant. The cost of these services vary drastically.

- Comment: Requests for additional funding by service type, and specific agencies

- DSS Response: There is currently not additional funding to allocate. There were requests to specifically fund only Domestic Violence (DV) and Sexual Violence (SV) services. As stated in the above comment, there are four (4) required reporting categories. For the FFY20 VOCA federal grant, which was liquidated by December 31, 2023, there was 45% Domestic Violence, 11% Sexual Violence, 25% Child Abuse, and 19% Underserved. DSS must meet 10% in each of these categories; therefore, there are allocations to multiple types of agencies.
- Comment: DSS should consider only covering personnel and benefits
 - DSS Response: During a previous analysis, 86.5% is spent on personnel and fringe. Below is expenditures for FFY22 and FFY23.

Expenses	FFY22	FFY23
Benefits	13.61%	13.66%
Contractual	2.70%	2.04%
Equipment	0.31%	0.18%
Indirect Costs	3.37%	3.25%
Personnel	70.91%	72.83%
Supplies/Operations	8.18%	7.26%
Travel/Training	0.92%	0.77%

- Comment: Expressed gratitude for being able to provide feedback, and recognized the challenges of administering VOCA
 - DSS Response: DSS continues to appreciate all stakeholders who invested time in this process.

DSS is requesting permission of the General Assembly to move forward with one of the options set out above, or provide a different methodology to proceed.

Sincerely,

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¹State staff administration includes travel to providers, reviewing and responding to all agency monthly, quarterly, and annual reports; all fiscal functions of managing 180 contracts, responding to state and federal monitoring, monitoring all sub recipients, following all OVC guidance, etc.

² Office of Justice Programs, reference page 235: [FY 2024 Office of Justice Programs Congressional Submission](#)

Recommendation 1: DSS will contract with up to five (5) agencies as sub recipients of the funds to aid in the distribution of funds based on the type of agency.

Overall Counts: Agree – 34, Disagree – 17, Neutral – 23

Agency Name	Agency Rep	Comments
15 th Judicial Circuit CASA	Hannah Meyer	Neutral
17 th Judicial Circuit – Cass County Prosecutors Office	Julie West	Disagree - #1 make no changes to existing merit-based allocation procedures, the proposed changes do nothing to increase Missouri's overall funding allocation and only serve to centralize and consolidate the influence of bureaucratic subrecipients, increasing administrative costs which decreases the overall applicant fund pool.
37 th Judicial CASA	Connie Pendergrass	Agree
Abuse Victims Education Network Unified to Ensure Safety For Northeast Missouri Inc. (AVENUES)	Cara Miller & Stephanie Black	Neutral - #1 In the meeting it was noted that any agency can apply to be a subrecipient. We do not think this would be inclusive. An agency should have to have the whole State in mind, such as the coalitions (CASA, MOPSA, MOCADSV, etc.). These agencies will have money and grant management skills, the ability to separate their coalition work and their VOCA responsibilities, and the knowledge and understanding of what recipient agencies are doing. Initially it was stated that the coalitions would be subrecipients for their particular focus, this was a more inclusive plan.
Agape House Inc of Mountain View	Tressa Price	Disagree - There should be representatives of each type of victimization when it comes to the distribution of VOCA funds.
ARCHS	Wendell E. Kimbrough	Neutral - ARCHS has the capacity to serve as the subrecipient of funds to support the implementation of VOCA programs across the St. Louis region, however this proposed strategy would possibly eliminate the ARCHS Neighborhood Healing Network (NHN) initiative as described in "Recommendation 3".
Butler County Resource Council (CASA of the 36 th)	Rebeca Pacheo	Disagree - I would prefer to connect directly with DSS. We have other DSS contracts with paperwork that is standardized. In my opinion brining in a subcontractor to be the "middle man" increases the administrative costs of the recipients.
Capital City CASA	Gina Clement	Disagree - According to section 1.3.6 of the NFO, "Additional areas of focus include child advocacy centers and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). The department will direct funds to ensure the ten percent requirements AND the areas of focus are met statewide". Does the 10% not mean that CASA ought to receive this amount instead of the proposed 6%? I assume each funded CASA program will continue to prepare individual monthly invoices which will then be submitted by MOCASA. If not, the learning curve, administrative support and time required by MOCASA staff would be extraordinary.

CASA of Southwest Missouri	Laura Farmer	Agree - I am in agreement to work with our assigned organization, Missouri CASA Association, on the distribution of VOCA funds. However, I remain concerned that CASA programs are still not receiving a larger percentage compared to other organizations/categories, especially when CASA programs are listed as a "priority" for the state.
CASA of Dunklin County	Carla Smith	Agree
CASA of Southeast Missouri	Sharon Hileman	Agree
CASA of St. Louis	Jennifer Howard	Agree
Central Missouri Foster Care Coalition	Jill Quaid	Agree
Child Safe of Central Missouri, Inc.	Heather Lynn	Agree
Children's Center of Southwest Missouri	Matt Stewart	Agree - My only concern is what will occur if you don't get all Statewide agencies to agree to be an administrator of the funds.
Christos House, Inc	Kelli Neel	Agree - This is agreeable as long as there is oversight in relation to the distribution metrics used to allocate funding to other agencies of similar construct. For example, when one agency with over one hundred beds receives a significantly higher percentage of funding than an agency that serves almost half that amount, but the funder of the smaller agency is not comparable, equitability is questionable. Also, when one agency is receiving only six thousand dollars less than another, but has one third the bed capacity, that too lends to questioned equitability of funding distributions.
COPE, Inc.	Judith Kile	Neutral - I understand your need to have sub recipients, but I do not believe that we should mix a membership organization and our funding together.
Cornerstones of Care	Justin Horton	Agree - We are generally in agreement with this, but it will be important that the Department monitors the sub recipients to ensure there isn't favoritism or misguided decisions. Further, technical support for the sub recipients to ensure timely and accurate resolution to questions from grantees. Considering an appeal process, as this is a new initiative, could be important.
Council on Families in Crisis, Inc.	Martha Sander	Disagree - I do not want MOCADSV to be my funder. I pay .3% in membership dues to them and my dues are a direct proportion of my budget. My budget includes VOCA funds. It seems conflictual that they would be able to award how much money I receive, and then receive .3% of that amount.
CASA of Jefferson County	Alicia Knickman	Agree - As a CASA program, I agree with MOCASA being one of the agencies chosen to distribute funds.

Crime Victim Advocacy Center	Katie Dalton	Neutral - I understand and agree with this concept with the expectation of agencies that are not crime specific or focused such as Victim Service Units and agencies that support victims of all crimes. Our agency uses these funds to assistance underserved populations such as survivors of homicide. How would that effect our funding if we were under a subrecipient that focuses on domestic and sexual violence.
DeafLEAD	Stephanie Logan	Disagree - I am concerned that by dividing the funds to five different subrecipients would mean less funds would be available for victim services. This is assuming VOCA funds are utilized for those five agencies to develop the infrastructure to be able to manage the expectations as a subrecipient. We just experienced this last year on a national level with a different funder/grant. The subrecipient awarded the funds to distribute was not prepared for the expectations which had significant ramifications for all the funded agencies under the provider. If VOCA funds were not going to be utilized to provide the infrastructure to each of the subrecipients, then I would be supportive of the more intimate distribution of funds from a main subrecipient that has exceptional knowledge of the organizations serving victims in their categories.
Diamond Diva Empowerment Foundation	Shantasha Love	Disagree
Douglass Community Services- CASA Program	Emily Trevathan	Neutral
Family Self Help Center Inc. dba Lafayette House	Susan Hickman	Disagree
Franklin County CASA, Inc.	Glenda Volmert	Disagree - Adding this to their current workload is not a good idea. VOCA funds are federal dollars that should be decided upon on the Federal level.
Grain Valley Police Department	Christine Thompson	Agree
Great Circle/ KVC/ Niles Home	Michael Turner	Agree
Haven House, Inc.	Amber Tinker	Agree

Heart of Missouri CASA	Kelly Hill	Agree - While I have some concerns regarding the amount of work this will place on MO CASA to administer these federal contracts, my hope is with adequate support and training from DSS, they will be able to manage it.
Hope Haven of Cass County	Jenna Giess	Neutral
Hope House	MaryAnne Metheny	Agree - Hope House is in agreement with the idea that DSS contract with other agencies as sub recipients to aid in the distribution of funds based on the type of agency. Chosen sub recipients need to have experience and expertise in the area of focus being funded (i.e. child advocacy, court appointed advocates, prosecuting attorneys, domestic/sexual violence, etc.). However, Hope House disagrees with the proposed terms and conditions for potential sub recipients, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The requirement that “board members cannot receive VOCA funds” o This will either exclude membership agencies from applying as a sub recipient in their field of expertise (even though they are the most logical sub recipient) or will exclude service providers who participate on the board of a membership agency from receiving VOCA funding. Service provider participation on the board of the membership agency is necessary to ensuring that the membership agency fully understands the different needs across the state and should not be discouraged or tied to eligibility for VOCA funding. o The requirement that a sub recipient “cannot advocate for or against abortion” o It is unclear why this is included or how it is relevant to being a sub recipient of administering VOCA dollars.
House of Refuge	Jill Wondel	Agree
I Pour Life, Inc.	Courtney Davis	Neutral
Jackson County Prosecutor’s Office	Jean Baker	Disagree
JADASA	Cynthia R. Bennett	Agree
Jasper County CASA	Debi Koelkebeck	Disagree - I have concerns and disagree with the overall funding given to CASA programs currently. In previous NFO’s, section 1.3.6 of the instructions stated that “Additional areas of focus include child advocacy centers and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). The department will direct funds to ensure the ten percent requirements AND the areas of focus are met statewide”. This has not happened in previous rounds as CASA programs were allocated

		much less than requested. I have a very serious concern that if the same amount is awarded to total CASA programs through MOCASA in the next round, the current agencies will receive less and the CASA “area of focus” will fall even further below needs to serve children. I request that the needs of CASA be considered as a total and that funds are directed to meet the statewide needs, not based on prior funding.
Jefferson City Rape and Abuse Crisis Services, Inc.	Angela Hirsch	Agree
KC Mother’s In Charge	Christina Esteban	Agree
Kid’s Harbor, Inc.	Cara Gerdiman	Agree - I agree with this recommendation so far as KidsFirst would be the agency contracted to disperse money to child advocacy centers. I believe it is essential for the agencies contracted for this to know and understand the unique services provided by child advocacy centers. I also have some concerns in that this potentially changes the relationships of the contracted agencies to their recipients. With that being said, I fully trust KidsFirst to make informed, well-thought-out decisions in making this happen. I would also say, I think it is imperative that subrecipients do not have member agencies sitting on their board of directors. I think this would be concerning the fair disbursement of funds.
Legal Aid of Western Missouri	Shannon Carney	Neutral - This does not affect Legal Aid.
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri	Juliana Greenfield	Neutral
Lester E. Cox Medical Center dba CoxHealth	Brooke Batesel & Tammy Flippen	Agree
Life Source Consultants	Gloria Johnson	Neutral
Livingston County Prosecutor’s Office	Karen Hinton	Agree
Lydia’s House, Inc.	Asma Waheed	Neutral - If it will help in making the current system more efficient and smoother, then yes. How will the 5 agencies be selected?

<p>McDonald County Circuit Court</p>	<p>Tanya Lewis</p>	<p>Neutral - I don't know much about this, due to I haven't talked with anyone. I'd like to know more about what this would mean for our program.</p>
<p>Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault</p>	<p>Julie Donelon</p>	<p>Agree - MOCSA agrees that DSS should contract with the 5 subrecipient agencies proposed. Subrecipient agencies have the expertise, experience, and understand the needs of victims served by the specific agencies they represent. Disagree: ☒ MOCSA disagrees with the levels of funding proposed for distribution by the subrecipients. o The redistribution of funds will have a disproportionately negative impact on victims of domestic and sexual violence. In this proposal, DV/SV agencies are assuming the largest cut to victim services across the 5 subrecipient groups. ☒ MOCSA disagrees with Terms and Conditions Required for subrecipient agencies. o The requirement that board members of subrecipient agencies not receive VOCA funds. ☒ Missouri Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (MOCADSV) by-laws, created with input and support from member agencies, require individuals from member agencies to make up no fewer than 1/3 of directors of the corporation. These individuals serve on the board to ensure that the needs of DV/SV agencies across the state are represented and at the forefront of the mission of the coalition. Member agencies rotate these positions. If this term/condition goes into place, it will compromise the governance of coalitions whose members rely on individuals from member agencies serving as board members. ☒ MOCADSV board members must sign a conflict-of-interest statement. Per the by-laws, "Any director who is aware of a potential conflict of interest with respect to any matter coming before the board or its committees shall not be present for any discussion of, or vote, in connection with the matter." This will provide protection from any concern of self-dealing. The term and condition that subrecipient agencies "Cannot advocate for or against abortion." ☒ Agencies are already not allowed to use VOCA funds for lobbying purposes per federal guidelines. It is unclear why a stricter burden is being placed on subrecipient agencies. Is this a new requirement for every contractor or Subrecipient with DSS? MOCSA Recommendations: Contract with the 5 subrecipient agencies as identified. Adjust the funding allocations for subrecipient agencies. Remove the term and condition stating, "board members cannot receive VOCA funds" and instead, require subrecipient agencies to have written conflict-of-interest policies in place. Remove the term and condition regarding advocating for or against abortion, and instead enforce existing federal VOCA compliance requirements.</p>

Mid Ozark CASA Program	Mary Heywood	Agree
Mid-Missouri Legal Services Corporation	Kristen Dunham	Agree
Missouri Alliance for Children & Families, LLC	Carrie Bolm	Neutral - I can see the benefit of this to DSS, while the responsibility of the subrecipients will be enormous, I'm not sure the level of funding will match their workload.
Missouri State Highway Patrol (Sexual Assault/Human Trafficking)	Holly A. Haarmann	Neutral
New-Mac CASA	Ellen Vogt	Agree
North Central Missouri Children's Advocacy Center	Verna Kelsey	Neutral - I'm not having any problems with the current VOCA arrangement and would need more information on what this might look like.
Phelps County Family Crisis Services, Inc. (Russell House)	Katie Croker	Disagree - It is unclear to me why this is needed; I am confused as to why DSS can no longer administer the grant and why there is an assumption that sub-recipients would be better at grant administration. Additionally, it is unclear whether using sub-recipients would solve any problems currently faced by DSS or how having an extra layer of bureaucracy would allow for more funds for direct services to victims. Lastly, I fear the potential unforeseen negative consequences of this change.
Rainbow House Regional Child Advocacy Center	Brenda Porter	Agree
Randolph County Prosecutor's Office	Erica Nobles	Disagree
Regional Family Crisis Center	Emily McDonald	Agree - If this would include MOCADSV, then I fully support it. The Coalition are the ones we go to with our questions, so it only makes sense that they are able to help with the distribution of funds.
Rose Brooks Center, Inc.	Lisa Fleming	Neutral
Safe Connections	Cynthia Danley	Disagree - Sub recipients determining who receives funds is a conflict of interest if they are also applying for funds.

Safe House for Women, Inc	Jessica Hill	<p>Disagree - We strongly disagree with this recommendation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSS should be the administrator of the VOCA grant program with no sub-recipients. DSS should directly contract with each VOCA grant-funded agency. • It is impossible to develop a fair and equitable plan for dividing the funds between sub-recipients, and the proposed requirements for sub-recipient agencies are impossible to comply with while remaining eligible for funding. • Having sub-recipients determine the allocation methodology will result in unfair and inconsistent distribution of VOCA funds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide services do not warrant special consideration; rather the quality of the program, number of victims served, and the level of unmet need should be determining factors in funding decisions. • DSS should develop an objective and fair tool for evaluating grant applications and apply it consistently to all agencies. There should be one funding formula applied to all agencies, not four or more. • DSS should also focus on implementing a technologically proficient application and invoicing tool such as DPS' WebGrants system. DSS should thoroughly review and consider discontinuing the contracts of several of the "Multiple Services" projects currently funded through VOCA. These agencies do not meet the criteria for VOCA funding because the individuals served are not victims of crime. One example of this is that education and prevention are not eligible expenses under VOCA; thus, agencies providing these types of services should not qualify.
Safe Passage	Kelly Pedigo	Neutral
Selah Place of Oregon Co, Inc.	Donna Franz	Neutral - I don't have enough information to make a comment.
Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence	Kendra Eads	Agree - Missouri Kids First would be an excellent pass through organization for these funds for agencies like ours, provided they're given the administrative support needed to administer the grants in addition to their current responsibilities to the Missouri Network of Child Advocacy Centers.
St. Charles Family Court	Michelle Barron	Agree
St. Charles County, Prosecutor's Office	Victoria Roberts	Agree
St. Louis County – Department of	Emily Burgess	Agree

Human Services		
St. Martha's Hall		Agree
Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center, Inc.	Marsha Keene	<p>Disagree - We strongly prefer DSS to contract directly with DV/SV service providers. I have been in this field for 27 years and I do not know of another agency that has the capacity to distribute funds across the state to DV/SV providers unless it is another department.</p> <p>DSS has made significant strides in learning about the VOCA program and the needs of various organizations as well as regions of the state. We trust the Department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOCADSV, the statewide DV/SV Coalition has proven to be biased, does not have knowledge of the varied needs of service providers and clients across the state, and has no interest in learning of those needs. • We pay .03 of our agency budget to MOCADSV in membership dues. If MOCADSV were to determine agency funding, they would be receiving the equivalent of .03 of that funding in our membership dues. This seems to be a conflict. • I was unaware that I did not have to be a coalition member to be able to post my agency service numbers in Coalition manager and in fact I have been locked out Coalition manager until my dues were paid. There is a lack of transparency with the Coalition and I have serious concerns that this lack of transparency would continue if they were to be in charge of distributing VOCA funds. • Several agencies including mine have taken the initiative to be forthcoming with our concerns openly. If MOCADSV were to be the agency to distribute VOCA funds for DV/SV service providers across the state, then we would have hurt our own agencies and clients by telling the truth. There will be repercussions. <p>Again, I have no knowledge of an agency with the capacity to carry out the distribution of VOCA funds in a timely and just manner. We prefer DSS to remain our funder</p>
Synergy Services, Inc.	Sara Brammer	<p>Neutral - if the decision is made to have sub-recipient agencies, Synergy feels it is essential that any sub-recipient agency be well-informed about the needs and issues that are pertinent to their specific area of expertise. These should include Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Child Abuse and Neglect. We recommend that MOCADSV and Missouri Kids First be considered as sub-recipient agencies.</p>
The Child Advocacy Center St. Louis	Julie Seymore	Agree

(Child Center) & NE		
The Victim Center Inc.	Anne Crites	Neutral
Warren County/ Turning Point Advocacy Services	Wende Ochoa	Neutral
Whole Health Outreach/CASA Guadalupe Family	Suzette Smith	Agree

Recommendation 2: DSS will continue to contract directly with MSHP, but also contract directly with DeafLEAD, and Legal Aid/Legal Services as these agencies provide statewide services.

Overall Counts: Agree –38, Disagree –6, Neutral –30

Agency Name	Agency Rep	Comments
15 th Judicial Circuit CASA	Hannah Meyer	Agree
17 th Judicial Circuit – Cass County Prosecutors Office	Julie West	Neutral
37 th Judicial CASA	Connie Pendergrass	Agree
Abuse Victims Education Network Unified to Ensure Safety For Northeast Missouri Inc. (AVENUES)	Cara Miller & Stephanie Black	Neutral - Continue to contract with the coalitions to provide training and technical assistance for their designated focus area
Agape House Inc of Mountain View	Tressa Price	Neutral
ARCHS	Wendell E. Kimbrough	Disagree - This proposed strategy would eliminate the ARCHS Neighborhood Healing Network (NHN) initiative as described in "Recommendation 3".
Butler County Resource Council (CASA of the 36 th)	Rebeca Pacheo	Neutral
Capital City CASA	Gina Clement	Neutral
CASA of Southwest Missouri	Laura Farmer	Agree
CASA of Dunklin County	Carla Smith	Agree
CASA of Southeast Missouri	Sharon Hileman	Neutral
CASA of St. Louis	Jennifer Howard	Agree
Central Missouri Foster Care Coalition	Jill Quaid	Neutral
Child Safe of Central Missouri, Inc.	Heather Lynn	Neutral - This does not really have an impact on OSCM
Children's Center of Southwest Missouri	Matt Stewart	Agree

Christos House, Inc	Kelli Neel	Agree - This is agreeable as long as Legal Aid/Legal Services is truly providing equitable statewide services. Experience indicates several victims of domestic and sexual violence are rejected legal services assistance with the statement that funding is limited or unavailable; then victims need to endure multiple appeals before they are finally accepted.
COPE, Inc.	Judith Kile	Agree
Cornerstones of Care	Justin Horton	Agree
Council on Families in Crisis, Inc.	Martha Sander	Agree - I feel this will permanently change the relationship from being an advocacy membership organization to a contractual funder relationship.
CASA of Jefferson County	Alicia Knickman	Neutral - I do not have enough knowledge about these agencies/programs to have an opinion.
Crime Victim Advocacy Center	Katie Dalton	Agree - I am unsure if this suggestion is even possible or allowed. Encouraging agencies to only apply for funding to cover personnel and benefits and assist agencies with looking for foundation grants and fundraising opportunities to cover other expenses.
DeafLEAD	Stephanie Logan	Agree - I fully support DSS contracting directly with DeafLEAD as a statewide agency.
Diamond Diva Empowerment Foundation	Shantasha Love	Agree
Douglass Community Services- CASA Program	Emily Trevathan	Agree
Family Self Help Center Inc. dba Lafayette House	Susan Hickman	Disagree
Franklin County CASA, Inc.	Glenda Volmert	Neutral
Grain Valley Police Department	Christine Thompson	Agree
Great Circle/ KVC/ Niles Home	Michael Turner	Agree
Haven House, Inc.	Amber Tinker	Neutral - I do not have enough information to make an informed decision on this matter
Heart of Missouri CASA	Kelly Hill	Agree
Hope Haven of Cass County	Jenna Giess	Agree
Hope House	MaryAnne Metheny	Agree - Hope House agrees with the proposal to contract directly with state-wide agencies (MSHP, DeafLEAD and Legal Aid/Legal Services). However, Hope House disagrees with the proposal that these statewide agencies will receive automatic increases based on increased need. Every service provider in the State is experiencing increased need, maintaining wait lists, and/or turning away victims due to capacity issues. It is unclear why "increased need" is a valid reason for state-wide agencies to receive an increase, while other service providers are being

		subjected to cuts and/or limited to level funding in spite of increased need. All agencies should have the opportunity to request additional funding and be subjected to the same review process for determining if an increase is awarded.
House of Refuge	Jill Wondel	Agree
I Pour Life, Inc.	Courtney Davis	Neutral
Jackson County Prosecutor's Office	Jean Baker	Neutral
JADASA	Cynthia R. Bennett	Neutral
Jasper County CASA	Debi Koelkebeck	Agree
Jefferson City Rape and Abuse Crisis Services, Inc.	Angela Hirsch	Agree
KC Mother's In Charge	Christina Esteban	Neutral
Kid's Harbor, Inc.	Cara Gerdiman	Neutral
Legal Aid of Western Missouri	Shannon Carney	Agree - We are strongly in favor of this!
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri	Juliana Greenfield	Agree
Lester E. Cox Medical Center dba CoxHealth	Brooke Batesel & Tammy Flippen	Neutral
Life Source Consultants	Gloria Johnson	Agree
Livingston County Prosecutor's Office	Karen Hinton	Agree
Lydia's House, Inc.	Asma Waheed	Agree - Yes, getting data from more than just one source will provide data diversity which is a good practice.
McDonald County Circuit Court	Tanya Lewis	Disagree - We are a big supporter of Legal Aid but have not worked with the other programs not sure how they would statewide assist us. Again this would require our victims to travel to receive some of these programs assistance.
Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault	Julie Donelon	Agree: ☑ MOCSA recognizes some direct contracts with statewide agencies may reduce the administrative burden of submitting and managing multiple programs based on region and supports the direct contract with the agencies. Disagree: ☑ MOCSA disagrees with the funding allocation process for this recommendation. The proposed agencies in Recommendation 2 have been given the opportunity to showcase increased need, while all other agencies have not been given this opportunity and are facing significant funding cuts. MOCSA Recommendation: Allow DSS to directly contract with agencies providing statewide services. Provide equal opportunity for all agencies to request additional funding. Utilize a consistent process for all agencies

		requesting increases in VOCA funding with clearly defined criteria for determination.
Mid Ozark CASA Program	Mary Heywood	Agree
Mid-Missouri Legal Services Corporation	Kristen Dunham	<p>Neutral - One of the top legal needs people call Mid-Missouri Legal Services for help with is family law. MMLS provides assistance with orders of protection, custody, child support and divorce to help domestic and sexual violence survivors safely separate from their abusers and keep their children safe. In 2022, 33% of cases we handled were family law cases. MMLS' legal services in the areas of public benefits, housing, and consumer law also help domestic and sexual violence survivors obtain the financial and housing security necessary to support their families. The unmet need is even greater. Due to limited resources, we often have to limit our family law cases to those involving the most severe abuse. In 2022, 181 people calling MMLS for legal assistance with family law cases did not receive help from MMLS because of lack of resources. Additional support from the Department of Social Services would help the Missouri legal aid organizations close the gap. MMLS is not alone, and we know the need is statewide. The four legal service organizations in Missouri share a common mission and together, we serve the entire state. All four programs have a history of and commitment to collaborating on projects to benefit clients statewide.</p> <p>These collaborations include statewide task forces to address substantive issues such as family law and DV/SV work; statewide training; and a statewide website to provide information and forms including family law forms. The four legal aid organizations offer a unique service to survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Some private attorneys handle pro bono cases, there are some "free legal answer" services, but apart from legal aid, there are very limited options for low-income individuals needing legal assistance. The recommendation to contract directly with the legal aid organizations would be effective given our statewide coverage and strong partnership and collaboration.</p>
Missouri Alliance for Children & Families, LLC	Carrie Bolm	Neutral - This seems fair as a result of the decreased funding reduction. I do think the largest amount coming from the domestic violence and sexual violence area, is a real challenge with this recommendation.
Missouri State Highway Patrol (Sexual Assault/Human Trafficking)	Holly A. Haarmann	Agree
New-Mac CASA	Ellen Vogt	Agree
North Central Missouri Children's Advocacy Center	Verna Kelsey	Neutral - I don't feel like I have enough information on this to have an opinion.

Phelps County Family Crisis Services, Inc. (Russell House)	Katie Croker	Neutral - I do not know enough information about this to have an opinion. I will default to what MOCADSV recommends.
Rainbow House Regional Child Advocacy Center	Brenda Porter	Agree
Randolph County Prosecutor's Office	Erica Nobles	Agree
Regional Family Crisis Center	Emily McDonald	Neutral
Rose Brooks Center, Inc.	Lisa Fleming	Neutral
Safe Connections	Cynthia Danley	Agree
Safe House for Women, Inc	Jessica Hill	Disagree - Bottom line: All VOCA contracts should be direct contracts with DSS. #2- DSS should contract directly with all grantees, not a select few. In addition, no agency should receive an increase in VOCA funding if the state is facing a funding shortfall. Virtually every agency has seen an increase in the number of victims served and on waitlists. No single agency should be singled out for an increase.
Safe Passage	Kelly Pedigo	Disagree - I don't contest the direct contract with LEAD or Legal Aid. I am a big fan of both entities and completely agree with the fact they need more funding to do the amazing work they are doing. However, in the meeting..... it was explained that the money is going away. We have a funding problem, not an agency talent problem. If the money isn't there, then it isn't there and increases of any kind don't make any sense to me. I say this with caution because our agency is not marked for a decrease as it stands, and any cut at all would result in 75% of our legal advocacy, outreach, education, and in-person non-residential services to go away. Also, the match requirement will be coming back at some point.....can they afford that? I very much appreciate that DSS sees the obvious need for LEAD and Legal Aid services, and our clients benefit from both agencies... but if the money isn't there at this time...then...increases of any kind don't make sense.
Selah Place of Oregon Co, Inc.	Donna Franz	Neutral
Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence	Kendra Eads	Neutral
St. Charles Family Court	Michelle Barron	Agree
St. Charles County, Prosecutor's Office	Victoria Roberts	Neutral
St. Louis County – Department of Human Services	Emily Burgess	Agree
St. Martha's Hall	Jessica Woolbright	Agree

Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center, Inc.	Marsha Keene	Agree
Synergy Services, Inc.	Sara Brammer	Agree
The Child Advocacy Center St. Louis (Child Center) & NE	Julie Seymore	Neutral
The Victim Center Inc.	Anne Crites	Neutral
Warren County/ Turning Point Advocacy Services	Wende Ochoa	Neutral
Whole Health Outreach/CASA Guadalupe Family	Suzette Smith	Agree

Recommendation 3: A cap of \$750,000 for non-statewide services to reduce the contract amounts as the VOCA fund is anticipated to continue to decline.

Overall Counts: Agree – 44, Disagree – 15, Neutral – 15

Agency Name	Agency Rep:	Comments
15 th Judicial Circuit CASA	Hannah Meyer	Neutral
17 th Judicial Circuit – Cass County Prosecutors Office	Julie West	Disagree - Arbitrary, Anti competition, and not needs based
37 th Judicial CASA	Connie Pendergrass	Agree
Abuse Victims Education Network Unified to Ensure Safety For Northeast Missouri Inc. (AVENUES)	Cara Miller & Stephanie Black	Neutral - \$750,000 a year based on the need of survivors and the services provided to them seems a more accurate number even though the VOCA funding would not be able to sustain that. We are aware that there is a lack of funds for VOCA but a straight cap on funding seems unmanageable for the funding of agencies who provide crucial services to victims of crime. If it is for a two (2) year contract period, this would significantly reduce the services many agencies are able to provide to victims of crime.
Agape House Inc of Mountain View	Tressa Price	Disagree - I don't agree with capping funds. Some of these agencies are providing vital services to victims in life-and-death circumstances. Cutting funding for a single agency up to 69% is not acceptable. The figures you have presented do not reflect a 5.5 M reduction. The figures reflect cuts to certain types of Direct service providers as 81% of your projected cuts and increases up to 75% for other agencies. This is unacceptable.
ARCHS	Wendell E. Kimbrough	Agree - ARCHS acknowledges there will likely be a reduction in the funding amount of our existing VOCA grant due to the overall budget constraints at the federal and state level. However, we disagree with the bid requirement. Over the last 3 years, ARCHS' execution of our Neighborhood Healing Network (NHN) VOCA grant has filled the void for crime victims that are predominately underserved and under-resourced within the St. Louis region. ARCHS has led a multi-faceted collaboration between trusted area organizations known for their support of under resourced families and neighborhoods dealing with violence and trauma/post-traumatic stress syndrome (PTSD). No other resource exists within the region that has the cultural competencies to address the catastrophic aftermath of victimized communities who have experienced an over-representation of crime in the neighborhoods serviced by the ARCHS NHN network. (See link article submitted to the St. Louis Post Dispatch announcing this year's ARCHS VOCA grant award and last year's community impact).
Butler County Resource Council (CASA of the 36 th)	Rebeca Pacheco	Neutral
Capital City CASA	Gina Clement	Agree

CASA of Southwest Missouri	Laura Farmer	Agree - This type of cap should have always been in place. It is necessary. The cap ensures more equity among organizations, types of programs, and populations served.
CASA of Dunklin County	Carla Smith	Agree
CASA of Southeast Missouri	Sharon Hileman	Disagree
CASA of St. Louis	Jennifer Howard	Agree
Central Missouri Foster Care Coalition	Jill Quaid	Neutral
Child Safe of Central Missouri, Inc.	Heather Lynn	Agree - I think this is wise.
Children's Center of Southwest Missouri	Matt Stewart	Agree - I think that having the cap is important to try and stabilize this fund as much as possible.
Christos House, Inc	Kelli Neel	Agree - While urban areas certainly need additional funding based on the increased need for services and the increased size of urbanized programs, the percentages are disproportionate. This will be compounded by the increased costs of staffing agencies statewide. In other words, a disparity in the higher awards going to urban areas, while rural areas are already significantly underfunded will only be exacerbated if caps are not implemented.
COPE, Inc.	Judith Kile	Agree
Cornerstones of Care	Justin Horton	Agree - This has no fiscal impact on our award but helps the greater good by allowing the fund to continue.
Council on Families in Crisis, Inc.	Martha Sander	Agree - MOCADSV is out of touch with my program. I do not feel that my issues or needs are heard at the larger MOCADSV level. By practice, the coalition has kept out more experienced members from membership committee and director's academy. This discounts experience and feedback from a diverse group of people. Will it be the same with VOCA focus groups? Will the voices of experience be denied the opportunity to shape the funding recommendations?
CASA of Jefferson County	Alicia Knickman	Agree - To continue to allocate such large amounts to only a few programs will make it difficult to use VOCA funds to have an impact on a wide variety of victim service programs.
Crime Victim Advocacy Center	Katie Dalton	Agree
DeafLEAD	Stephanie Logan	Agree - I support this recommendation. I am sure you all have gone over those numbers a million different ways and understand this far better than I do.
Diamond Diva Empowerment Foundation	Shantasha Love	Disagree

Douglass Community Services- CASA Program	Emily Trevathan	Neutral
Family Self Help Center Inc. dba Lafayette House	Susan Hickman	Disagree
Franklin County CASA, Inc.	Glenda Volmert	Agree - I believe there should be a cap on the amount to request
Grain Valley Police Department	Christine Thompson	Disagree - I am worried about services becoming harder to find in the KC area. I wish I could give ideas but our grant is so small in comparison, I don't know what it takes to run those larger organizations.
Great Circle/ KVC/ Niles Home	Michael Turner	Agree
Haven House, Inc.	Amber Tinker	Agree - I am 100% supportive of putting a \$750,000 cap on agencies award funding. We serve so many victims from other regions. In 2022, we served 1392 people and so far in this year, we have served over 1500 victims of DV and SV in 2023.
Heart of Missouri CASA	Kelly Hill	Agree - I appreciate this recommendation and agree wholeheartedly
Hope Haven of Cass County	Jenna Giess	Agree
Hope House	MaryAnne Metheny	Disagree - Hope House is in strong disagreement to a proposed cap of \$750,000 per agency. It is unclear what factors were considered in setting the cap at \$750,000. An arbitrary cap that does not take into account victim outcomes, number of victims served, documented need in the community, and percent of impact to currently funded agencies is concerning. A flat rate cap is not equitable as it disproportionately impacts service providers. In fact, the proposed funding cap will unreasonably impact one region of the State (Kansas City), and Hope House disagrees that one region should be required to shoulder the burden of the current funding gap. The Kansas City region provides the highest level of direct victim services. As such, whether intentional or not, the impact on the Kansas City region must be taken into account or victims will unduly suffer. Statistics reported by DV and SV service agencies across the State of Missouri show that Kansas City agencies provide the following percentage of services for the state: o 64% of the court advocacy; o 30% of answered hotline calls; o 41% of the rental assistance, rapid rehousing and permanent housing bed nights; and o 42% of emergency shelter bednights. Additionally, the greatest percentage (59%) of unmet need originates in the Kansas City region. There have been no increases to VOCA funding since 2019, and as costs and victim needs continue to rise, agencies are already struggling to provide proper levels of services to victims. Additional cuts will decimate service providers' ability to keep victims safe. It has been pointed out that 10 agencies are currently receiving 23% of the VOCA allocation, but this statement must be put into context – four of those 10 agencies are also providing 30-50% of DV and SV victim services to Missouri victims as shown above. The

		<p>proposed caps will require Kansas City service providers to eliminate and/or reduce services by 40-50%, in a region already grappling with demand at the current funding levels. This will further endanger victims. Victims will need to seek assistance elsewhere – yet, who will possess the capacity and expertise to provide that help? Has there been consideration given to the capacity of surrounding rural communities to provide these necessary victim services when victims can no longer receive help in the Kansas City metropolitan area? In the last meeting, it was mentioned that the proposed cap is not about services but rather about funding. This statement is not accurate – this kind of cap will absolutely impact services and significantly reduce the safety of many of Missouri’s most at-risk citizens. Even with our current level of VOCA funding, the need far surpasses what we are able to provide. In fact, currently there are 160 clients on the waiting list for civil legal services, as well as 80 children and 86 adults on the waiting list for therapy. Additionally, in 2022, Hope House recorded more than 3,000 unmet requests for service. With the recommended caps, that number will more than double and waiting lists will swell to even higher rates. The proposed cap will eliminate existing jobs in the Kansas City workforce. Hope House currently funds 26 positions with VOCA dollars (32% of our workforce). If the proposed caps are implemented, 12 positions will be eliminated, and services in our court advocacy, therapy, housing, and emergency shelter programs will be drastically reduced or eliminated. These programs are designed to serve the most vulnerable of victims and include lethality assessment, emergency orders of protection, on-scene crisis intervention with police and in area hospitals following an assault, support in 13 area courts and order of protection courts, emergency shelter and safety planning, etc. If the proposed funding cap is driven by concern that there are not enough VOCA dollars to cover the needs across the State, Hope House is certain that the solution cannot be to cut services by implementing an unreasonable funding cap, but should instead focus on supplementing VOCA funds with other sources of funding: Leveraging general revenue funds, which have been appropriated in past years, would allow DSS to stretch VOCA funds across fiscal years and provide sustainability in funding. Utilize unallocated and unspent dollars from previous years. Explore other areas where funding can be used for VOCA services. Hope House urges DSS to make funding decisions based on factors such as the number of victims served by the grantee, unmet need in the community, and the grantee's prior success in serving victims. Hope House also recommends DSS use a competitive process to objectively assess requests for funding that is based on the VOCA statutes used in the last RFP. Should available funding not fully support the amount of requests received, Hope House recommends decreases in funding that are based on a competitive bid and are objectively and equitably determined. This helps to ensure that not one agency or area of the state is disproportionately impacted and that the cuts are shared across the state.</p>
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House of Refuge	Jill Wondel	Neutral - I don't have a good sense of how this impacts services since we're not one of these agencies
I Pour Life, Inc.	Courtney Davis	Neutral
Jackson County Prosecutor's Office	Jean Baker	Neutral
JADASA	Cynthia R. Bennett	Disagree
Jasper County CASA	Debi Koelkebeck	Agree
Jefferson City Rape and Abuse Crisis Services, Inc.	Angela Hirsch	Agree - So long as the cap of \$750,000 is re-evaluated each year and has the potential to be increased as Federal VOCA funds granted to the State of Missouri are increased. While it is feasible that any Federal increase is unlikely for the foreseeable future, there is an expectation that the VOCA fund will replenish over time thus creating the opportunity for increased Federal funding coming to the State.
KC Mother's In Charge	Christina Esteban	Agree
Kid's Harbor, Inc.	Cara Gerdiman	Agree - I believe this is a fair recommendation as we are all looking at significant budget cuts. This is a cost saving mechanism to ensure continued victim services.
Legal Aid of Western Missouri	Shannon Carney	Neutral
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri	Juliana Greenfield	Neutral
Lester E. Cox Medical Center dba CoxHealth	Brooke Batesel & Tammy Flippen	Neutral
Life Source Consultants	Gloria Johnson	Agree
Livingston County Prosecutor's Office	Karen Hinton	Agree
Lydia's House, Inc.	Asma Waheed	Agree - If putting a cap will allow VOCA funds to be distributed to a wider range of agencies, then yes, there should be a CAP. Funds should be available to more agencies that serve victims.
McDonald County Circuit Court	Tanya Lewis	Disagree - I'm not sure statewide programs should have more benefits due to not all counties receive their services equally. If they are not located near us, then our victims would have great distance to travel for services.
Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault	Julie Donelon	Disagree ☐ MOCSA strongly oppose implementing a \$750,000 cap on awards. It is unclear how this cap was determined or what factors were taken into consideration. ☐ The cap does not reflect the geographical reality of crime and violence in Missouri. Kansas City has a disproportionately high level of multiple forms of crime, so it is appropriate and necessary for significant VOCA funds to continue to be allocated to agencies in communities where they are needed most. ☐ Statewide, the

		<p>Domestic and Sexual Violence Subrecipient category will take the largest cuts totaling \$3,955,674. ☐ Kansas City DV/SV providers—with the most need—are being asked to take the hardest cuts. A proposed \$4,003,094 cut to DV/SV victim services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The Kansas City region accounts for 25% of all reported rapes in the state. In 2022, Kansas City had 3,559 sexual victims with unmet needs; the whole state reported 5,750. Meaning that 62% of the unmet need for sexual violence victims is in the Kansas City region, where MOCSA is the sole provider. o Missouri served 42,260 domestic violence victims in 2022. 10,345 of them were in the Kansas City region. 24.4% of all DV cases takes place in the Kansas City area. ☐ The proposal notes that 10 agencies receive 23% of the VOCA funds. However, this does not explain the factors that justify this funding level such as length of time as a VOCA funded agency, number of victims served, success at meeting outcomes, unmet need in community, and the type and cost of specific services provided--such as 24-hour response and shelter services. <p>For example, four of the 10 agencies are providing 30-50% of DV and SV victim services in Missouri. ☐ Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault (MOCSA) is the only independent rape crisis center in Missouri and the only center for the 4-county Kansas City region. If funding is capped, MOCSA’s sexual assault services must be cut by 40% and survivors will have nowhere else to go. This could have serious implications statewide for meeting the minimum VOCA allocation compliance with the federal Office on Victims of Crime. ☐ MOCSA provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 33% of all sexual assault hotline calls in Missouri. o 36% of the total number of volunteer hours in the state for sexual violence agencies. o 79% of the total counseling to sexual assault victims statewide. o 57% of public awareness presentations o 71% of all of Missouri’s participants in outreach. <p>☐ The proposed cap will create job loss and hurt the existing Missouri workforce. The proposed cap on funding would cause MOCSA alone to lose at least 10 employees. These are existing jobs, for Missourians, serving Missourians. MOCSA</p> <p>Recommendation: 1. Eliminate the \$750,000 cap or any maximum award amount. 2. Allocate funds through a peer-reviewed competitive grant award process, with a statistically validated scoring system in which scores correlate with the percentage of a request awarded. 3. Allocate funds based on number of victims served, grantees’ prior success in achieving outcomes/performance, and capacity of agency, taking into account programs in areas with highest unmet needs. 4. Any changes to VOCA funding should center how victimized children, adults, and families in Missouri will be impacted. The proposed implementation of an award cap will result in thousands of survivors who do not get the services they need. Statewide overflow will be untenable. 5. Prioritize direct-service 501(c)(3) organizations, especially 24-hour service providers such as hotline services, hospital advocacy providers, and emergency shelters who respond immediately to victims 24/7 to provide direct services. 6. Utilize all General Revenue and ARPA funding sources first because these dollars do not roll over, so that VOCA dollars stretch as far as possible.</p>
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Mid Ozark CASA Program	Mary Heywood	Agree
Mid-Missouri Legal Services Corporation	Kristen Dunham	Neutral
Missouri Alliance for Children & Families, LLC	Carrie Bolm	Agree
Missouri State Highway Patrol (Sexual Assault/Human Trafficking)	Holly A. Haarmann	Neutral
New-Mac CASA	Ellen Vogt	Agree
North Central Missouri Children's Advocacy Center	Verna Kelsey	Agree - This seems to be a more fair option for agencies applying for the funds. It doesn't seem right that a few agencies consistently get the bulk of the funding, depleting funds so that at some point, there won't be any to go around. I understand larger populations having larger needs but additionally, there are more resources available in heavily populated areas versus other areas of the state.
Phelps County Family Crisis Services, Inc. (Russell House)	Katie Croker	Disagree - This recommendation disproportionately affects DV/SV service providers. CACs, CASAs, and PA Offices would all receive a substantial increase in funds, while DV/SV service providers would have an almost \$4 million reduction. - I believe that organizations that already exceed the recommended \$750,000 cap should be grandfathered in at the amount they currently receive. This means the cap for those organizations would be their current funding level. Cutting \$4 million to DV/SV service providers would result in advocates losing jobs, programs cutting services, and survivors not receiving the help they need. - Would organizations like MAPA also be capped at \$750,000? - Additionally, how long would the proposed cap be in place? The cap's result will be that programming will not grow, and the number of survivors an agency can serve will remain static.
Rainbow House Regional Child Advocacy Center	Brenda Porter	Agree
Randolph County Prosecutor's Office	Erica Nobles	Agree
Regional Family Crisis Center	Emily McDonald	Neutral - At first glance this seems to make sense. My only concern is I don't know the impact the agencies who receive above this amount are having. I would definitely not support it for agencies that are the only ones providing their services, for example DeafLead.
Rose Brooks Center, Inc.	Lisa Fleming	Disagree - Rose Brooks Center strongly disagrees with Recommendation # 3 of placing a \$750,000 cap on non-statewide projects. Alternatively, our recommendations are as follows:

		<p>1. Eliminate the \$750,000 cap. The use of a cap disproportionately impacts the Kansas City region despite the region’s proportionately higher need, victims served, and units of service;</p> <p>2. Allocate funds with a competitive bid process that has a peer-reviewed grant award process with measures used by the Department of Justice Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) and Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). Our recommended process prioritizes the extent to which a project applicant 1) defines the prevalence and unmet need for victims, gaps in services, and barriers to service; 2) the methodology for addressing the unmet need, gaps in service, and barriers; 3) agency capacity, past performance, and numbers served by project applicant in achieving grant program outcomes and deliverables; evaluation process; and, history of collaboration with the coordinated community response;</p> <p>3. Prioritize agencies providing 24 hour a day/7 day a week crisis intervention services thereby fulfilling VOCA’s primary purpose area. VOCA-funded programs and operations, like Rose Brooks Center’s 24/7 emergency shelter, hotline, hospital advocacy, and Lethality Assessment Program, are designed in accordance with VOCA’s primary purpose area to “support the provision of direct services to victims of crime throughout the nation, to assist victims of crime as soon as possible in order to reduce the severity of the psychological and emotional consequences of the victimization, and to demonstrate on-going support for the victim in coping with the impact of the victimization.” The proposed funding plan contradicts the primary purpose area for VOCA by drastically cutting these 24/7 emergency response to crime victims who are at the greatest risk of revictimization including the threat of domestic violence homicide. Concurrently, the proposed recommendations increase funding for programs offering non-emergency services.</p> <p>4. To the extent that it is allowable, support domestic and sexual violence victim service providers in their legislative advocacy efforts to secure general revenues or other unallocated state and federal funds that can be used to cover the VOCA shortfall.</p> <p>Our rationale for strongly opposing the \$750,000 cap is substantiated by the following statistics. The proposed \$750,000 does not take into account that comprehensive 24/7 services are higher in cost in order to provide 24/7 staff coverage and operating expenses. These cuts would dramatically reduce the number of victims served through these emergency services, in an environment where there is already a high rate of unmet needs for victims. To put this into perspective, as of December 22, 2024, Rose Brooks Center has provided this high level of immediate assistance to more than 11,500 victims of crime this year alone. This service provision is on par with the number of victims served in 2022. The proposed cap would force Rose Brooks Center to eliminate 24/7 programs that annually serve nearly 4,000 victims assessed as being at the highest risk of being killed. As noted in the recent DSS document (“VOCA Synopsis” page 4, updated 11/17/23), Rose Brooks Center receives 5% of the state funds. The following service statistics show Rose Brooks Center service provision far exceeds a 5%</p>
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		<p>share of multiple service categories provided state-wide. These 2022 Statistics gathered from MOCADSV Monthly Service Report Data as reported by MOCADSV member domestic violence service providers, demonstrate Rose Brooks Center's impact compared to statewide services. With the reality that there is a high rate of violence in Kansas City, and therefore a high concentration of need for victims of crime, the proposed funding caps would present critical gaps for victims in the Kansas City region. Rose Brooks Center (RBC) Services compared to regional and state totals RBC % of state-wide services Program Details 58% Hospital Advocacy RBC's # of contacts for Hospital/Medical advocacy comprised 94% of the regional level and 66% of the state level. Our hours for Hospital/ Medical advocacy (adult + child) comprised 90% of the regional level and 58% of the state level. (RBC had approximately 2500 contacts and 1690 hours.) 9% Court RBC non-residential contacts assisting in obtaining legal services comprised 86% of the Kansas City regional-level adult totals and 9% of the state level. (RBC: 261 contacts) 13% Case Management RBC provided case-management to 73% of all NEW non-residential adults served in the Kansas City region, and 13% of the state level. (1822 adults served by RBC) 24% Housing RBC provided almost 46,000 safe nights through the housing program, comprising 64% of the total Kansas City regional housing bednights and 24% of the state level. 13% Clinical RBC served approximately 230 new adults and 100 new children in individual therapy. This comprised 57% of the Kansas City regional number for all new individuals receiving therapy (54% of adults and 68% of children). RBC served 13% of state level. 16% Hotline RBC Domestic Violence Hotline Calls comprised 53% of the Kansas City region's reported hotlines, and 16% of the state level. (RBC answered over 11,000 hotline calls.) 21% Housing RBC assisted over 1500 individuals with rental assistance or housing programs, comprising 50% of the Kansas City region's totals, and 21% of the state's level. 8% Training RBC total training/community presentations and total people attending made up 49% of the Kansas City region's presentations/attendance, and 8% of presentations provided at the state level. (RBC provided approximately 173 presentations for 2800 people.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10% Shelter</p> <p>RBC provided 35% of the total bed nights in the entire Kansas City region, and 10% at the state level.</p> <p>Below is a visual representation of Rose Brooks Center's proportion of services in 2022 at the regional and state-wide levels: The \$750,000 cap not only disproportionately impacts Rose Brooks Center, but it also disproportionately impacts the Kansas City region despite providing a high portion of domestic violence and sexual violence services provided state-wide. The 2022 MOCADSV Service Statistic Report shows the Kansas City region provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •64% of the court advocacy; •30% of answered hotline calls;
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •41% of the rental assistance, rapid rehousing and permanent housing bed nights; and, •42% of emergency shelter bednights. <p>Additionally, the greatest percentage (59%) of unmet need for domestic violence services statewide came from victims in the Kansas City region in 2022. Additional Comments:</p> <p>We are disappointed and alarmed that there were no opportunities for Rose Brooks Center and other impacted grantees to discuss the \$750,000 cap outlined in Recommendation #3 or Recommendations #2 and #4 during the Stakeholder meetings with the Department of Social Services given the devastating impact a \$750,000 cap will have on the Kansas City region. These cuts would result in the closure of services and shelter beds across Kansas City and thereby place an extreme burden on funded agencies in the other local agencies and the surrounding rural communities. Rose Brooks Center strongly opposes the \$750,000 cap as this would disproportionately impact the Kansas City region despite the high rate of unmet needs experienced by the region. At an agency level, the funds to Rose Brooks Center would be inequitably decreased, despite our services far exceeding the percentage of current funding.</p> <p>The Kansas City region has developed a comprehensive coordinated community response designed to prevent duplication of services, serve crime victims as soon as possible who are at greatest risk of re-victimization, and leverage non-VOCA funded community-wide systems change. The \$750,000 funding cap would decimate the Kansas City coordinated community response and lead to the elimination of core 24/7 coordinated community response programs including the Lethality Assessment Program, a partnership with the Kansas City Police Department that connect over 2,600 victims at high risk of being killed to the safety net of shelter and services offered by Rose Brooks Center, our hospital advocacy program serving close to 1,000 victims annually at four Kansas City-area hospital systems, and the downsizing of our 100-bed capacity emergency shelter that is perpetually filled with victims and their children who are at greatest risk of further victimization.</p> <p>We urge the Department of Social Services, the legislature, and Governor’s office to develop and approve a state budget that allocates general revenues and/or other unallocated state and federal funds to the VOCA grant program until the VOCA fix can generate increased funds. Failure to do so will place thousands of Missouri citizens and their children at risk of being hurt worse or killed because essential safety net services for crime victims were eliminated.</p>
Safe Connections	Cynthia Danley	Disagree - Not in favor of a cap. I feel this should be determined by the number of individuals served. If insisting on the cap, have the CAP but if more funds are available, extend them to the agencies
Safe House for Women, Inc	Jessica Hill	Disagree - A maximum award cap of \$1,000,000 is reasonable. There does not need to be a minimum award. If agencies need less money, they should be able to contract for the amount they actually need.

Safe Passage	Kelly Pedigo	Agree - I have mixed views on this. On one hand..... I reviewed the supporting documents and see that this will be an extreme cut to some of our urban allies. And, I have always been amazed at the work they are able to do. Their services are effective, efficient, and far-reaching. On the other hand- I feel that they have access to many more replacement funding sources. Some of these shelters have million -dollar fundraisers with contacts that include the Kansas City Chiefs. They have income from trusts, legacy gifts, CD's, etc. They have development directors, grant writers, tech teams, professional fundraising teams, event planners, etc..... Small rural shelters like ours have 1 director that is the fundraiser, development director, plumber, hotline staff, building maintenance human, grant writer, HR department, etc. In a city of 11,000 it is hard to raise serious \$ at a fundraiser. This is especially difficult because there is no funding to cover the % of time that any employee spends on fundraising. So, you find yourself fundraising to raise the money for you to fundraise. We don't have the corporations, foundations, etc to approach for funding that urban providers do. Any potential corporate funder in a small rural area is already being stalked by multiple non-profit organizations and there just isn't enough \$ to go around. Any cut in a small rural service providers funding will jeopardize their ability to continue and that will leave HUGE sections of the state completely un served. Another consideration for me is that it is very common for a funding source to have a ceiling cap ... So, with all of this in mind, I lean more toward allowing the cap.
Selah Place of Oregon Co, Inc.	Donna Franz	Agree - Sounds reasonable to cap funds, so the funds can be spread out statewide.
Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence	Kendra Eads	Agree
St. Charles Family Court	Michelle Barron	Agree
St. Charles County, Prosecutor's Office	Victoria Roberts	Agree
St. Louis County – Department of Human Services	Emily Burgess	Agree
St. Martha's Hall	Jessica Woolbright	Agree
Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center, Inc.	Marsha Keene	Agree
Synergy Services, Inc.	Sara Brammer	Disagree - The proposed cap will disproportionately impact KC, The 4-county KC region has the highest level of disclosed DV, SV, and Child Abuse and Neglect across the state. This may reflect the Coordinated Community Response that is practiced in KC and encourages victim disclosure. Agencies in the KC region provide the most service units in every category supported by VOCA and work hard to be collaborative to provide a Coordinated Community Response. The proposal recommends that a

		<p>majority of providers in the KC region experience more than a 50% reduction in funding. This would lead to a catastrophic reduction in services and force KC agencies to turn clients away or attempt to refer them to rural providers who would not have the capacity, resources, or space to accommodate the overflow. It would produce undue hardship and burden both victims and the rural providers already in need of resources. Synergy Services provides emergency shelter, housing, and counseling to victims across the lifespan in Missouri. 39,704 annual bed nights were provided to victims in 2022. Synergy Services provided 16% of the 251,908 bed nights provided to domestic violence victims in the state of Missouri in 2022. Synergy Services provided 38% of the 105,775 bed nights provided in the KC region in 2022. Synergy Services' Children's Advocacy Center served 275 children in 2022 providing forensic interviews, advocacy, mental health counseling, and family counseling as needed. At the current funding level, Synergy has a waitlist of over 250 Missouri victims. This would be more than doubled in the VOCA funds were capped at the proposed level. The proposed VOCA funding cap would result in a 50% reduction for Synergy. Without the addition of supplemental funding, the reduction would require the agency to eliminate 10 full-time staff members comprising 23% of Synergy's victim service workforce. This would result in a catastrophic loss of court and hospital advocacy, clinical services, child forensic interviews, and safe bed nights. The reduction in services will lead to an overall cost for the community. The CDC conservatively estimates that the cost of untreated domestic violence is more than \$103,767 per victim in healthcare, criminal justice costs, and lost productivity (2017, adjusted for inflation). #6- Maximize funding by leveraging the expertise of existing coalitions. Developing new training and technical assistance providers will cost more in time, limited dollars, and expertise as compared to leveraging existing resources and expertise through the statewide coalitions. Other: Synergy Services urges the Department of Social Services to work with all provider agencies to encourage the Governor and the State Legislature to add additional funds to VOCA. The services provided through VOCA funding are essential for addressing violence across Missouri. We urge that supplemental funds be allocated on an ongoing basis to replace the VOCA shortfall or until new sources of funding are identified to fill the gap created by a reduction in VOCA funding. In addition, if a reduction in funding is required, an equitable solution must be implemented that would share a percentage reduction among all providers. That would be difficult for all of us, but would not cause a lethal blow to only a few agencies in one geographic location. We appreciate the Department of Social Services allowing agencies to provide feedback and hope you will consider these recommendations and work with us to find an equitable and viable solution.</p>
<p>The Child Advocacy Center St. Louis (Child Center) & NE</p>	<p>Julie Seymore</p>	<p>Agree</p>

The Victim Center Inc.	Anne Crites	Neutral - The cuts to some higher-funded agencies could have a trickle-down effect on our services, as staffing cuts at those larger agencies result in service reductions. Could the cap be increased for FY24 only for the agencies who currently receive more than \$1,000,000 – to provide adjustment time to seek other funding sources?
Warren County/ Turning Point Advocacy Services	Wende Ochoa	Agree - This would be the option that we feel would best serve our agency.
Whole Health Outreach/CASA Guadalupe Family	Suzette Smith	Agree

Recommendation 4: Agencies receiving \$200,000 or less will receive the lesser of \$200,000 or their bid amount.

Overall Counts: Agree – 42, Disagree – 17,, Neutral – 15

Agency Name:	Agency Rep:	Comments:
15 th Judicial Circuit CASA	Hannah Meyer	Agree
17 th Judicial Circuit – Cass County Prosecutors Office	Julie West	Disagree – Arbitrary, Anti- Competition, and not needs based
37 th Judicial CASA	Connie Pendergrass	Agree
Abuse Victims Education Network Unified to Ensure Safety For Northeast Missouri Inc. (AVENUES)	Cara Miller & Stephanie Black	Disagree - This is very confusing regarding what the actual proposal is.
Agape House Inc of Mountain View	Tressa Price	Disagree - VOCA should be distributed based on services provided, the need for services, and the history of the services provided be each agency.
ARCHS	Wendell E. Kimbrough	Disagree - This funding strategy is somewhat unclear as to how it will impact existing funding levels across the state's exiting VOCA programs, that are receiving funding above the \$200,000 level. However, ARCHS acknowledges that this funding strategy may also result in an overall reduction in our current allocation of VOCA funding. It is our request that this funding strategy will not exceed a 25% reduction of our current funding level.
Butler County Resource Council (CASA of the 36 th)	Rebeca Pacheo	Agree
Capital City CASA	Gina Clement	Agree
CASA of Southwest Missouri	Laura Farmer	Agree - The minimum levels the playing field for organizations, like ours, who have been held to the 2017 bid amount despite high scores on the proposals, positive outcomes, huge waiting lists, etc. Additional: Section 1.3.6 of the NFO states that "Additional areas of focus include child advocacy centers and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). The department will direct funds to ensure the ten percent requirements AND the areas of focus are met statewide". This could be interpreted as 10% of VOCA funding should go to CASA programs or enough funding should be made available to meet the current need statewide. With the new proposal, CASA programs will receive only 6% of the funding. This is not in alignment with what the contract states, and therefore, CASA programs need an additional increase in VOCA funding. With the proposed funding, the breakdown for each sub recipient category is listed below: CAC average \$360,955 CASA average \$148,707 DV/SV average \$379,808

		Multi Services average \$266,230 The equity of the distribution of funding continues to be of concern for our organization
CASA of Dunklin County	Carla Smith	Agree
CASA of Southeast Missouri	Sharon Hileman	Disagree
CASA of St. Louis	Jennifer Howard	Agree
Central Missouri Foster Care Coalition	Jill Quaid	Neutral
Child Safe of Central Missouri, Inc.	Heather Lynn	Agree - Is the floor actually needed or will this just encourage agencies to ask for the floor amount?
Children's Center of Southwest Missouri	Matt Stewart	Disagree - I do not agree with having a minimum floor established for this grant and especially at the \$200,000 amount. My reason for this is that I think that this will encourage agencies to increase the amount that they are requesting to get up to the \$200,000 floor. There are several agencies that are above \$100,000, but fall short of the floor amount. I think that they will find ways to increase their amount to \$200,000 knowing that they will at minimum get that amount. I think that the \$200,000 floor for this grant should be done away with.
Christos House, Inc	Kelli Neel	Agree - This is also agreeable, though the base threshold amount needs to be made higher (\$250k) and agencies, which are significantly smaller in their service capacities, i.e. beds, be reassessed. For example, three agencies that provide similar services in relation to available beds, while offering unique services individually receive similar awards based on the proposed amount. The combined agencies work well together in supporting the needs of victims of domestic and sexual violence. Yet one agency has a capacity of one third and one fourth the sizes of the other neighboring agencies. Despite this, the agency with far fewer available beds will receive only six thousand dollars less than the agency that serves three times as many beds and sixteen thousand dollars less than the agency that service four times as many beds. This disparity is not equitable and needs to be considered in the development of better metrics that accounts for the overall service provisions provided, and considers the percentages of bed nights if, in fact, that is the metric that will be used to measure grant award amounts.
COPE, Inc.	Judith Kile	Agree
Cornerstones of Care	Justin Horton	Agree
Council on Families in Crisis, Inc.	Martha Sander	Agree - I do not feel that non-members will have the same information. Sometimes information is withheld from membership. I had no idea until this year that I had to have access to coalition manager, regardless of my membership status, to enter my DSS stats. As a MOCADSV member, I am only told that I will be locked out of coalition manager if my dues are not

		paid on time. And, I have been locked out until my dues were paid. Transparency is a real concern for my agency.
CASA of Jefferson County	Alicia Knickman	Agree - As a small agency, VOCA funds are vital to the continuation of our program. Large programs have a wider variety of funding sources and are far better equipped with staff and resources to seek out new funding to make up for VOCA shortfalls. Seeing a large cut in funding could cripple small programs, even though their award amounts are only a small fraction of the overall VOCA budget. Committing to protect those small program award amounts will go a long way to ensuring victims continue to receive services in low-resource/high-need areas.
Crime Victim Advocacy Center	Katie Dalton	Agree
DeafLEAD	Stephanie Logan	Agree
Diamond Diva Empowerment Foundation	Shantasha Love	Agree
Douglass Community Services- CASA Program	Emily Trevathan	Neutral
Family Self Help Center Inc. dba Lafayette House	Susan Hickman	Disagree
Franklin County CASA, Inc.	Glenda Volmert	Agree
Grain Valley Police Department	Christine Thompson	Agree
Great Circle/ KVC/ Niles Home	Michael Turner	Agree
Haven House, Inc.	Amber Tinker	Agree
Heart of Missouri CASA	Kelly Hill	Agree - I appreciate this recommendation and agree wholeheartedly. My only comment is that I would appreciate the opportunity request the minimum of \$200,000 the next round, instead of being limited to my previous bid amount, which was approximately \$160,000. While \$160,000 would still be an appreciated increase over our current award, we requested this amount in hopes of it being a realistically attainable increase, not that it was the amount we needed to meet the need we have.
Hope Haven of Cass County	Jenna Giess	Agree
Hope House	MaryAnne Metheny	Disagree - Hope House disagrees with a minimum funding level for agencies. We recommend that agencies requesting less than \$200,000 go through the same application and approval process regarding eligibility, record of providing effective victim services, ability to manage federal funds, unmet need in the community, etc. as all other agencies requesting funds. A smaller request should not exclude an agency from the same review as larger agencies go through.

House of Refuge	Jill Wondel	Neutral - I think this would impact us, but I still am unsure what it means – if we would receive \$200,000 even if we ask for less? Or we can't apply if we don't have at least \$200,000 in expenses? Or something else?
I Pour Life, Inc.	Courtney Davis	Neutral
Jackson County Prosecutor's Office	Jean Baker	Neutral
JADASA	Cynthia R. Bennett	Neutral
Jasper County CASA	Debi Koelkebeck	Disagree - Please explain how this will apply to agencies that fall under the changes in Recommendation 1. Will each agency under the 5 subrecipient agencies receive \$200,000? Or does this only mean that the 5 subrecipient agencies will receive a minimum of \$200,000? I have concerns that existing CASA programs will not receive adequate funding if the \$200,000 minimum funding applies only to the 5 subrecipient agencies in number 1.
Jefferson City Rape and Abuse Crisis Services, Inc.	Angela Hirsch	Agree
KC Mother's In Charge	Christina Esteban	Agree
Kid's Harbor, Inc.	Cara Gerdiman	Neutral - With the increases in costs everywhere as well as organizations located in remote areas of the state with limited fundraising opportunities, I believe this is fair.
Legal Aid of Western Missouri	Shannon Carney	Neutral – This does not affect Legal Aid
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri	Juliana Greenfield	Neutral
Lester E. Cox Medical Center dba CoxHealth	Brooke Batesel & Tammy Flippen	Agree
Life Source Consultants	Gloria Johnson	Disagree
Livingston County Prosecutor's Office	Karen Hinton	Agree
Lydia's House, Inc.	Asma Waheed	Neutral
McDonald County Circuit Court	Tanya Lewis	Neutral - I don't have enough understanding to make a good judgement here. Our program is down to just advocate's wages as it is. We rely on VOCA to assist us in having an advocate, which is vital to our victims here.
Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault	Julie Donelon	Disagree - All agencies should go through the same application and review process and be awarded funding based on consistent review criteria.
Mid Ozark CASA Program	Mary Heywood	Agree

Mid-Missouri Legal Services Corporation	Kristen Dunham	Neutral
Missouri Alliance for Children & Families, LLC	Carrie Bolm	Agree
Missouri State Highway Patrol (Sexual Assault/Human Trafficking)	Holly A. Haarmann	Neutral
New-Mac CASA	Ellen Vogt	Agree
North Central Missouri Children's Advocacy Center	Verna Kelsey	Agree - This would help make services more equitable across the state.
Phelps County Family Crisis Services, Inc. (Russell House)	Katie Croker	<p>Disagree - I don't understand this recommendation. It is not clear to me why a base amount is needed. If an agency does not need \$200,000, why should they get more than they need?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If there are not enough funds to go around, why not keep everyone at current funding levels? Instead, the proposal would greatly increase some organizations (for example, the MICA Project at 196%). - It is unclear why essential funding needed for some organizations to continue operating should be given to other organizations that are able to operate at their current funding level. This would result in smaller organizations having an excess of funds, while larger organizations would be struggling to remain open.
Rainbow House Regional Child Advocacy Center	Brenda Porter	Agree
Randolph County Prosecutor's Office	Erica Nobles	Agree
Regional Family Crisis Center	Emily McDonald	Agree
Rose Brooks Center, Inc.	Lisa Fleming	Disagree
Safe Connections	Cynthia Danley	Neutral
Safe House for Women, Inc	Jessica Hill	Disagree - A maximum award cap of \$1,000,000 is reasonable. There does not need to be a minimum award. If agencies need less money, they should be able to contract for the amount they actually need.
Safe Passage	Kelly Pedigo	Disagree - I completely disagree based on the following: 1) Some of the agencies that are marked for an increase do not feel they can make the match requirement on \$200,000. 2) If money is a concern that is resulting in some of us receiving cuts.....and in the least not being able to keep up with inflation.... It doesn't seem logical to increase someone's award that hasn't requested it. 3) This could result in an agency receiving too many federal dollars for their budget.

Selah Place of Oregon Co, Inc.	Donna Franz	Agree - In our situation, if funds were cut below \$200,000, our agency would likely not be able to exist. We are the only shelter in our county, and this is important to victims in our area.
Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence	Kendra Eads	Agree
St. Charles Family Court	Michelle Barron	Agree
St. Charles County, Prosecutor's Office	Victoria Roberts	Agree
St. Louis County – Department of Human Services	Emily Burgess	Agree
St. Martha's Hall		Agree
Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center, Inc.	Marsha Keene	Agree
Synergy Services, Inc.	Sara Brammer	Disagree
The Child Advocacy Center St. Louis (Child Center) & NE	Julie Seymore	Agree
The Victim Center Inc.	Anne Crites	Disagree - This recommendation results in some agencies receiving an increased award where others are getting significant cuts. If agencies who receive less than \$200,000 could be awarded the lesser of \$200K or their FY24 amount, it would free up some funds for other agencies. Alternatively, a floor of \$50K would reduce the amount of agencies who receive 50%-100% more than their current award amount. We understand that there's a huge administrative burden to engaging in a full competitive bid process and providing awards based on that – but hope you will consider adjusting the formula minimums so that lower-scoring agencies are not receiving their full bids while higher-scoring ones receive less than their bids and/or reductions in awards.
Warren County/ Turning Point Advocacy Services	Wende Ochoa	Neutral
Whole Health Outreach/CASA Guadalupe Family	Suzette Smith	Agree

Recommendation 5: Discontinue regional allocations, instead rely upon sub-recipients to distribute funds across the regions based on demonstrated need across the various types of agencies.

Overall Counts: Agree – 48, Disagree – 10, Neutral – 16

Agency Name:	Agency Rep:	Comments:
15 th Judicial Circuit CASA	Hannah Meyer	Neutral
17 th Judicial Circuit – Cass County Prosecutors Office	Julie West	Disagree - Agree with discontinuation of regional allocations, however, disagree with sub-recipients' allocation of funds.
37 th Judicial CASA	Connie Pendergrass	Agree
Abuse Victims Education Network Unified to Ensure Safety For Northeast Missouri Inc. (AVENUES)	Cara Miller & Stephanie Black	Neutral - This plan would be what we have currently with the removal of regional mapping and would provide agencies with the ability to competitively bid for funds
Agape House Inc of Mountain View	Tressa Price	Agree - Regional a no actions only increased stress for each agency that was required to write more than 1 proposal and for the VOCA Department as well.
ARCHS	Wendell E. Kimbrough	Disagree - ARCHS has the capacity to serve as the subrecipient of funds to support the implementation of VOCA programs across the St. Louis region, however this proposed strategy would possibly eliminate the ARCHS Neighborhood Healing Network (NHN) initiative as described below in "Recommendation 3". The current funding model "by region", provides a stronger substantiation of need due the unfortunate high crime per capita, in the St. Louis region
Butler County Resource Council (CASA of the 36 th)	Rebeca Pacheo	Disagree
Capital City CASA	Gina Clement	Neutral
CASA of Southwest Missouri	Laura Farmer	Agree
CASA of Dunklin County	Carla Smith	Agree
CASA of Southeast Missouri	Sharon Hileman	Disagree

CASA of St. Louis	Jennifer Howard	Agree
Central Missouri Foster Care Coalition	Jill Quaid	Neutral
Child Safe of Central Missouri, Inc.	Heather Lynn	Agree - This would make our accounting so much easier as we currently have 5 regions we report. I realize you are saying we only operate in one region so all of ours should have been from one region but we provide training in all 5 regions.
Children's Center of Southwest Missouri	Matt Stewart	Agree - I absolutely agree with getting rid of the regions. We were not directly affected by this, but I know that this caused a huge headache for several agencies receiving funds.
Christos House, Inc	Kelli Neel	Agree - Simply put, yes please do away with the regional allocations and regional invoicing. This is an administrative nightmare despite our having created a billing workbook that supports regionalized oversight, invoicing, etc. This complicated the work, rather than focused the work on victims' needs. Again, if beds are going to be the measure from which metrics are going to define allocations of funding, a better metric needs to be devised to ensure, regardless of urban or rural regions, agencies with 1/3 or 1/4 the bed capacity of others are not receiving funding that is almost equitable to the agencies providing more bed capacities. Correspondingly, agencies that have one third more bed capacity should not be receiving ten times as much funding as the small agency. Costs to sustain these agencies, whether rural or urban, are undoubtedly increasing, and certainly costs of living, wages, utilities, etc. are higher in urban areas. However, costs are increasing in rural communities also in these same matters and there are costs associated with rural programs that are not as high as urban communities (i.e. transportation costs when public transportation is unavailable/inaccessible is one example). Therefore, base lines and percentages need to be more equitably dispersed than is currently proposed.
COPE, Inc.	Judith Kile	Agree - I agree that we need to discontinue regional allocations, but I do not agree that the sub-recipients should judge our "demonstrated needs" and decide what we are due, (if that is what you are saying).
Cornerstones of Care	Justin Horton	Agree - We are generally in agreement with this, but it will be important that the Department monitors the sub recipients to ensure there isn't favoritism or misguided decisions. Considering an appeal process, as this is a new initiative, could be important.
Council on Families in Crisis, Inc.	Martha Sander	Agree - I really agree with this one because shelters take in people from all regions across the state. Sometimes survivors are fleeing and sometimes the only bed they can find is half way across the state. Smaller rural shelters often take the overflow from Kansas City, Joplin, Springfield, and St. Louis
CASA of Jefferson County	Alicia Knickman	Agree - If recommendation one is adopted, it seems ineffective to continue with regional allocations and would only complicate the process while possibly underserving areas based solely on region.

Crime Victim Advocacy Center	Katie Dalton	Agree
DeafLEAD	Stephanie Logan	Agree
Diamond Diva Empowerment Foundation	Shantasha Love	Agree
Douglass Community Services- CASA Program	Emily Trevathan	Neutral
Family Self Help Center Inc. dba Lafayette House	Susan Hickman	Disagree
Franklin County CASA, Inc.	Glenda Volmert	Disagree - If recommendation one is adopted, it seems ineffective to continue with regional allocations and would only complicate the process while possibly underserving areas based solely on region.
Grain Valley Police Department	Christine Thompson	Agree
Great Circle/ KVC/ Niles Home	Michael Turner	Agree
Haven House, Inc.	Amber Tinker	Agree - We serve victims of DV and SA from all over and I am definitely in favor of the regional allocations being discontinued. It's only logical that victims would leave one region to come to another to seek refuge. Being in a rural area doesn't mean we are serving less clients. In all reality, this year we will have served over 1500 and have a fraction of the funding that agencies in metro areas receive.
Heart of Missouri CASA	Kelly Hill	Agree
Hope Haven of Cass County	Jenna Giess	Neutral
Hope House	MaryAnne Metheny	Agree - Hope House agrees that regional allocations should be discontinued. However, as stated under Recommendation 1, it is important that any sub recipient who will be relied upon to distribute funds across the regions must have the appropriate expertise to do so in a way that adequately represents the needs of all agencies across the State of Missouri
House of Refuge	Jill Wondel	Agree
I Pour Life, Inc.	Courtney Davis	Neutral
Jackson County Prosecutor's Office	Jean Baker	Neutral
JADASA	Cynthia R. Bennett	Agree

Jasper County CASA	Debi Koelkebeck	Agree
Jefferson City Rape and Abuse Crisis Services, Inc.	Angela Hirsch	Agree
KC Mother's In Charge	Christina Esteban	Agree
Kid's Harbor, Inc.	Cara Gerdiman	Agree - I strongly agree with this recommendation. The regional allocations put undue burdens on those agencies working across multiple counties. Regional allocations are not practical and cause more hardships on victim serving organizations than actual assistance.
Legal Aid of Western Missouri	Shannon Carney	Agree - We are strongly in favor of this! It would allow us to go from three contracts to one.
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri	Juliana Greenfield	Agree
Lester E. Cox Medical Center dba CoxHealth	Brooke Batesel & Tammy Flippen	Neutral
Life Source Consultants	Gloria Johnson	Neutral
Livingston County Prosecutor's Office	Karen Hinton	Agree
Lydia's House, Inc.	Asma Waheed	Neutral
McDonald County Circuit Court	Tanya Lewis	Disagree - Recommending on this subject we would need more information
Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault	Julie Donelon	Agree - MOCSA agrees that regional allocation should be discontinued and DSS should rely on subrecipient agencies to distribute funds across the state based on demonstrated need as outline in previous comments.
Mid Ozark CASA Program	Mary Heywood	Neutral
Mid-Missouri Legal Services Corporation	Kristen Dunham	Agree - The recommendation to discontinue regional allocations would allow Mid-Missouri Legal Services to use the funds across our 11-county service area based on where the greatest need exists. Contracting with the four legal aid organizations would mean funds are available to serve domestic and sexual violence survivors in all regions of the state.
Missouri Alliance for Children & Families, LLC	Carrie Bolm	Agree - This change has been a real challenge for agencies- I truly support removing awards by region.
Missouri State Highway Patrol (Sexual Assault/Human Trafficking)	Holly A. Haarmann	Neutral

New-Mac CASA	Ellen Vogt	Agree
North Central Missouri Children's Advocacy Center	Verna Kelsey	Agree - This is helpful for our agency as it eliminates "extra" and what seems to be duplicitous work. The same service providers cover both of our regions doing the same work which is victim driven and applied as needed.
Phelps County Family Crisis Services, Inc. (Russell House)	Katie Croker	Agree - As to the regional allocations, they are not efficient and cause more work. Agencies should apply for funds and invoice as one organization. - As to the sub-recipient idea, please see comments under Recommendation 1.
Rainbow House Regional Child Advocacy Center	Brenda Porter	Agree
Randolph County Prosecutor's Office	Erica Nobles	Agree
Regional Family Crisis Center	Emily McDonald	Agree - I didn't support this when it was first implemented. It only seemed to make it more complicated on those statewide agencies.
Rose Brooks Center, Inc.	Lisa Fleming	Agree
Safe Connections	Cynthia Danley	Disagree
Safe House for Women, Inc	Jessica Hill	Disagree - The regional allocation system should be discontinued; however, all contracts should be direct contracts with DSS. There should be no sub-recipients.
Safe Passage	Kelly Pedigo	Agree
Selah Place of Oregon Co, Inc.	Donna Franz	Neutral
Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence	Kendra Eads	Agree
St. Charles Family Court	Michelle Barron	Agree
St. Charles County, Prosecutor's Office	Victoria Roberts	Agree
St. Louis County – Department of Human Services	Emily Burgess	Agree
St. Martha's Hall		Agree
Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center, Inc.	Marsha Keene	Agree - Rural programs serve victims of DV/SV from all over the state, not just our rural "service area". This change will help acknowledge that service numbers are not population-based and that we do not function in regions. However, I do not agree with a subrecipient to distribute DV/SV agency funds.

Synergy Services, Inc.	Sara Brammer	Disagree
The Child Advocacy Center St. Louis (Child Center) & NE	Julie Seymore	Agree
The Victim Center Inc.	Anne Crites	Agree - This will help simplify the process immensely for agencies that overlap regions.
Warren County/ Turning Point Advocacy Services	Wende Ochoa	Neutral
Whole Health Outreach/CASA Guadalupe Family	Suzette Smith	Neutral

Recommendation 6: DSS will provide a robust training plan including federal training that is available, and procure additional training if needed.

Overall Counts: Agree – 44 , Disagree – 13, Neutral – 17

Agency Name:	Agency Rep:	Comments:
15 th Judicial Circuit CASA	Hannah Meyer	Agree.
17 th Judicial Circuit – Cass County Prosecutors Office	Julie West	Disagree - Not necessary and not direct needs-based services.
37 th Judicial CASA	Connie Pendergrass	Agree
Abuse Victims Education Network Unified to Ensure Safety For Northeast Missouri Inc. (AVENUES)	Cara Miller & Stephanie Black	Disagree - The coalitions are able to provide specified trainings based on their expert focus areas. This will allow advocates to receive the nuance trainings crucial to advocacy based on their field of victim type. Additional: Using the voice of some is not the voice of all. We have witnessed in the VOCA calls that a few voices have been in opposition of the coalitions which does not give a clear picture of many agencies views as a whole. Many agencies such as ours relies on the coalition for their specific knowledge about domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking, and human trafficking. This knowledge is vital to the victims we serve but also allows advocates that mentorship to ensure that they are within standards and trauma informed when assisting survivors.
Agape House Inc of Mountain View	Tressa Price	Disagree - This plan would require contracting with new agencies, training the said agencies, and increasing confusion
ARCHS	Wendell E. Kimbrough	Neutral - This strategy is somewhat unclear as to how it will impact existing funding levels across the state's exiting VOCA programs.
Butler County Resource Council (CASA of the 36 th)	Rebeca Pacheo	Agree
Capital City CASA	Gina Clement	Agree
CASA of Southwest Missouri	Laura Farmer	Agree
CASA of Dunklin County	Carla Smith	Agree

CASA of Southeast Missouri	Sharon Hileman	Agree
CASA of St. Louis	Jennifer Howard	Agree
Central Missouri Foster Care Coalition	Jill Quaid	Neutral
Child Safe of Central Missouri, Inc.	Heather Lynn	Agree
Children's Center of Southwest Missouri	Matt Stewart	Neutral - I am neutral on this since it is not very clear exactly how this will work. I think it has good potential, but would like to see more details on this.
Christos House, Inc	Kelli Neel	Neutral - Robust is ambiguous, at best and the value add from DSS providing training is unclear. So this needs more clarity and specificity before it can be agreeable or disagreeable. Why is this a recommendation? What training will be provided? What does robust mean? From where will additional training be procured? For what purpose will that training be needed? Etc. etc. etc. Other: In these conversations about the instability of VOCA, especially concerning the decreases in funding, there are no specifics as to why the decreases have occurred (particularly when fees and costs have increased in judiciary matters), and what can be done to solve the decreases in funding. How can this be solved on the funding end, rather than on the downstream end? Can the downstream end see the entire process, what funds VOCA specifically, how these funding streams have been siphoned off, and how funding can be regenerated. Certainly, oversight down the pipeline is needed to stabilize VOCA and sub recipients' funding through VOCA. Yet, that is only half of the issue; what is occurring at the front of the matter – or is VOCA eventually going to cease to exist?
COPE, Inc.	Judith Kile	Agree - I am excited about this! This way we are all trained the same. I have enjoyed the events we have had so far. Additional: I feel that you all are being very transparent with us, and I really appreciate that! We are very worried about the proposed cuts at the Federal level. Our shelter is 24/7 and we run it with only 11 employees. That is the least we can work with and still be efficient. We are also a factory town. We have 13 factories here and their average base pay is \$18.00/hr. with benefits. Our base pay is \$17.25 with no benefits (except PTO). We will face grave difficulties if the cuts happen.
Cornerstones of Care	Justin Horton	Agree
Council on Families in Crisis, Inc.	Martha Sander	Agree

CASA of Jefferson County	Alicia Knickman	Neutral
Crime Victim Advocacy Center	Katie Dalton	Agree
DeafLEAD	Stephanie Logan	Agree - While I fully support DSS providing robust training, I cannot overemphasize the incredible impact that MOCADSV's training and technical assistance has had on our organization over the last 28 years. They are truly MY "hotline" when I have questions or need any technical assistance regarding our victim services. When we are having a client issue or an ethical dilemma for whatever reason, I know we can contact MOCADSV for support. We would be devastated to lose their training support. My staff and I have also had the opportunities to participate in roundtables and committees to represent the interests of the Deaf community in victim services in the state of Missouri. Again, if I have missed something and the intention is to continue MOCADSV's level of support and that DSS only plans to expand on those trainings and support, then I agree. If there is any plan to eliminate MOCADSV then, I disagree. I hope that makes sense.
Diamond Diva Empowerment Foundation	Shantasha Love	Agree
Douglass Community Services- CASA Program	Emily Trevathan	Neutral
Family Self Help Center Inc. dba Lafayette House	Susan Hickman	Disagree
Franklin County CASA, Inc.	Glenda Volmert	Disagree - Training can be conducted within each discipline and VOCA funds should be used for direct services.
Grain Valley Police Department	Christine Thompson	Agree
Great Circle/ KVC/ Niles Home	Michael Turner	Agree
Haven House, Inc.	Amber Tinker	Disagree
Heart of Missouri CASA	Kelly Hill	Agree
Hope Haven of Cass County	Jenna Giess	Agree
Hope House	MaryAnne Metheny	Disagree - Hope House recommends leveraging the experience and expertise of existing coalitions and agencies. Developing new training and technical assistance outlets will cost more in both time and money. There are many various training opportunities that are available to VOCA providers in the areas of service provision, best practices, fundraising/grant writing, financial management, etc. Hope House feels

		DSS' time can instead be utilized to focus on sustaining VOCA funding and advocating on behalf of all service providers in the state of Missouri.
House of Refuge	Jill Wondel	Agree
I Pour Life, Inc.	Courtney Davis	Neutral
Jackson County Prosecutor's Office	Jean Baker	Neutral
JADASA	Cynthia R. Bennett	Neutral
Jasper County CASA	Debi Koelkebeck	Agree
Jefferson City Rape and Abuse Crisis Services, Inc.	Angela Hirsch	Disagree - Training for specialized victim services should be provided by experts in the field at the state and/or local level. Federal training is good for high level overviews, but when it comes to specific laws, procedures and resources available to victims of crime in Missouri, those trainings need to come from local experts. The entities that are being proposed as "pass through" entities are experts in their fields and provide high-quality, relevant, specific training to their members/agency partners. Eliminating these training resources is bad for victim service providers and bad for victims in Missouri.
KC Mother's In Charge	Christina Esteban	Agree
Kid's Harbor, Inc.	Cara Gerdiman	Agree - Quality training is essential. As a child advocacy center, our training needs are unique and wide ranging. In thinking through training, I believe KidsFirst recognizes and provides a great number of our training needs. My hope would be funding for this training would be provided to KidsFirst to help them ensure child advocacy centers continue to receive high quality, focused training that meet both our service and accreditation needs.
Legal Aid of Western Missouri	Shannon Carney	Agree - We appreciate any trainings that are available.
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri	Juliana Greenfield	Neutral
Lester E. Cox Medical Center dba CoxHealth	Brooke Batesel & Tammy Flippen	Agree
Life Source Consultants	Gloria Johnson	Agree
Livingston County	Karen Hinton	Agree

Prosecutor's Office		
Lydia's House, Inc.	Asma Waheed	Agree
McDonald County Circuit Court	Tanya Lewis	Neutral - I feel trainings are important!! But if you are looking at cutting victim services than this is an area that needs to be considered first.
Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault	Julie Donelon	Disagree - This will create unnecessary duplication. Training is already available Through multiple outlets, including coalitions. Developing new training and technical assistance will cost more in time and dollars, compared to leveraging existing resources and expertise. ☐ Coalitions have already developed and deliver the technical assistance requested and/or needed from direct-service agencies—with the experience, input from, and familiarity with the needs of direct service providers. MOCSA Recommendation: Continue to contract with MO KidsFirst and MOCADSV for technical assistance. Additional Comments: VOCA funding is critical to support victims in Missouri, keep them safe and help them recover from the impact of these crimes. We recognize and appreciate DSS's time and effort to develop these recommendations. MOCSA is grateful for the opportunity to provide feedback and appreciates DSS taking the feedback into consideration.
Mid Ozark CASA Program	Mary Heywood	Mary
Mid-Missouri Legal Services Corporation	Kristen Dunham	Neutral
Missouri Alliance for Children & Families, LLC	Carrie Bolm	Agree
Missouri State Highway Patrol (Sexual Assault/Human Trafficking)	Holly A. Haarmann	Agree
New-Mac CASA	Ellen Vogt	Agree
North Central Missouri Children's Advocacy Center	Verna Kelsey	Neutral - Some of our training requirements are very specific with the need currently met. However, we are never opposed to having other options of interest.
Phelps County Family Crisis Services, Inc. (Russell House)	Katie Croker	Disagree - It appears that the recommendation is to switch training funds and administration funds. To clarify, it appears that proposed sub-recipients, like MOCADSV, would have training funds taken away but be given administration funds. We would like MOCADSV to continue providing technical assistance and training on direct-service topics. MOCADSV provides excellent and essential training to its members.

Rainbow House Regional Child Advocacy Center	Brenda Porter	Agree
Randolph County Prosecutor's Office	Erica Nobles	Agree
Regional Family Crisis Center	Emily McDonald	Agree
Rose Brooks Center, Inc.	Lisa Fleming	Disagree
Safe Connections	Cynthia Danley	Agree
Safe House for Women, Inc	Jessica Hill	Disagree - We strongly disagree with this recommendation. DSS's VOCA program staff have not proven that they possess the expertise or experience necessary to provide technical assistance regarding direct service provision, grant administration, or victim services. Agencies have no confidence in VOCA program staff's ability to provide technical assistance at the level it is currently being provided by MOCADSV and KidsFirst. VOCA program staff continually demonstrate a misunderstanding of the training needs of agencies. As an example, "operating a small business" would be an inappropriate training topic given that small businesses are ineligible for VOCA grant funding. A past suggestion was that VOCA funds be utilized to create a statewide resource guide – clearly VOCA program staff did not realize that the 2-1-1 service has long been the keeper and distributor of the state's resource information. OVC was listed as a possible source of training; however, OVC has also demonstrated an inability to provide training that is actually relevant to direct service delivery and local-level grant administration. Instead of attempting to provide technical assistance that would fall well short of agencies' needs, VOCA program staff should concentrate on improving their own grant administration procedures and providing better service to their direct contract agencies. We already receive excellent technical assistance from two organizations with proven expertise – continue their contracts and focus on improving DSS' other weaknesses.
Safe Passage	Kelly Pedigo	Neutral - I can see value in this. For DV/SV providers, I think it is important to receive training from MOCADSV regarding service delivery so they continue to provide services that are in line with the mandatory standards.
Selah Place of Oregon Co, Inc.	Donna Franz	Neutral - MOCADSV provides an excellent amount of training, and I would hope that their training would continue.
Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence	Kendra Eads	Agree

St. Charles Family Court	Michelle Barron	Agree
St. Charles County, Prosecutor's Office	Victoria Roberts	Agree
St. Louis County – Department of Human Services	Emily Burgess	Agree
St. Martha's Hall		Agree
Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center, Inc.	Marsha Keene	<p>Agree - • I strongly agree with this recommendation. Our technical assistance providers, MOCADSV, have not provided us with adequate training for completing federal reporting requirements, information on grant writing that was helpful and valid, developing budgets, or non-profit fundamentals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They also do not have knowledge of current issues service providers face. This prevents them from providing quality direct service trainings. They have purposely kept seasoned directors and advocates from attending Director's Academy and participating on the membership committee. They do not want the input of seasoned directors. All agencies and members within those agencies have not had access to the same training. • Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center, Inc. receives direct federal funding from OVW. We have received excellent training from them on several of these topics. I'm sure OVC has similar training that could be adapted for the needs of Missouri service providers. There are also many agency directors and direct service providers that have a wealth of knowledge and would be willing to help with technical assistance.
Synergy Services, Inc.	Sara Brammer	Disagree
The Child Advocacy Center St. Louis (Child Center) & NE	Julie Seymore	Neutral
The Victim Center Inc.	Anne Crites	<p>Agree - This could be an extremely helpful way for agencies to receive training. For us, we significantly cut training dollars in the FY24 budget so that we could focus on retaining and paying direct service providers. This recommendation would give us access to fill the training gap for our agency. Additional: Thank you so much for the opportunity to send feedback, and for the countless hours that have already gone into trying to create a simpler system that meets as many needs for as many victims as possible.</p>
Warren County/ Turning Point Advocacy Services	Wende Ochoa	Neutral

Whole Health Outreach/CASA Guadalupe Family	Suzette Smith	Agree
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Other Comments:

Agency Name:	Agency Rep:	Comments:
15 th Judicial Circuit CASA	Hannah Meyer	
17 th Judicial Circuit – Cass County Prosecutors Office	Julie West	
37 th Judicial CASA	Connie Pendergrass	I know this will be a difficult decision that will impact all agencies. We appreciate your work in making this as “fair” to all agencies as possible. Thank you for your past and future support and dedication to us all.
Abuse Victims Education Network Unified to Ensure Safety For Northeast Missouri Inc. (AVENUES)	Cara Miller & Stephanie Black	
Agape House Inc of Mountain View	Tressa Price	
ARCHS	Wendell E. Kimbrough	
Butler County Resource Council (CASA of the 36 th)	Rebeca Pacheo	
Capital City CASA	Gina Clement	
CASA of Southwest Missouri	Laura Farmer	Thank you for allowing us to provide feedback. I appreciate all your work on behalf of victims of crime in the state of Missouri.
CASA of Dunklin County	Carla Smith	
CASA of Southeast Missouri	Sharon Hileman	
CASA of St. Louis	Jennifer Howard	
Central Missouri Foster Care Coalition	Jill Quaid	Will this impact the amount that each agency will receive? Will this training include financial and programmatic training?
Child Safe of Central Missouri, Inc.	Heather Lynn	

Children’s Center of Southwest Missouri	Matt Stewart	Thank you for sharing your recommendations and allowing us to have input on them. I hope that everyone realizes that something has to be done to try and stabilize the VOCA fund.
Christos House, Inc	Kelli Neel	
COPE, Inc.	Judith Kile	Thank you for all you all are doing to help us!
Cornerstones of Care	Justin Horton	
Council on Families in Crisis, Inc.	Martha Sander	
CASA of Jefferson County	Alicia Knickman	As a VOCA grantee since the 2015 application cycle, this funding has been crucial to the growth and success of our program. It allowed us to hire our first staff member and now we have grown to five staff members (not all VOCA funded) and can serve between 150-200 children in foster care. With over 600 children in care in our county, we depend on VOCA funding to continue our mission and hope that the presence and impact of small programs will be appreciated when making changes to the distribution of future VOCA funding.
Crime Victim Advocacy Center	Katie Dalton	
DeafLEAD	Stephanie Logan	Thank you so much for everything that you are doing for our state to support victim services. I know the entire country is dealing with VOCA fallout. I sure hope that funding becomes available because even a stable provision of funding would be considered a loss because of the costs associated with providing a livable wage to our advocates, crisis counselors, shift supervisors, social workers, and therapists/clinicians. We will do everything possible to support moving forward. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you need any additional information.
Diamond Diva Empowerment Foundation	Shantasha Love	We would like to suggest the option of agencies being able to attend training courses that are geared toward the needs of the agency, not the restriction of attending “VOCA approved” training courses only. Additional Comments: Thank you for allowing our agency to give input and opinions on such important topics.
Douglass Community Services- CASA Program	Emily Trevathan	DCS has reviewed the VOCA recommendations and we don't see too much to disagree with. We do have a bit of concern regarding the reallocations due to region and would like a bit more information regarding any disparity in distribution urban v rural. For example, what will the proposed amendment look like for rural areas.

Family Self Help Center Inc. dba Lafayette House	Susan Hickman	*See attached letter for proposal*
Franklin County CASA, Inc.	Glenda Volmert	
Grain Valley Police Department	Christine Thompson	First off thank you all for working so hard on this difficult situation. The time you have put into this to make sure everyone is heard is amazing. SO, thank you! Secondly, I have no recommendations. I wish I did. it sounds like the direction you are heading in is good but based on the spreadsheet of allocations and adjustments, I worry about losing resources here in the area because of the \$750,000 cap.
Great Circle/ KVC/ Niles Home	Michael Turner	
Haven House, Inc.	Amber Tinker	
Heart of Missouri CASA	Kelly Hill	Thank you for the hard work you have put into this process. I know it is extremely challenging to come to the best possible solution when there are competing interests and overwhelming needs across the state. I would only add that CASA as a whole has been severely underfunded by VOCA. Section 1.3.6 of the last NFO stated that "Additional areas of focus include child advocacy centers and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). The department will direct funds to ensure the ten percent requirements AND the areas of focus are met statewide". Currently, you are proposing that CASA programs receive 6% of the funding. This does not seem in alignment with the NFO.
Hope Haven of Cass County	Jenna Giess	
Hope House	MaryAnne Metheny	Hope House appreciates the work that went into creating the recommendations and sincerely values the opportunity to give feedback on these important issues. VOCA funding is integral to keeping Missouri victims safe, and we thank you for considering our feedback in determining equitable and sustainable solutions.
House of Refuge	Jill Wondel	Thank you for all your work trying to keep as many shelters funded as possible. I know the volatility of the VOCA fund has been frustrating for you as well as us.
I Pour Life, Inc.	Courtney Davis	
Jackson County Prosecutor's Office	Jean Baker	While I aware that MAPA has been soliciting support for this effort to explore new avenues for funding, I must admit that I do not see how this proposed process benefits our office, especially given our extensive history of receiving direct grant funding and the presence of experienced staff who have been instrumental in grant reporting and management over the past decade.

JADASA	Cynthia R. Bennett	There is a valid concern that this proposed change may lead to limitations in funding. The direct grant funding we have received has allowed us to allocate resources directly to where they are needed most – supporting victim advocate positions. Introducing intermediaries or changing the process may inadvertently reduce the amount of funding available for these crucial roles, which could have a detrimental effect on our community and the services we provide to victims.
Jasper County CASA	Debi Koelkebeck	Please use this opportunity to make sure that the core services provided by the “areas of focus” as identified by the department in previous NFO’s are adequately funded. I applaud the efforts that have gone into reforming this very broken system, but ask you and our legislators to make sure that core services like CAC’s and CASA’s are adequately funded before other programs that are new and not identified as areas of focus.
Jefferson City Rape and Abuse Crisis Services, Inc.	Angela Hirsch	There was a comment made that any Board Member of a “pass through” agency would be ineligible to receive VOCA funding. At least two of the recommended agencies have very active agency members who serve in leadership positions or board positions within the organizations. Limiting local agency opportunity for involvement, input, leadership and advocacy within a membership/coalition group limits that group’s insight into the issues, successes and needs at the local agency level. This needs to be re-evaluated and a determination as to how local agencies can remain an active part of state-wide policy within their field is vital.
KC Mother’s In Charge	Christina Esteban	None at this time. Appreciate all the careful considerations and transparency in forming a proposal.
Kid’s Harbor, Inc.	Cara Gerdiman	
Legal Aid of Western Missouri	Shannon Carney	
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri	Juliana Greenfield	
Lester E. Cox Medical Center dba CoxHealth	Brooke Batesel & Tammy Flippen	
Life Source Consultants	Gloria Johnson	
Livingston County	Karen Hinton	

Prosecutor's Office		
Lydia's House, Inc.	Asma Waheed	The goal should be to stretch VOCA funds between new and old agencies. The goal is to collectively serve victims not just a few agencies taking the majority of VOCA funds.
McDonald County Circuit Court	Tanya Lewis	Not sure if we have been provided enough information on each recommendation to make the best choice for our agencies.
Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault	Julie Donelon	
Mid Ozark CASA Program	Mary Heywood	
Mid-Missouri Legal Services Corporation	Kristen Dunham	
Missouri Alliance for Children & Families, LLC	Carrie Bolm	I believe you have an error in the standalone contract section. I believe your total funding adjusted level should be \$2,794,539 not \$2,949,990.
Missouri State Highway Patrol (Sexual Assault/Human Trafficking)	Holly A. Haarmann	
New-Mac CASA	Ellen Vogt	
North Central Missouri Children's Advocacy Center	Verna Kelsey	
Phelps County Family Crisis Services, Inc. (Russell House)	Katie Croker	
Rainbow House Regional Child Advocacy Center	Brenda Porter	
Randolph County Prosecutor's Office	Erica Nobles	They like working with DSS. They do not want MAPA to dictate to them about their grant money.
Regional Family Crisis Center	Emily McDonald	
Rose Brooks Center, Inc.	Lisa Fleming	We urge the Department of Social Services, the legislature, and Governor's office to develop and approve a state budget that allocates general revenues and/or other unallocated state and federal funds to the VOCA grant program until the VOCA fix can generate increased funds. Failure to do so will place thousands of Missouri citizens and

		their children at risk of being hurt worse or killed because essential safety net services for crime victims were eliminated.
Safe Connections	Cynthia Danley	
Safe House for Women, Inc	Jessica Hill	<p>We take issue with the MOCADSV concerns listed on page 3 of the VOCA Synopsis document.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Non-members not being treated equally. All trainings have been offered to all VOCA grantees and technical assistance is just an email or phone call away. Is this an actual experience or simply a perception? 2. MOCADSV's stance on Roe v. Wade. MOCADSV did not take a stance on this issue. When legislation related to abortion was introduced in the Missouri legislature, the MOCADSV public policy committee's official position was "monitoring". The one agency that halted their membership because they felt their views did not align with MOCADSV's has since rejoined the coalition and their director has been appointed to the public policy committee. 3. Questionable advice regarding accounting procedures. Without examples of this, it is difficult to address. However, MOCADSV has a demonstrated track record of excellent financial procedures, clean audits, and proficient TA in this area. 4. Limited face-to-face interaction. MOCADSV holds frequent in-person trainings, a biannual conference, and regional meetings on at least a quarterly basis. This is not a concern. 5. MOCADSV doesn't understand the agencies or the needs. Patently false. 6. Conflict of interest. DSS should be the direct contractor, then there would be no conflict. 7. Members receive information on VOCA/Agencies don't receive the same training opps. As stated above, all trainings are available to everyone and TA is a phone call or email away. No information is withheld. 8. MOCADSV stated providers could not directly engage with the state agency. I do not believe this is the case. We have regular contact with our program officer at DSS when needed. 9. Concerns will only fund DV and SV. I'm not sure why this is a concern when the proposal is intended to do this. Again, if DSS is the direct contractor, this is not an issue. 10. MOCADSV made a Social Media post. This was a truly unfortunate error made by a contractor, not by MOCADSV staff, without prior knowledge or authorization by MOCADSV. The post was deleted immediately and the contract cancelled. 11. MOCADSV continues to hold conference calls. MOCADSV has a responsibility to keep its members informed of issues directly impacting a significant funding source. The question should be why did DSS ask them not to communicate with their members?

		Finally, we feel that DSS should be actively working with the legislature to secure general revenue appropriations to bolster VOCA. Thank you for your time and consideration of our feedback.
Safe Passage	Kelly Pedigo	<p>I would like to begin with saying that I DO NOT envy anyone that is having to make these difficult decisions. There isn't an easy "fix all" decision to make here. I do understand that, and I understand that there has been effort to make ethical recommendations. I have been working at Safe Passage for 17 years. I started as a volunteer and then held the position of Victim Advocate, Children's Services Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, and then Co-Director. I have worked closely with MOCADSV and other shelters over the years and have a heart for all that do this work. My opinion is just that...it stems from the environment I have been immersed in. I hope that it is helpful for parties on all sides of this issue.</p> <p>Additional: I did not disagree with funding cuts, if they are necessary at this time. I suggest splitting the funding left over from removing the increases among other providers...or increasing the cap a bit. I know that is too simple of an answer for a complex problem like this, but it is a start. Thank you for your time.</p>
Selah Place of Oregon Co, Inc.	Donna Franz	
Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence	Kendra Eads	
St. Charles Family Court	Michelle Barron	
St. Charles County, Prosecutor's Office	Victoria Roberts	
St. Louis County – Department of Human Services	Emily Burgess	
St. Martha's Hall		At this point, Saint Martha's agrees with the proposals AND will continue to advocate for an increase in funds.
Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center, Inc.	Marsha Keene	
Synergy Services, Inc.	Sara Brammer	
The Child Advocacy Center St. Louis (Child Center) & NE	Julie Seymore	

The Victim Center Inc.	Anne Crites	
Warren County/ Turning Point Advocacy Services	Wende Ochoa	While we as an agency are unsure of how to solve the problem, we appreciate seeking the opinions of the agencies that are affected.
Whole Health Outreach/CASA Guadalupe Family	Suzette Smith	



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Dear VOCA Unit,

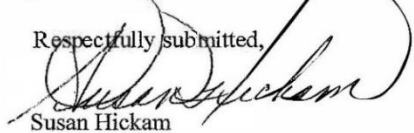
Recognizing the critical role VOCA plays in all victim services, we present a strategic proposal aimed at enhancing the funding allocation process. This approach not only aligns with VOCA's mission but also introduces a fair and transparent system that promotes innovation and accountability. By establishing a pre-bid process, a performance-based funding model, and transparent evaluation criteria, we aim to foster a dynamic environment where agencies can showcase their effectiveness, resulting in a more impactful allocation of resources. This allows for the state to meet the federal requirement of considering new programs and watch for an overlap in services while allowing an established organization to stabilize and grow its services.

This competitive nature encourages agencies to elevate their services, promoting not only innovation but also financial sustainability. It recognizes that organizations demonstrating tangible outcomes and effectively addressing the needs of victims should be prioritized. Furthermore, the proposal addresses the current challenges faced by agencies due to fund reductions, as the competitive model emphasizes the importance of strategic planning and collaboration, potentially allowing organizations to secure additional funding through diversified streams.

We believe that implementing these recommendations will not only enhance the efficiency of the funding allocation process but will also contribute to a work environment that attracts and retains qualified professionals. This, in turn, ensures consistent and high-quality care for victims. We are eager to collaborate with VOCA in refining and implementing these suggestions, fostering a system that not only supports innovation but also ensures that funding is directed to organizations that can make a lasting impact.

Thank you for considering our proposal, including the additional document that supports the process. If you have questions or would like to discuss the proposal in more detail, please feel free to contact me and/or our Organizational Excellence Director, Eli Moran.

Respectfully submitted,


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VOCA Recommendations

Overview

This Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding allocation process seeks to maximize impact and ensure equitable distribution of resources. The primary focus is on implementing a competitive bid proposal system that aligns with VOCA standards and eligibility requirements.

Pre-Bid

Create a format for a pre-bid proposal for new agencies or current VOCA agencies wishing to add new services. The pre-bid process should be completed one month prior to the formal competitive proposal process. The pre-bid proposal should outline the intended service, state collaborative efforts, identify and demonstrate the need (show these are not duplicative or overlap of services), and provide an anticipated budget. Based on the pre-bid proposal, invite qualifying new agencies or current agencies with a new service to submit their request within the formal competitive proposal process that will be open to all current VOCA agencies.

1. Competitive Bid Proposal Format

Design a standardized format for agencies to submit competitive bid proposals, including key components such as:

- Executive Summary
- Project Overview:
 - Objectives
 - Systems Approach
 - Target Population and Engagement Strategy

2. Performance-Based Funding Model

Introduce a performance-based funding model with the following features:

- Clear metrics for success
- Funding tiers based on performance
- Demonstrated client data
- Periodic evaluations to determine continued funding

3. Transparent Evaluation Criteria

Establish transparent and comprehensive evaluation criteria for agencies to address in their competitive bid proposals, covering:

- Broad Impact
- Community Engagement
- Timeliness
- Collaboration and Partnerships
- Strategic Planning for Systems Change
- Innovation
- Tenure of Agency

4. Addressing Fund Reduction Challenges

Recognize the challenges posed by fund reductions and propose strategies to address them:

- Explore alternative funding sources
- Foster partnerships with private donors and corporations
- Encourage community fundraising initiatives
- Diversify funding streams for financial sustainability

5. Eligibility and Subrecipient Requirements

Reiterate the eligibility requirements for subrecipient agencies, ensuring alignment with VOCA standards. This may include:

- Nonprofit or governmental status
- Record of effective services to crime victims
- Financial support from non-federal and non-state sources
- Use of volunteers in service provision
- Promotion of coordinated efforts within the community

6. Confidentiality and Compliance

Highlight the importance of maintaining confidentiality, complying with VOCA, Program Guidelines, and DOJ Financial Guide, and providing services to victims at no charge.

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During the SFY23 legislative session budget hearings, the Department of Social Services (DSS) stated a formula funding plan would be developed with a stakeholder group. To facilitate this task, DSS convened eleven (11) stakeholder meetings from October 2022 through July 2023. The first meetings included multiple stakeholders that represented all agencies. After discussions in these meetings, the group concluded a smaller stakeholder group of member organizations would develop a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) formula funding plan. The plan would then be shared with all VOCA providers.

Stakeholders Included or Represented During Meetings

- Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence – Membership organization (66 VOCA funded agencies are members) and DSS technical assistance provider for VOCA and Domestic Violence Shelter Services. Organizational members¹ pay .3% of a program’s domestic and/or sexual violence service budget with a yearly minimum of \$300. Affiliate members pay \$300. Membership is open to multiple types of agencies and organizations.
- MO Network of Child Advocacy Centers dba MO Kids First – Membership organization that provides training and technical assistance to Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) to ensure they meet accreditation and DSS technical assistance provider. (Note: All CACs are nationally accredited, and there are strict accreditation requirements for the various types of services such as interviews, mental health services, forensic interviews, etc.) The

- only members are the 15 CACs. MO Kids First receives \$50,000 in membership dues based on a formula with a minimum of \$500 membership due.
- MO Court Appointed Special Advocates (MO CASA) – Coordinating agency for CASA programs. There are 24 CASAs, and 19 are currently VOCA providers. MO CASA receives \$100 a year for membership fees from the CASAs.
- Missouri Association for Prosecuting Attorneys (MAPA) – Membership organization that assists PAs in access to continuing education, lobbying, coordinates training, and provides technology support for all counties with Karpel Case Management (database to track criminal cases and victim assistance). Membership fees are \$344.60 for each elected official and \$114.86 for an assistant prosecutor or investigator, with fees increasing 2% annually. There are 450 assistant PA/Investigators.
- MO Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation (MO-CATE) – Membership organization working towards community collaboration to respond to human trafficking. No membership fees at this time.
- Department of Public Safety (DPS) – Previously administered VOCA and currently administers Violence Against Women, Sexual Assault Services Program, Victims Compensation, State services to Victims Fund, Protection Program for Victim/Witnesses of Violent Crimes, Title II Grant- Juvenile Justice, and Missouri Victim Automated Notification System.
 - Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) – Receives VOCA funding for one (1) initiative.⁴
- 138 VOCA Providers

Note: MAPA provides funding for 70 Prosecuting Attorney (PA) Offices. This will add the ten (10) remaining PAs.

The smaller stakeholder group developed a formula funding plan that was shared with all VOCA providers through a WebEx on July 19, 2023. During and after the WebEx, DSS received feedback from organizations with no consensus on the VOCA funding allocation methodology. Meeting minutes are included in the attached document, and are available on the Department of Social Services (DSS) website at: [Victims of Crime Act | division | Missouri Department of Social Services \(mo.gov\)](https://www.dss.mo.gov/victim-crime-act/division)

Overview of the Proposed FFY25 Changes Based on Provider Input

Current	Proposed
1. DSS conducts a competitive bid process (180 contracts).	1. DSS will contract with up to five (5) agencies as sub recipients of the funds to aid in the distribution of funds based on the type of agency.
2. DSS contracts directly with MSHP for school suicide hotline and human trafficking training for officers.	2. DSS will continue to contract directly with MSHP, but also contract directly with DeafLEAD, and Legal Aid/Legal Services as these agencies provide statewide services.
3. There is currently no cap on the funding amounts agencies are eligible for.	3. A cap of \$750,000 for non-statewide services to reduce the contract amounts as the VOCA fund is anticipated to continue to decline. This will not impact the FFY24 contracts. For FFY24, 10 agencies received 23% of the total VOCA grant. If this cap was in place for FFY24, the contracted amounts would have decreased by \$5.5M.
4. There is currently not a base amount on the funds an agency can receive.	4. Agencies receiving \$200,000 or less will receive the lesser of \$200,000 or their bid amount. This does not impact FFY24. During the FFY24 bid process, the agencies at \$200,000 or less were also either given the lesser of their bid amount or expenditures. If the base amount was in place for FFY24, this would have impacted 38 agencies and increase the contracted amount by \$1.4M.
5. VOCA has regional allocations.	5. Discontinue regional allocations, instead rely upon sub-recipients to distribute funds across the regions based on demonstrated need across the various types of agencies.
6. MO Kids First and MOCADSV provide Technical Assistance.	6. DSS will provide a robust training plan including federal training that is available, and procure additional training if needed.

Details of the Proposed FFY25 Changes Based on Provider Input

1. Contract with five (5) agencies to be the sub recipient of VOCA funds. This will allow these agencies to determine the allocation methodology and submit their application to DSS for approval, as well as ensure a consistent percentage of the grant towards statewide services, regardless of whether there are increases or decreases in the overall VOCA grant amount.⁵

DSS intends to fund the majority, or all, of these costs with the 5% administration cap that DSS currently allocates for DSS operations. Applications will be accepted for an organization to be the sub recipient of federal funds for the following types of agencies:

1. Child Advocacy Centers:
 - a. Contracted Number of Agencies: 14
 - b. Last 12 Month Award: \$4,945,696
 - c. Allocation After Proposed Adjustments and Recommended Award: \$5,053,368
 - d. Percent of Total: 11%
2. Court Appointed Special Advocates:
 - a. Contracted Number of Agencies: 19
 - b. Last 12 Month Award: \$2,158,990
 - c. Allocation After Proposed Adjustments and Recommended Award: \$2,825,464
 - d. Percent of Total: 6%
3. Prosecuting Attorneys:
 - a. Contracted Number of Agencies: 804
 - b. Last 12 Month Award: \$4,758,748
 - c. Allocation After Proposed Adjustments and Recommended Award: \$4,864,446
 - d. Percent of Total: 11%
4. Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence:
 - a. Contracted Number of Agencies: 53
 - b. Last 12 Month Award: \$24,085,492
 - c. Allocation After Proposed Adjustments and Recommended Award: \$20,129,818
 - d. Percent of Total: 44%

5. Multiple Services:

- a. Contracted Number of Agencies: 36
- b. Last 12 Month Award: \$10,543,540
- c. Allocation After Proposed Adjustments and Recommended Award:
\$9,584,284
- d. Percent of Total: 21%

An agency interested in being a sub recipient will submit an application indicating they agree to certain terms and conditions, including, but not limited to:

- Board members cannot receive VOCA funds.
 - Can only apply for one category of funding.
 - Cannot provide direct services to victims, advocate for or against abortion, or use the funds for lobbying purposes or equipment purchases.
 - Must invite DSS to all meetings that provide VOCA information to a group, and provide the same VOCA information and services to agency members and non-members.
 - Must comply with all DOJ and DSS requirements, including but not limited to: those outlined in the DSS handbook, allowable costs, submitting required reports, submitting invoices and budget/budget narratives, monitoring, risk assessments, etc. (see attachment 17, 18, and 19 for information on the requirements).
 - Agencies approved to be a sub recipient will submit a budget and budget narrative with costs associated with the VOCA program, including, but not limited to: monitoring, invoicing, training specific to their providers, supplies, etc.
2. Contract directly with agencies that provide services that are necessary to operate the VOCA program. The agencies outlined below provide statewide services, and receive referrals from VOCA providers on a regular basis.

1. Missouri State Highway Patrol: 1 contract⁴

- a. Last 12 Month Award: \$36,015
- b. Proposed Allocation: \$36,015

2. DeafLEAD:

- a. Last 12 Month Award: \$837,622

- b. Proposed Allocation: \$1,000,000 (Proposed increase is based on the original request, and the increase in the need of services since 2021)
- 3. Legal Aid/Legal Services: 4 contracts
 - a. Last 12 Month Award: \$1,018,698
 - b. Proposed Allocation: \$1,750,000 (Proposed increase based on the number of victims currently on waitlists that need legal representation)
- Total
 - Last 12 Month Award: \$2,047,786
 - Allocation After Proposed Adjustments and Recommended Award: \$2,949,990
 - Percent of Total: 6%
- 3. Reduce the total funding any one agency can receive to \$750,000 for non-statewide services. This will not impact the FFY24 contracts. For FFY24, 10 agencies received 23% of the total VOCA grant. If this cap was in place for FFY24, the contracted amounts would have decreased by \$5.5M.
 - See *“Recommended Sub recipient and Current Allocations with Adjustment Projections”* for the impact by agency.
- 4. Allow agencies that bid at or below \$200,000 to receive their maximum bid, up to \$200,000. This does not impact FFY24, during the FFY24 bid process, the agencies at \$200,000 or less were also either given the lesser of their bid amount or expenditures. If the base amount was in place for FFY24, this would have impacted 38 agencies and increase the contracted amount by \$1.4M.
 - See *“Recommended Sub recipient and Current Allocations with Adjustment Projections”* for the impact by agency.
- 5. Discontinue regional allocations, instead rely upon sub-recipients to distribute funds across the regions based on demonstrated need across the various types of agencies. Regional allocations were put in place for contracts beginning April 1, 2022. This was implemented due to the disparities in VOCA funding in St. Louis and Southwest Missouri.
- 6. Provide a robust training package for VOCA providers with additional training based on provider feedback (i.e. gun violence, human trafficking, grant writing, fund raising, operating a small business, etc.). The total amount of training for VOCA and DVSS is anticipated to be less than the current allocations for training. These trainings are expected to include:
 - a. Free training from the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC). DSS is in the process of coordinating with OVC and their training providers to determine

- trainings available that DSS can host on an internal web page, as well as up to four (4) trainings per year that can be tailored to Missouri.
- b. DSS will review other state websites to determine what can be replicated for Missouri.
 - c. DSS will determine trainings that can be developed in-house to ensure all grantees have access to information on completing federal reporting requirements, information on grant writing, developing budgets, non-profit fundamentals, etc. DSS has already begun this process.

While DSS understands not all agencies will agree with the methodology outlined in the above, DSS believes this approach is in the best interest of the VOCA program and is best positioned to mitigate significant impacts to programs resulting from future funding fluctuations. In addition, these changes will improve access to VOCA funding and supports for a majority of the agencies across the state, and ensure designated allocations for the different crime types. DSS also intends to continue supporting the VOCA program through provider communication and ongoing training.

After submission to the General Assembly and Governor's Office, DSS intends to hold a stakeholder feedback call. DSS will compile all comments from the call and subsequently make recommendations to the General Assembly and Governor's Office if the majority of the VOCA providers indicate a change is necessary for VOCA operations, or if they indicate this proposed approach will adversely affect the overall program.

Sincerely,

Patrick Luebbering

Chief Financial Officer

¹Of the agencies listed under DV/SV, 45 are organizational members, 2 are affiliate members, and 6 are not members.

²The VOCA grant for FFY24 included \$7.9M in General Revenue.

³DSS contract language for the sub recipients will require the allocation methodology to be submitted for review. The sub recipient will assume all of the federal responsibility of administering the grant including: monitoring, invoicing, reporting, etc. DSS will pay the administration costs from the 5% allocation reserved for DSS administration.

There have been a few agencies that do not want to contract directly with these agencies, but it is preferential, and not based on concerns regarding the agencies ability to administer the program.

⁴ Currently there are 2 contracts. The MSHP hotline contract expires effective January 31, 2024. MSHP is not requesting future funding of \$155,451 as they now have funding in their budget to support the hotline.

⁵ Kids First receives a contract of \$58,592, and MOCADSV receives Technical Assistance (TA) contracts of \$331,460 in VOCA and \$668,574 from DVSS.

VOCA Synopsis

Background

- VOCA was transferred from Department of Public Safety (DPS) to Department of Social Services (DSS) in 2017
- Funding levels have been unstable due to inconsistently at the federal level which is driven by the collection of fines and fees. Missouri's SFY24 budget included \$15M of General Revenue to keep the contracts stable. It is anticipated \$5M of the \$15M will be used.

2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
\$6.8M	\$6.8M	\$7.1M	\$7.6M	\$7.1M	\$5.9M	\$11.1M	\$7.9M	\$8.1M	\$7.2M	\$8M

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
\$8.6M	\$36M	\$41M	\$34.4M	\$61.8M	\$41.7M	\$30.9M	\$19.2M	\$26.3M	\$24.7M

- Notice of Funding Opportunity released in 2021:
 - Included regions to address discrepancies in funding allocations in St. Louis and Southwest and presented these to MO Kids First and MOCADSV.
 - Enhanced points for services, and reduction to allowable response length.
 - Received 197 bids with 140 providers totaling \$69.6M and funding to allocate to these contracts was \$48.5M.
 - There were multiple iterations of funding possibilities shared with MOCADSV and MO Kids First.
 1. Only awarding top bidders - There would have been 86 contracts with 77 providers, compared with the 194 contracts, and 140 providers. (Currently there are 190 contracts.)
 2. Provide funding to bidders on a sliding scale.
 3. Average of the expenditures for the last 12 months, or the lesser of the bid. New bidders receive the lesser of the bid or the average of the region.
 4. Average of the expenditures for the first 11 months, or the lesser of the bid. New bidders receive the lesser of the bid or the average of the region.

5. Average of the 23 months, or the lesser of the bid. New bidders receive the lesser of the bid or the average of the region.
 - After discussion, the 5th option was chosen as it would keep the agencies “whole”. *See Attachment 2 for provider funding levels.*
 - DSS held conference calls with providers regarding the new contracts and contract process.
 - Contracts began April 1, 2022.

For additional information, see Attachment #3.

Stakeholder Engagement

- DSS hosted meetings in 2022:
 - October 14 – Meeting Minutes in Attachment 6
 - November 7 – Meeting Minutes in Attachment 7
 - December 12 – Meeting Minutes in Attachment 8
- After the initial meetings, there was a request to lower the attendees to groups that could represent all agencies including: DSS, MSHP, MOCADSV, MO Kids First, Missouri Association for Prosecuting Attorneys, and MO-CASA
- Stakeholder meetings occurred:
 - December 20, 2022 – Meeting Minutes in Attachment 9
 - January 10, 2023 – Meeting Minutes in Attachment 10
 - February 21, 2023 – Meeting Minutes in Attachment 11
 - March 27, 2023 – Meeting Minutes in Attachment 12
 - May 1, 2023 – Meeting Minutes in Attachment 13
 - May 23, 2023 – Meeting Minutes in Attachment 14
 - June 20, 2023 – Meeting Minutes in Attachment 15
 - July 10, 2023 – Meeting Minutes in Attachment 16
 - July 19, 2023 – Meeting Minutes in Attachment 17
 - August 7, 2023 – Meeting Minutes in Attachment 18
 - September 20, 2023 – Meeting Minutes in Attachment 19
 - October 5, 2023 – Meeting Minutes in Attachment 20
 - November 1, 2023 – Meeting Minutes in Attachment 21
 - December 14, 2023 – Small Stakeholder Meeting Minutes in Attachment 22

- December 14, 2023 – Meeting Minutes in Attachment 23
- January 4, 2024 – Meeting Minutes in Attachment 24

Note: MSHP didn't continue to attend after the conversations were in regards to sub recipients

- During the meeting on June 20, 2023, DSS outlined some options for discussion:
 - Option 1: Contract with MCADSV, MO Kids First, MO-CASA, and MAPA Potential Allocations
 - Option #2: Create 4 formulas and 1 competitive bid
 - Option #3: Entire competitive bid
 - The represented agencies chose for DSS to subcontract with them
- July 19, 2023 in which DSS reviewed the history, VOCA funding, award amounts, regional structure, upcoming contracts, and reviewed the stakeholder group meeting – Attachment 17
- August 7, 2023 DSS reviewed new Fact sheet, quarterly report, grant release and conditions update, 4 provider updates, discussed the next meeting, and future communication – Attachment 18

Overview of Stakeholder Recommendations & Options

Option	Stakeholder Group Opinion	Pros	Cons	Notes	Department Recommendations
Contract with MOCADSV, MO Kids First, MO-CASA, and MAPA as sub recipients	This is the option these agencies would like to pursue	<p>Sub recipient would make determinations through a formula or competitive process based on feedback from providers</p> <p>There would be a consistent percentage amount of the total grant for the agencies</p>	<p>Received feedback from agencies with concerns</p> <p>The Department will lose some of the one-on-one contact with the agencies.</p> <p>Many agencies did not request or want any changes to the current processes.</p> <p>In contracting with additional sub grantees, the department loses oversight of data reports and expenditures.</p>	Comments referenced in Attachment 16	Determine procurement mechanism.
Create 4 formulas and 1 competitive bid	Preferred Option #1	Consistent Formula	Doesn't take into consideration variances for rural vs. urban costs		
Entire competitive bid	Preferred Option #1, but agreed necessary for underserved	Entire process will continue to remain competitive	The process is time consuming as every application is reviewed by multiple people		
Reduce the funding level that any one agency can receive					

Recommended Sub Recipient & Current Allocations with Adjustment Projections for Contracts beginning October 1, 2024

Child Advocacy Sub Recipient

Provider	Bid	12 Month Funding Level	Adjusted Funding Level	Impact	Comments
Child Protection Center, Inc.	\$335,768	\$267,220	\$267,220	\$0	
Child Safe of Central Missouri, Inc.	\$610,000	\$573,124	\$573,124	\$0	Under multi-region, but should have been one bid because providing on site services in one location.
Children's Center of Southwest Missouri	\$981,104	\$597,906	\$597,906	\$0	
Compass Health (Previously Comtrea), Children's Advocacy Center	\$291,940	\$202,616	\$202,616	\$0	3 CACs. Split the region bids and costs between MO Kids First and DSS bid.
Curators of the University of Missouri on Behalf of UMSL Child Advocacy Services	\$309,474	\$308,708	\$308,708	\$0	
KVC Niles Great Circle	\$675,946	\$537,324	\$537,324	\$0	Same agency, but was not under multi-region. One contract bid was \$387,947 and award of \$311,514, and the other contract was \$287,999 and award of \$225,810.
Kids' Harbor, Inc.	\$941,323	\$690,116	\$690,116	\$0	
North Central Missouri Children's Advocacy Center	\$122,496	\$109,504	\$122,496	\$12,992	Under multi-region, but should have been one bid because the agency is providing services in one location.
Northwest Missouri Children's Advocacy Center- voices of courage	\$325,000	\$250,090	\$250,090	\$0	

Rainbow House Regional Child Advocacy Center	\$364,430	\$148,624	\$200,000	\$51,376	
Stone County Assistance Team / Lakes Area CAC	\$52,000	\$48,744	\$52,000	\$3,256	
The Child Advocacy Center	\$880,000	\$678,696	\$678,696	\$0	Under multi-region, but should have been one bid because the agency is providing services in one location.
The Child Advocacy Center (Child Center)	\$869,960	\$403,072	\$403,072	\$0	Under multi-region, but should have been one bid because the agency is providing services in one location.
Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence	\$170,000	\$129,952	\$170,000	\$40,048	
14	\$6,929,441	\$4,945,696	\$5,053,368	\$107,672	Adjusted Funding Level % of Total: 11%

Court Appointed Special Advocate Sub Recipient

Provider	Bid	12 Month Funding Level	Adjusted Funding Level	Impact	Comments
15th Judicial Circuit CASA	\$75,000	\$34,168	\$75,000	\$40,832	
37th Judicial CASA	\$171,871	\$43,200	\$171,871	\$128,671	
Butler County Community Resource Council (CASA of the 36th)	\$70,000	\$30,790	\$70,000	\$39,210	
Capital City CASA	\$161,018	\$115,296	\$161,018	\$45,722	
CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Southwest Missouri	\$325,000	\$114,916	\$200,000	\$85,084	

Attachment 4

CASA of Dunklin County	\$92,400	\$72,676	\$92,400	\$19,724	
Casa of South Central Missouri - 25th Judicial Circuit	\$518,166	\$219,096	\$219,096	\$0	
Court Appointed Special Advocates of Southeast Missouri, Inc- voices for children	\$200,000	\$192,450	\$200,000	\$7,550	
CASA of St. Louis	\$233,991	\$203,122	\$203,122	\$0	
Court Appointed Special Advocates of the Parkland	\$51,884	\$51,884	\$51,884	\$0	
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Jefferson County	\$110,526	\$90,514	\$110,526	\$20,012	
Douglass Community Services-CASA Program	\$82,180	\$70,802	\$82,180	\$11,378	
Franklin County CASA, Inc.	\$140,289	\$90,916	\$140,289	\$49,373	
Heart of Missouri CASA	\$162,500	\$109,604	\$162,500	\$52,896	
Jackson County CASA	\$397,738	\$392,664	\$392,664	\$0	
Jasper County CASA	\$262,437	\$149,380	\$200,000	\$50,620	
Mid Ozark CASA Program	\$112,865	\$66,426	\$112,865	\$46,439	
New-Mac CASA	\$100,088	\$44,024	\$100,088	\$56,064	
St. Charles County Family Court- Juvenile Division	\$79,961	\$67,062	\$79,961	\$12,899	
19	\$3,347,914	\$2,158,990	\$2,825,464	\$666,474	Adjusted Funding Level % of Total: 6%

Prosecuting Attorney Subrecipient

Provider	Bid	12 Month Funding Level	Adjusted Funding Level	Impact	Comments
MAPA	\$3,437,099	\$3,401,846	\$3,401,846	\$0	Services are provided by 70 PAs.
17th Judicial Circuit - Cass County Prosecutors Office	\$198,768	\$193,518	\$198,768	\$5,250	
Boone County Prosecuting Attorney	\$162,128	\$156,154	\$162,128	\$5,974	
County of Greene	\$123,924	\$123,924	\$123,924	\$0	
Jackson County, Prosecutor's Office	\$439,950	\$277,378	\$277,378	\$0	
Livingston County Prosecutor's Office	\$40,964	\$33,528	\$40,964	\$7,436	
Randolph County Prosecutor's Office	\$45,000	\$42,988	\$45,000	\$2,012	
St. Charles County, Prosecutor's Office	\$154,929	\$77,200	\$154,929	\$77,729	
McDonald County Circuit Court	\$33,759	\$26,462	\$33,759	\$7,297	
City of St. Louis by and Through the St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office Victim Services	\$611,847	\$425,750	\$425,750	\$0	
10	\$5,248,368	\$4,758,748	\$4,864,446	\$105,698	Adjusted Funding Level % of Total: 11%

Multiple Services Subrecipient

Provider	Bid	12 Month Funding Level	Adjusted Funding Level	Impact	Comments
ARCHS Community Partnership	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$750,000	-\$250,000	Previously did not competitively bid, but recommend requiring bid during the next competitive process.
AdHoc Group Against Crime	\$88,480	\$88,480	\$88,480	\$0	Provides crisis intervention for homicide victims and their families.
Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition	\$194,872	\$194,872	\$194,872	\$0	Provides survivor support, outreach, and education.
Central Mo Foster Care Coalition	\$425,000	\$425,000	\$425,000	\$0	Provides family advocacy for children in foster care.
Child Abuse Prevention Association	\$862,208	\$724,568	\$724,568	\$0	Provides counseling and family support for children in foster care.
Children's Home Society of Missouri DBA Family Forward	\$615,017	\$311,511	\$311,511	\$0	Provides therapy and education for children in foster care and their families.
Cornerstones of Care	\$68,522	\$68,522	\$68,522	\$0	Provides life skills and transitional housing to youth who are victims.
Employment Connection	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	Provides gun violence education, and conflict resolution for families.
Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition	\$507,000	\$386,848	\$386,848	\$0	Provides support so children can be cared for in the homes or relatives, and not other Resource Parents.
Foster Adopt Connect, Inc.-BI & KI	\$2,973,760	\$1,072,110	\$750,000	-\$322,110	Kinship - Provides support so children can be cared for in the homes or relatives, and not other Resource Parents. Behavior Intervention - Provides counseling and therapy sessions for the families in the Kinship program. Under multi-region, but should have been one bid because providing on site services in one location. BI - \$2,115,686 bid and \$1,326,000 award; and KI - \$858,074 bid and \$376,110 award.
Grain Valley Police Department	\$64,000	\$55,532	\$64,000	\$8,468	Crime victim advocate.

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Healing Action Network, Inc	\$497,151	\$263,120	\$263,120	\$0	Advocate for victims of sexual exploitation.
I Pour Life, Inc	\$399,979	\$252,668	\$252,668	\$0	Provide counseling and support groups for children 16-24 who are no longer in foster care.
Kansas City 33 Public Schools, DBA, Kansas City Public Schools	\$2,587,500	\$1,376,086	\$750,000	-\$626,086	Provide special trained counselors for victims of crime in the schools.
Kansas City Missouri, Law Department	\$42,740	\$42,740	\$42,740	\$0	Victim advocates. Listed under multi-region. Provides services statewide.
KC Mothers in Charge	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$0	Provide services for homicide victims, and act as a liaison with the police department and court proceedings.
MICA Project	\$168,599	\$56,882	\$168,599	\$111,717	Provides services to refugees who are survivors of domestic violence.
Missouri Alliance for Children & Families, LLC	\$541,591	\$192,766	\$200,000	\$7,234	Provides training to foster parents on properly handling behaviors. Has 5 physical locations and recommend continuing to send separate bids.
Mothers Against Drunk Driving	\$403,002	\$293,876	\$293,876	\$0	Victim advocates. Listed under multi-region. Provides services statewide.
Reynolds County Crime Victim Advocate Program/Reynolds County Sheriff's Office	\$40,500	\$38,160	\$40,500	\$2,340	Victim advocate
The Children's Place, Inc	\$650,000	\$400,012	\$400,012	\$0	Provides assessments and screenings, counseling, family support, day treatment, and training for victims 5 years and younger.
Wayne County Sheriffs' Office	\$24,742	\$18,400	\$18,400	\$0	Victim advocates
Crime Victim Advocacy Center	\$504,000	\$401,038	\$401,038	\$0	Victim advocates
Safe Connections	\$886,036	\$744,630	\$744,630	\$0	Victim advocates
Saweraa	\$140,000	\$82,224	\$140,000	\$57,776	Victim advocates
The Victim Center, Inc.	\$588,945	\$534,156	\$534,156	\$0	Victim advocates

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Women of Grace/GIA Community Dev. Corp	\$141,300	\$105,520	\$105,520	\$0	Victim advocates
Young Women's Christian Association of Metropolitan St. Louis	\$739,240	\$589,496	\$589,496	\$0	Victim advocates
Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corporation	\$160,851	\$109,446	\$160,851	\$51,405	Victim response team
MADD	\$403,002	\$239,877	\$239,877	\$0	Support and court advocacy for victims of drunk driving.
36	\$16,193,037	\$10,543,540	\$9,584,284	-\$959,256	<u>Adjusted Funding Level % of Total:</u> 21%

Domestic and Sexual Violence Subrecipient

Provider	Bid	12 Month Funding Level	Adjusted Funding Level	Impact	Beds	Transitional Housing	Shelter @ hotels	Total Bed , Transitional, Hotel	Comments
Abuse Victims Education Network Unified to Ensure Safety For Northeast Missouri, Inc (AVENUES) ¹	\$1,000,500	\$436,828	\$436,828	\$0	10	0	20	30	See Comment ²
Agape House Inc of Mountain View ¹	\$254,303	\$216,324	\$216,324	\$0	45	0	0	45	See Comment ² . Under multi-region, but should have been one bid because providing on site services in one location.
Audrain County Crisis Intervention Services, Inc ¹	\$402,380	\$342,138	\$342,138	\$0	10	0	11	21	See Comment ²
Christian County Family Crisis Center dba Freedom's Rest ¹	\$664,010	\$304,254	\$304,254	\$0	61	0	0	61	See Comment ²
Christos House, Inc ¹	\$290,253	\$206,120	\$206,120	\$0	36	0	6	42	See Comment ²
Citizens against Domestic Violence, Inc ¹	\$428,500	\$402,032	\$402,032	\$0	48	2	0	50	See Comment ²
Citizens Against Spouse Abuse, Inc ¹	\$462,944	\$358,822	\$358,822	\$0	21	0	10	31	See Comment ²
Community Advocacy & Resource Empowerment of Atchison County, Inc. D/B/A C.A.R.E. of Atchison INC ¹	\$97,123	\$72,620	\$97,123	\$24,503	4	0	10	14	See Comment ²

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Compass Health (Previously Community Treatment Inc, dba Comtrea A Safe Place-shelter) ¹	\$238,884	\$164,886	\$200,000	\$35,114	18	4	5	27	See Comment ² . 3 CACs and the funding levels were moved to MO Kids First.
COPE, Inc ¹	\$361,907	\$294,042	\$294,042	\$0	28	1	0	29	See Comment ²
Council on Families in Crisis, Inc ¹	\$350,000	\$341,204	\$341,204	\$0	16	0	10	26	See Comment ²
1Family Self Help Center Inc dba Lafayette House ¹	\$697,502	\$248,532	\$248,532	\$0	25	1	0	26	See Comment ²
Family Violence Center, Inc., d/b/a Harmony House ¹	\$801,408	\$689,812	\$689,812	\$0	168	1	0	169	See Comment ²
Genesis: A place of New Beginnings ¹	\$415,000	\$362,164	\$362,164	\$0	27	0	0	27	See Comment ²
Green Hills Women's Shelter ¹	\$814,070	\$684,658	\$684,658	\$0	32	0	13	45	See Comment ²
Harbor House Domestic Violence Center ¹	\$380,043	\$256,898	\$256,898	\$0	24	0	2	26	See Comment ²
Haven House, Inc. ¹	\$396,427	\$360,800	\$360,800	\$0	31	1	0	32	See Comment ²
Hope Haven of Cass County ¹	\$405,000	\$348,068	\$348,068	\$0	33	1	0	34	See Comment ²
Hope House, Inc. ¹	\$1,850,000	\$1,831,074	\$750,000	-\$1,081,074	64	10	66	140	See Comment ²
House of Hope, Inc ¹	\$321,375	\$270,786	\$270,786	\$0	30	0	0	30	See Comment ²
House of Refuge ¹	\$180,260	\$145,580	\$180,260	\$34,680	14	0	0	14	See Comment ²
Jefferson City Rape & Abuse Crisis Service, Inc. ¹	\$652,579	\$403,882	\$403,882	\$0	36	0	12	48	See Comment ²
Newhouse ¹	\$750,432	\$492,024	\$492,024	\$0	88	1	0	89	See Comment ²

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North Star- children and family center of NW MO ¹	\$171,311	\$109,504	\$171,311	\$61,807	20	1	40	61	See Comment ²
Phelps County Family Crisis Services, Inc (Russell House) ¹	\$1,036,562	\$613,030	\$613,030	\$0	40	1	0	41	See Comment ²
Polk County House of Hope, Inc. ¹	\$508,465	\$413,942	\$413,942	\$0	78	10	5	93	See Comment ²
Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc ¹	\$833,786	\$341,074	\$374,074	\$33,000	35	0	0	35	See Comment ² . Has 2 physical locations and need to submit separate bids.
Regional Family Crisis Center ¹	\$330,000	\$236,318	\$236,318	\$0	16	0	5	21	See Comment ²
Rose Brooks Center, Inc ¹	\$2,844,355	\$2,450,838	\$750,000	-\$1,700,838	100	30	0	130	See Comment ²
Safe House For Women, Inc ¹	\$585,779	\$305,362	\$305,362	\$0	32	20	15	67	See Comment ²
Safe Passage ¹	\$449,650	\$319,626	\$319,626	\$0	30	0	0	30	See Comment ²
Selah Place of Oregon Co, Inc ¹	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	11	0	0	11	See Comment ²
Southeast Missouri Family Violence ¹	\$314,540	\$314,540	\$314,540	\$0	32	1	0	33	See Comment ²
St. Louis County-Dept. of Human Services ¹	\$525,816	\$324,622	\$324,622	\$0	41	0	0	41	See Comment ²
St. Martha's Hall ¹	\$718,739	\$524,556	\$524,556	\$0	17	0	0	17	See Comment ²
Survival Adult Abuse Center, Inc ¹	\$450,000	\$415,776	\$415,776	\$0	22	0	0	22	See Comment ²
Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center, Inc ¹	\$348,950	\$326,146	\$326,146	\$0	18	0	8	26	See Comment ²

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The Women's Safe House ¹	\$1,636,631	\$785,922	\$750,000	-\$35,922	55	0	0	55	See Comment ²
True North of Columbia, Inc ¹	\$783,840	\$631,940	\$631,940	\$0	30	14	20	64	See Comment ²
Warren County/Turning Point Advocacy Services ¹	\$720,947	\$435,122	\$435,122	\$0	36	0	0	36	See Comment ²
Webster County Victim Assistance Program ¹	\$104,970	\$74,796	\$104,970	\$30,174	8	0	2	10	See Comment ²
Women's Crisis Center ¹	\$375,000	\$332,440	\$332,440	\$0	60	4	0	64	See Comment ²
YWCA St. Joseph ¹	\$893,985	\$666,580	\$666,580	\$0	43	29	0	72	See Comment ²
Whole Health Outreach/Casa Guadalupe Family Growth Center ¹	\$163,596	\$110,132	\$110,132	\$0	9	0	2	11	See Comment ²
Lydia's House, Inc ¹	\$335,000	\$254,124	\$254,124	\$0	0	50	0	50	See Comment ²
Synergy Services, Inc.	\$1,627,686	\$1,463,084	\$750,000	-\$713,084	37	26		63	
Alive, Inc. ¹	\$1,424,363	\$971,540	\$750,000	-\$221,540					Need to obtain number on housing available.
Coalition Against Rape and Domestic Violence of Callaway County ¹	\$297,361	\$251,186	\$251,186	\$0					No onsite housing, support services and referrals.
Diamond Diva Empowerment Foundation ¹	\$1,300,000	\$263,120	\$263,120	\$0					Provide transitional assistance and support services for DV victims.

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JADASA ¹	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$0					Provide assistance and support services for DV and SV victims.
Lester E. Cox Medical Center dba CoxHealth ¹	\$369,258	\$114,396	\$200,000	\$85,604					Funds SANE nurses including telehealth.
Life Source Consultants ¹	\$226,000	\$204,130	\$204,130	\$0					Provides advocacy and crisis intervention for DV and SV victims.
Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault (MOCSA)	\$1,541,303	\$1,258,098	\$750,000	-\$508,098					Provide counseling, advocacy, and support groups for adults who experienced sexual assault or childhood sexual assault in the Kansas City region.
52	\$33,472,793	\$24,085,492	\$20,129,818	\$3,955,674	1639	208	262	2109	Adjusted Funding Level % of Total: 44%

Standalone Contract - Not Bid

Provider	Bid	12 Month Funding Level	Adjusted Funding Level	Impact	Comments
Missouri State Highway Patrol (Sex Assault/Human Trafficking)	\$56,015	\$36,015	\$44,539	\$8,524	Requested \$56,015. Recommendation is to continue to allocate without a bid process.
DeafLEAD	\$964,655	\$837,622	\$1,000,000	\$162,378	Only provider who provides services statewide to crime victims who are deaf. Listed under multi-region.
Legal Aid of Western Missouri	\$409,221	\$328,012	\$500,000	\$171,988	<p>Receives referrals from agencies in their regions to provide legal services for DV/SV clients. Necessary for VOCA operations and currently cannot serve all referrals. Legal Services has 3 physical locations each, and Mid-Missouri Legal Services has 2 physical locations.</p> <p>Total Clients Served - Regardless of Funding Western Missouri served 2,533 Eastern Missouri served 754 Southern Missouri served 1,418 Mid-Missouri served 113</p> <p>Type of clients serve depend on the region, which results in higher litigation fees and court costs.</p>
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri	\$574,633	\$177,636	\$400,000	\$222,364	
Legal Services of Southern Missouri	\$1,096,800	\$412,110	\$700,000	\$287,890	
Mid-Missouri Legal Services Corporation	\$139,000	\$100,940	\$150,000	\$49,060	
7	\$3,395,775	\$2,047,786	\$2,949,990	\$902,204	Adjusted Funding Level % of Total: 6%

Technical Assistance Contracts

Provider	Current Funding Level	Adjusted Funding Level	Award	Comments
MOCADSV	\$331,460	\$200,000	\$131,460	MOCADSV also receives a Technical Assistance (TA) contract from VOCA of \$668,574.
MO Kids First	\$58,592	\$58,592	\$0	
	\$390,052	\$258,592	\$131,460	Adjusted Funding Level % of Total: 0.3%

Overall

Bid	12 Month Funding Level	Adjusted Funding Level	Net Reduction
\$68,718,788	\$48,671,712	\$45,407,370	\$3,264,342

¹DV/SV provider.

²Comment: Provide case management, crisis intervention

OVERALL - Award for 6 Months

Regions	Region % Based on Crimes	Bids			Calculation: For Current Providers, the Contract Amount is Equal to the Lesser of the Bid & Average of the Award For New Providers, the Contract Amount is Equal to the Lesser of the Bid & Average of the Region					
		Total	Amount	Reduced Bid to Remove Scores 20 and Under	Award Averaged for 12 Months (Award / 23 * 12)	Lesser of Bid & Avg Award	New Agencies: Lesser of Bid & Avg Award	Proposed Award for 12 Months	6 Month Contract (4/1/22 - 9/30/22)	Actual % by Region
Central	10.27%	33	\$10,367,416	\$9,959,050	\$7,338,967	\$7,288,914	\$194,871	\$7,483,785	\$3,741,893	15%
Kansas City	27.99%	29	\$18,346,512	\$17,860,942	\$13,603,047	\$13,172,499	\$782,013	\$13,954,512	\$6,977,256	29%
Northeast	3.43%	15	\$3,291,887	\$3,291,887	\$1,925,300	\$1,925,300	\$0	\$1,925,300	\$962,650	4%
Northwest	4.55%	16	\$4,056,673	\$4,056,673	\$3,318,792	\$3,318,792	\$0	\$3,318,792	\$1,659,396	7%
Southeast	8.33%	31	\$6,146,651	\$6,123,251	\$4,365,299	\$4,355,799	\$251,883	\$4,607,682	\$2,303,841	9%
St. Louis	26.71%	37	\$14,628,849	\$14,628,849	\$8,419,843	\$8,419,843	\$916,240	\$9,276,416	\$4,638,208	19%
Southwest	18.71%	34	\$12,501,840	\$12,001,141	\$7,327,375	\$7,327,375	\$629,260	\$7,956,636	\$3,978,318	16%
Total	100.00%	195	\$69,339,828	\$67,921,793	\$46,298,623	\$45,808,520	\$2,774,268	\$48,523,121	\$24,261,561	100%

Did not award scores under 20.

Key:

First Column "Agency" - All colors except yellow are multi-region bidders. Yellow is new bidders.

Central

Average Region Award: \$243,580

Agency	Bid			For Current Providers, the Contract Amount is Equal to the Lesser of the Bid & Average of the Award			
	Bid	Evaluation Score	Bid - Removing under a Score of 20	For New Providers, the Contract Amount is Equal to the Lesser of the Bid & Average of the Region			
				Avg Award for 12 Months (Award / 23 * 12)	Lesser of Bid & Avg Award	New Bidder = Lesser of Bid & Avg for Region	Award for 12 Months
DeafLEAD (Central & St. Louis)	\$725,475	75	\$725,475	\$636,538	\$636,538		\$636,538
Citizens against Domestic Violence, Inc.	\$428,500	72	\$428,500	\$402,032	\$402,032		\$402,032
Genesis: A place of New Beginnings	\$415,000	72	\$415,000	\$362,164	\$362,164		\$362,164
Jefferson City Rape & Abuse Crisis Service, Inc.	\$652,579	72	\$652,579	\$403,882	\$403,882		\$403,882
Alive, Inc. (Central & St. Louis)	\$275,578	71	\$275,578	\$187,968	\$187,968		\$187,968
Warren County/Turning Point Advocacy Services (Central, NE & St. Louis)	\$56,677	71	\$56,677	\$34,207	\$34,207		\$34,207
Capital City CASA	\$161,018	70	\$161,018	\$115,296	\$115,296		\$115,296
Citizens Against Spouse Abuse, Inc.	\$462,944	68	\$462,944	\$358,822	\$358,822		\$358,822

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Casa of South Central Missouri - 25th Judicial Circuit	\$518,166	67	\$518,166	\$219,096	\$219,096		\$219,096
Phelps County Family Crisis Services, Inc. (Russell House) (Central & SE)	\$890,000	65	\$890,000	\$526,352	\$526,352		\$526,352
Christos House, Inc. (Central, SE & SW)	\$36,282	64	\$36,282	\$25,765	\$25,765		\$25,765
Child Safe of Central Missouri, Inc. (Central, KC, NE, NW & SW)	\$163,968	61	\$163,968	\$154,056	\$154,056		\$154,056
COPE, Inc.	\$361,907	60	\$361,907	\$294,042	\$294,042		\$294,042
Heart of Missouri CASA	\$162,500	60	\$162,500	\$109,605	\$109,605		\$109,605
Kids' Harbor, Inc.	\$941,323	60	\$941,323	\$690,116	\$690,116		\$690,116
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (Central, NE & St. Louis)	\$52,752	60	\$52,752	\$16,307	\$16,307		\$16,307
Agape House Inc. of Mountain View - (Central & Southeast)	\$81,509	56	\$81,509	\$69,336	\$69,336		\$69,336
Comtrea (Central, SE, STL)	\$87,073	56	\$87,073	\$60,431	\$60,431		\$60,431
Coalition Against Rape and Domestic Violence of Callaway County	\$297,361	54	\$297,361	\$251,186	\$251,186		\$251,186
Central Mo Foster Care Coalition	\$425,000	51	\$425,000	\$443,478	\$425,000		\$425,000
Franklin County CASA, Inc.	\$140,289	50	\$140,289	\$90,915	\$90,915		\$90,915
Rainbow House Regional Child Advocacy Center	\$364,430	50	\$364,430	\$148,624	\$148,624		\$148,624
Mid-Missouri Legal Services Corporation (Central & NE)	\$105,000	49	\$105,000	\$76,249	\$76,249		\$76,249
True North of Columbia, Inc.	\$783,840	49	\$783,840	\$631,940	\$631,940		\$631,940
Missouri Alliance for Children & Families, LLC (Central, KC, SE & St. Louis)	\$97,486	48	\$97,486	\$34,698	\$34,698		\$34,698

Kansas City

Average Region Award: \$400,012

Agency	Bid			For Current Providers, the Contract Amount is Equal to the Lesser of the Bid & Average of the Award			
	Bid	Evaluation Score	Bid - Removing under a Score of 20	Avg Award for 12 Months (Award / 23 * 12)	Lesser of Bid & Avg Award	New Bidder = Lesser of Bid & Avg for Region	Award for 12 Months
Rose Brooks Center, Inc.	\$2,844,355	90	\$2,844,355	\$2,450,839	\$2,450,839		\$2,450,839
AdHoc Group Against Crime (New)	\$88,480	82	\$88,480	\$0	\$0	\$88,480	\$88,480
Newhouse	\$750,432	81	\$750,432	\$492,024	\$492,024		\$492,024
Hope House, Inc.	\$1,850,000	72	\$1,850,000	\$1,831,075	\$1,831,075		\$1,831,075
Synergy Services, Inc.	\$1,627,686	69	\$1,627,686	\$1,463,083	\$1,463,083		\$1,463,083
Child Protection Center, Inc.	\$335,768	67	\$335,768	\$267,220	\$267,220		\$267,220
Child Safe of Central Missouri, Inc. (Central, KC, NE, NW & SW)	\$139,080	61	\$139,080	\$130,673	\$130,673		\$130,673
KC Mothers in Charge (New)	\$225,000	61	\$225,000	\$0	\$0	\$225,000	\$225,000
Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault	\$1,541,303	59	\$1,541,303	\$1,258,098	\$1,258,098		\$1,258,098
Cornerstones of Care (New)	\$68,521	57	\$68,521	\$0	\$0	\$68,521	\$68,521
The 17th Judicial Circuit - Cass County Prosecutors Office	\$198,768	55	\$198,768	\$193,518	\$193,518		\$193,518
Child Abuse Prevention Association	\$862,208	53	\$862,208	\$724,568	\$724,568		\$724,568
Jackson County CASA	\$397,738	52	\$397,738	\$392,664	\$392,664		\$392,664
Missouri Alliance for Children & Families, LLC (Central, KC, SE & St. Louis)	\$119,150	48	\$119,150	\$42,408	\$42,408		\$42,408

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (Statewide)	\$57,781	47	\$57,781	\$34,393	\$34,393		\$34,393
Hope Haven of Cass County	\$405,000	45	\$405,000	\$348,067	\$348,067		\$348,067
Jackson County, Prosecutor's Office	\$439,950	45	\$439,950	\$277,378	\$277,378		\$277,378
Kansas City Anti-Violence Project (Statewide)¹	\$200,000	45	\$200,000	\$149,979	\$149,979		\$0
Legal Aid of Western Missouri (KC, NW & SW)	\$198,083	43	\$198,083	\$158,773	\$158,773		\$158,773
Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (Statewide)	\$162,256	42	\$162,256	\$160,592	\$160,592		\$160,592
The Children's Place, Inc. (New)	\$650,000	42	\$650,000	\$0	\$0	\$400,012	\$400,012
Foster Adopt Connect, Inc. - BI (KC & SW)	\$1,376,810	37	\$1,376,810	\$862,912	\$862,912		\$862,912
Survival Adult Abuse Center, Inc. (KC & SW)	\$301,500	36	\$301,500	\$278,570	\$278,570		\$278,570
Foster Adopt Connect, Inc. - KI (KC, NE, NW, SE, SW)	\$326,833	35	\$326,833	\$181,304	\$181,304		\$181,304
Grain Valley Police Department	\$64,000	35	\$64,000	\$55,532	\$55,532		\$55,532
Kansas City 33 Public Schools, DBA, Kansas City Public Schools	\$2,587,500	31	\$2,587,500	\$1,376,087	\$1,376,087		\$1,376,087
Kansas City Missouri, Law Department	\$42,740	24	\$42,740	\$70,648	\$42,740		\$42,740
Familyworks, Inc.	\$350,000	19	\$0	\$345,913	\$0		\$0
Mattie Rhodes Center	\$135,570	15	\$0	\$56,728	\$0		\$0
Total	\$18,346,512		\$17,860,942	\$13,603,047	\$13,172,499	\$782,013	\$13,804,532

Average Region Award: \$140,668.70

Agency	Bid			For Current Providers, the Contract Amount is Equal to the Lesser of the Bid & Average of the Award			
	Bid	Evaluation Score	Bid - Removing under a Score of 20	Avg Award for 12 Months (Award / 23 * 12)	Lesser of Bid & Avg Award	New Bidder = Lesser of Bid & Avg for Region	Award for 12 Months
Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc. (NE & St. Louis)	\$384,798	82	\$384,798	\$157,407	\$157,407		\$157,407
Abuse Victims Education Network Unified to Ensure Safety For Northeast Missouri, Inc.	\$1,000,500	71	\$1,000,500	\$436,829	\$436,829		\$436,829
Warren County/Turning Point Advocacy Services (Central, NE & St. Louis)	\$251,699	71	\$251,699	\$151,911	\$151,911		\$151,911
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (Central, NE & St. Louis)	\$110,111	62	\$110,111	\$34,039	\$34,039		\$34,039
Child Safe of Central Missouri, Inc. (Central, KC, NE, NW & SW)	\$39,040	61	\$39,040	\$36,680	\$36,680		\$36,680
Douglass Community Services-CASA Program	\$82,180	60	\$82,180	\$70,803	\$70,803		\$70,803
Audrain County Crisis Intervention Services, Inc.	\$402,380	58	\$402,380	\$342,138	\$342,138		\$342,138
Safe Passage	\$449,650	58	\$449,650	\$319,626	\$319,626		\$319,626
The Child Advocacy Center of Northeast Missouri, Inc. (Child Center)- Same identifier (NE & St. Louis)	\$252,846	58	\$252,846	\$117,149	\$117,149		\$117,149
Mid-Missouri Legal Services Corporation (Central & NE)	\$34,000	49	\$34,000	\$24,690	\$24,690		\$24,690

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (Statewide)	\$24,147	47	\$24,147	\$14,373	\$14,373		\$14,373
North Central Missouri Children's advocacy Center (NE & NW)	\$18,782	43	\$18,782	\$16,790	\$16,790		\$16,790
Kansas City Anti-Violence Project (Statewide)¹	\$20,000	42	\$20,000	\$14,998	\$14,998		\$0
Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (Statewide)	\$381,030	42	\$381,030	\$377,122	\$377,122		\$377,122
Foster Adopt Connect, Inc. - KI (KC, NE, NW, SE, SW)	\$198,104	35	\$198,104	\$109,894	\$109,894		\$109,894
Randolph County Prosecutor's Office	\$45,000	24	\$45,000	\$42,988	\$42,988		\$42,988
Total	\$3,309,469		\$3,309,469	\$2,110,031	\$2,110,031	\$0	\$2,252,440

Southeast

Average Region Award: \$218,688

Agency	Bid			For Current Providers, the Contract Amount is Equal to the Lesser of the Bid & Average of the Award			
	Bid	Evaluation Score	Bid - Removing under a Score of 20	Avg Award for 12 Months (Award / 23 * 12)	Lesser of Bid & Avg Award	New Bidder = Lesser of Bid & Avg for Region	Award for 12 Months
The Child Advocacy Center - Southeast - Same identifier (SE & SW)	\$270,000	78	\$270,000	\$208,236	\$208,236		\$208,236
37th Judicial CASA	\$171,871	66	\$171,871	\$43,199	\$43,199		\$43,199
Phelps County Family Crisis Services, Inc. (Russell House) (Central & SE)	\$146,562	65	\$146,562	\$86,678	\$86,678		\$86,678
Christos House, Inc. (Central, SE & SW)	\$145,126	64	\$145,126	\$103,059	\$103,059		\$103,059
Haven House, Inc.	\$396,427	60	\$396,427	\$360,800	\$360,800		\$360,800
House of Refuge	\$180,260	60	\$180,260	\$145,580	\$145,580		\$145,580
Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center, Inc.	\$348,950	60	\$348,950	\$326,147	\$326,147		\$326,147
Safe House For Women, Inc.	\$585,779	59	\$585,779	\$305,362	\$305,362		\$305,362
Agape House Inc. of Mountain View - (Central & Southeast)	\$172,794	56	\$172,794	\$146,988	\$146,988		\$146,988
Great Circle - Own Contract ⁷	\$387,945	56	\$387,945	\$311,513	\$311,513		\$238,748
Southeast Missouri Family Violence	\$314,540	56	\$314,540	\$324,041	\$314,540		\$314,540

Southeast Missouri Network against Sexual Violence	\$170,000	56	\$170,000	\$129,952	\$129,952		\$129,952
Comtrea (Central, SE, STL)	\$82,170	54	\$82,170	\$57,028	\$57,028		\$57,028
Court Appointed Special Advocates of Southeast Missouri, Inc.	\$200,000	54	\$200,000	\$192,450	\$192,450		\$192,450
Whole Health Outreach/Casa Guadalupe Family Growth Center	\$163,596	51	\$163,596	\$110,132	\$110,132		\$110,132
Missouri Alliance for Children & Families, LLC (Central, KC, SE & St. Louis)	\$59,575	48	\$59,575	\$21,204	\$21,204		\$21,204
Mothers Against Drunk Driving (Statewide)	\$58,167	47	\$58,167	\$34,622	\$34,622		\$34,622
Regional Family Crisis Center	\$330,000	47	\$330,000	\$236,319	\$236,319		\$236,319
Court Appointed Special Advocates of the Parkland (New)	\$51,883	43	\$51,883	\$0	\$0	\$51,883	\$51,883
Kansas City Anti-Violence Project (Statewide)¹	\$20,000	42	\$20,000	\$14,998	\$14,998		\$0
Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (Statewide)	\$682,715	42	\$682,715	\$675,713	\$675,713		\$675,713
Mid Ozark Casa Program	\$112,865	38	\$112,865	\$66,425	\$66,425		\$66,425
Reynolds Country Crime Victim Advocate Program/Reynolds County Sheriff's Office	\$40,500	38	\$40,500	\$38,160	\$38,160		\$38,160

Legal Services of Southern Missouri (Central, SE & SW)	\$407,000	35	\$407,000	\$152,926	\$152,926		\$152,926
CASA of Dunklin County	\$92,400	32	\$92,400	\$72,676	\$72,676		\$72,676
Selah Place of Oregon Co, Inc. (New)	\$200,000	32	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
Butler County Community Resource Council (CASA of the 36th)	\$70,000	31	\$70,000	\$30,789	\$30,789		\$30,789
Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corporation	\$160,851	28	\$160,851	\$109,446	\$109,446		\$109,446
Wayne County Sheriffs' Office	\$24,742	22	\$24,742	\$18,400	\$18,400		\$18,400
Community Counseling Services of Missouri, LLC (Central & SE) (New)	\$23,400	12	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$6,146,651		\$6,123,251	\$4,365,299	\$4,355,799	\$251,883	\$4,519,919

Northwest

Average Region Award: \$186,041

Agency	Bid			For Current Providers, the Contract Amount is Equal to the Lesser of the Bid & Average of the Award			
				For New Providers, the Contract Amount is Equal to the Lesser of the Bid & Average of the Region			
	Bid	Evaluation Score	Bid - Removing under a Score of 20	Avg Award for 12 Months (Award / 23 * 12)	Lesser of Bid & Avg Award	New Bidder = Lesser of Bid & Avg for Region	Award for 12 Months
Green Hills Women's Shelter	\$814,070	72	\$814,070	\$684,659	\$684,659		\$684,659
The 15th Judicial Circuit CASA	\$75,000	72	\$75,000	\$34,167	\$34,167		\$34,167
YWCA St. Joseph	\$893,985	67	\$893,985	\$666,579	\$666,579		\$666,579
Child Safe of Central Missouri, Inc. (Central, KC, NE, NW & SW)	\$182,024	61	\$182,024	\$171,021	\$171,021		\$171,021
Community Advocacy & Resource Empowerment of Atchison County, Inc. D/B/A C.A.R.E. of Atchison INC	\$97,123	61	\$97,123	\$72,620	\$72,620		\$72,620
Northwest Missouri Children's Advocacy center	\$325,000	51	\$325,000	\$250,090	\$250,090		\$250,090
North Star	\$171,311	49	\$171,311	\$147,473	\$147,473		\$147,473
Mothers Against Drunk Driving (Statewide)	\$66,339	47	\$66,339	\$39,487	\$39,487		\$39,487
Legal Aid of Western Missouri (KC, NW & SW)	\$31,834	43	\$31,834	\$25,517	\$25,517		\$25,517
Livingston County Prosecutor's Office	\$40,964	43	\$40,964	\$33,529	\$33,529		\$33,529
North Central Missouri Children's advocacy Center (NE & NW)	\$103,714	43	\$103,714	\$92,714	\$92,714		\$92,714

Kansas City Anti-Violence Project (Statewide)¹	\$20,000	42	\$20,000	\$14,998	\$14,998		\$0
Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (Statewide)	\$435,021	42	\$435,021	\$430,559	\$430,559		\$430,559
House of Hope, Inc.	\$321,375	38	\$321,375	\$270,787	\$270,787		\$270,787
Foster Adopt Connect, Inc. - KI (KC, NE, NW, SE, SW)	\$76,533	35	\$76,533	\$42,455	\$42,455		\$42,455
Total	\$3,654,293		\$3,654,293	\$2,976,653	\$2,976,653	\$0	\$2,961,655

Southwest

Average Region Award: \$252,668

Agency	Bid			For Current Providers, the Contract Amount is Equal to the Lesser of the Bid & Average of the Award			
	Bid	Evaluation Score	Bid - Removing under a Score of 20	For New Providers, the Contract Amount is Equal to the Lesser of the Bid & Average of the Region			
				Avg Award for 12 Months (Award / 23 * 12)	Lesser of Bid & Avg Award	New Bidder = Lesser of Bid & Avg for Region	Award for 12 Months
The Victim Center, Inc.	\$588,945	86	\$588,945	\$534,157	\$534,157		\$534,157
Council on Families in Crisis, Inc	\$350,000	78	\$350,000	\$341,203	\$341,203		\$341,203
The Child Advocacy Center - Southeast - Same identifier (SE & SW)	\$610,000	78	\$610,000	\$470,459	\$470,459		\$470,459
Family Violence Center, Inc., d/b/a Harmony House	\$801,408	76	\$801,408	\$689,812	\$689,812		\$689,812
CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Southwest Missouri	\$325,000	75	\$325,000	\$114,916	\$114,916		\$114,916
Family Self Help Center Inc dba Lafayette House	\$697,502	75	\$697,502	\$248,533	\$248,533		\$248,533
Polk County House of Hope, Inc.	\$508,465	68	\$508,465	\$413,942	\$413,942		\$413,942
County of Greene (New)	\$123,924	66	\$123,924	\$0	\$0	\$123,924	\$123,924
Women's Crisis Center	\$375,000	65	\$375,000	\$332,439	\$332,439		\$332,439
Christos House, Inc. (Central, SE & SW)	\$108,845	64	\$108,845	\$77,295	\$77,295		\$77,295

Child Safe of Central Missouri, Inc. (Central, KC, NE, NW & SW)	\$85,888	61	\$85,888	\$80,696	\$80,696		\$80,696
Children's Center of Southwest Missouri	\$981,104	58	\$981,104	\$597,907	\$597,907		\$597,907
Jasper County CASA	\$262,437	55	\$262,437	\$149,380	\$149,380		\$149,380
Lester E. Cox Medical Center dba CoxHealth	\$369,258	53	\$369,258	\$114,395	\$114,395		\$114,395
Great Circle - Own Contract	\$287,999	48	\$287,999	\$225,809	\$225,809		\$225,809
Missouri Alliance for Children & Families, LLC (Central, KC, SE & St. Louis)	\$194,973	48	\$194,973	\$69,396	\$69,396		\$69,396
Mothers Against Drunk Driving (Statewide)	\$73,382	47	\$73,382	\$43,679	\$43,679		\$43,679
Legal Aid of Western Missouri (KC, NW & SW)	\$179,304	43	\$179,304	\$143,721	\$143,721		\$143,721
Kansas City Anti-Violence Project (Statewide)¹	\$20,000	42	\$20,000	\$14,998	\$14,998		\$0
Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (Statewide)	\$1,003,519	42	\$1,003,519	\$993,226	\$993,226		\$993,226
Stone County Assistance Team / Lakes Area CAC	\$52,000	42	\$52,000	\$48,744	\$48,744		\$48,744
New-Mac CASA	\$100,888	41	\$100,888	\$44,024	\$44,024		\$44,024
Survival Adult Abuse Center, Inc. (KC & SW)	\$148,500	36	\$148,500	\$137,206	\$137,206		\$137,206
Foster Adopt Connect, Inc. - BI (KC & SW)	\$738,876	35	\$738,876	\$463,088	\$463,088		\$463,088
Foster Adopt Connect, Inc. - KI (KC, NE, NW, SE, SW)	\$180,071	35	\$180,071	\$99,891	\$99,891		\$99,891
I Pour Life (New)	\$399,979	35	\$399,979	\$0	\$0	\$252,668	\$252,668

Legal Services of Southern Missouri (Central, SE & SW)	\$575,000	35	\$575,000	\$216,050	\$216,050		\$216,050
Webster County Victim Assistance Program	\$104,970	35	\$104,970	\$74,795	\$74,795		\$74,795
1 in 6 (New)⁸	\$676,092	34	\$676,092	\$0	\$0	\$252,668	\$0
Harbor House Domestic Violence Center	\$380,043	30	\$380,043	\$256,898	\$256,898		\$256,898
Christian County Family Crisis Center dba Freedom's Rest	\$664,010	29	\$664,010	\$304,254	\$304,254		\$304,254
McDonald County Circuit Court	\$33,759	26	\$33,759	\$26,462	\$26,462		\$26,462
TFI Family Services (New)	\$216,887	19	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lily's House (New)	\$283,812	17	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$12,501,840		\$12,001,141	\$7,327,375	\$7,327,375	\$629,260	\$7,688,970

St. Louis

Average Region Award: \$263,120

Agency	Bid			For Current Providers, the Contract Amount is Equal to the Lesser of the Bid & Average of the Award			
	Bid	Evaluation Score	Bid - Removing under a Score of 20	Avg Award for 12 Months (Award / 23 * 12)	Lesser of Bid & Avg Award	New Bidder = Lesser of Bid & Avg for Region	Award for 12 Months
Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc. (NE & St. Louis)	\$448,988	\$82	\$448,988	\$183,665	\$183,665		\$183,665
Healing Action Network, Inc. (New)	\$497,151	78	\$497,151	\$0	\$0	\$263,120	\$263,120
DeafLEAD (Central & St. Louis)	\$229,180	\$75	\$229,180	\$201,084	\$201,084		\$201,084
Alive, Inc. (Central & St. Louis)	\$1,148,785	71	\$1,148,785	\$783,572	\$783,572		\$783,572
Warren County/Turning Point Advocacy Services (Central, NE & St. Louis)	\$412,571	\$71	\$412,571	\$249,005	\$249,005		\$249,005
Crime Victim Advocacy Center	\$504,000	66	\$504,000	\$401,037	\$401,037		\$401,037
Curators of the University of Missouri on Behalf of UMSL Child Advocacy Services	\$309,474	65	\$309,474	\$308,708	\$308,708		\$308,708
Lydia's House, Inc.	\$335,000	\$65	\$335,000	\$254,124	\$254,124		\$254,124
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Jefferson County	\$110,526	\$62	\$110,526	\$90,513	\$90,513		\$90,513
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri (Central, NE & St. Louis)	\$411,770	\$62	\$411,770	\$127,291	\$127,291		\$127,291
Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition	\$507,000	58	\$507,000	\$386,847	\$386,847		\$386,847
St. Charles County, Prosecutor's Office	\$154,929	\$58	\$154,929	\$77,199	\$77,199		\$77,199
The Child Advocacy Center of St. Louis (Child Center) - Same identifier (NE & St. Louis)	\$617,114	58	\$617,114	\$285,923	\$285,923		\$285,923
City of St. Louis by and Through the St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office Victim Services	\$611,847	56	\$611,847	\$425,750	\$425,750		\$425,750

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Comtrea (Central, SE, STL)	\$122,697	\$56	\$122,697	\$85,155	\$85,155		\$85,155
St. Martha's Hall	\$718,739	55	\$718,739	\$524,557	\$524,557		\$524,557
Family Court of St. Louis County²	\$62,046	54	\$62,046	\$59,667	\$59,667		\$0
MICA Project	\$168,599	\$54	\$168,599	\$56,882	\$56,882		\$56,882
CASA of St. Louis	\$233,991	\$53	\$233,991	\$203,123	\$203,123		\$203,123
Young Women's Christian Association of Metropolitan St. Louis	\$739,240	49	\$739,240	\$589,495	\$589,495		\$589,495
Missouri Alliance for Children & Families, LLC (Central, KC, SE & St. Louis)	\$70,407	\$48	\$70,407	\$25,060	\$25,060		\$25,060
Diamond Diva Empowerment Foundation (New)	\$1,300,000	47	\$1,300,000	\$0	\$0	\$263,120	\$263,120
Mothers Against Drunk Driving (Statewide)	\$65,931	\$47	\$65,931	\$39,244	\$39,244		\$39,244
The Women's Safe House	\$1,636,631	46	\$1,636,631	\$785,921	\$785,921		\$785,921
Women of Grace/GIA Community Dev. Corp	\$141,300	\$45	\$141,300	\$105,521	\$105,521		\$105,521
Children's Home Society of Missouri DBA Family Forward²	\$615,017	44	\$615,017	\$519,252	\$519,252		\$311,551
Safe Connections	\$886,036	43	\$886,036	\$744,630	\$744,630		\$744,630
Kansas City Anti-Violence Project (Statewide)¹	\$20,000	42	\$20,000	\$14,998	\$14,998		\$0
Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (Statewide)	\$49,219	\$42	\$49,219	\$48,714	\$48,714		\$48,714
Community Treatment Inc., dba Comtrea A Safe Place	\$238,884	\$38	\$238,884	\$164,866	\$164,866		\$164,866
Life Source Consultants	\$226,000	\$32	\$226,000	\$204,131	\$204,131		\$204,131
Employment Connection (New)	\$250,000	27	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000
Saweraa	\$140,000	\$25	\$140,000	\$82,223	\$82,223		\$82,223
St. Charles County Family Court	\$79,961	\$25	\$79,961	\$67,062	\$67,062		\$67,062
St. Louis County-Dept. of Human Services	\$425,816	24	\$425,816	\$324,622	\$324,622		\$324,622
JADASA (New)	\$140,000	23	\$140,000	\$0	\$0	\$140,000	\$140,000
Total	\$14,628,849		\$14,628,849	\$8,419,843	\$8,419,843	\$916,240	\$9,053,717
Total	\$68,955,030		\$67,536,995	\$46,141,216	\$45,651,113	\$2,774,268	\$47,750,020

Ongoing Contracts

Contract	Year Contract	6 Months
Missouri State Highway Patrol ⁴	\$191,466	\$95,733
ARCHS ⁵	\$1,000,000	\$500,000
MCADSV ⁶	\$331,460	\$165,730
MO Kids First	\$58,592	\$29,296

¹KC Anti- Violence Project is no longer providing services.

²The Family Court of St. Louis rescinded their bid as they received pandemic funding from another source. They also opted not to receive funding in the contract extensions from January - March 2022.

³Children's Home Society of Missouri DBA Family Forward was previously \$519,252 for 12 months and have been reduced to \$311,551 as they no longer operate their domestic violence program, and are focusing on child abuse.

⁴Missouri State Highway Patrol School Violence Resource Hotline's contract is \$155,451 per year, and the Human Trafficking Resource Hotline's contract is \$36,015 per year. The total \$191,466. This is an ongoing statewide contract.

⁵ARCHS receives funding for the Healing Network and this is an extension of the ongoing contract.

⁶MCADSV also receives \$612,414 a year for DVSS.

⁷Great Circle discontinued shelter services, which reduced the contract amount by \$72,766.

⁸No longer providing services in Missouri.

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

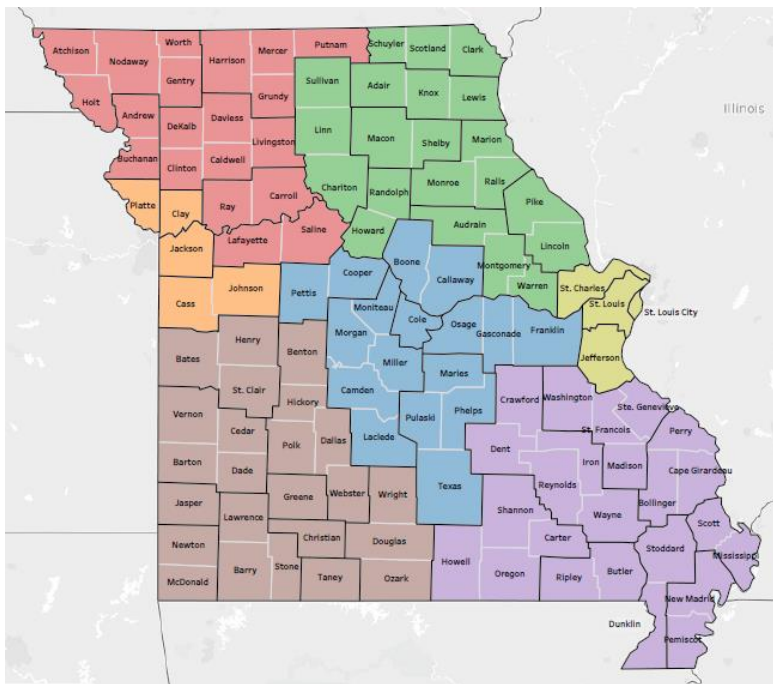
VOCA was transferred from the Department of Public Safety to the Department of Social Services (DSS) in October 2017. DSS receives funding from the Department of Justice (DOJ), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), for the Victims of Crime Act Grant (VOCA). OVC awards each eligible state victim compensation program an annual grant equal to 60 percent of the amount the program was awarded in state-funded victim compensation payments during the fiscal year two years prior to the present fiscal year, other than amounts awarded for property damage.

Summary

	Contracts Began on November 1, 2019	Contracts Begin on January 1, 2022	Comments/Information
Regions	No specified regions	Regions	Align with the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence regions.
Allocations	Statewide	Regions	Funding levels are based on the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) and Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) hotline data.
VOCA Funding	Awards approximately \$47.4M per 12 months	Award at \$49.7M for FFY23 – <i>Updated 8.22.22</i>	Funding decreased \$30.9M from FFY18 to FFY20, and will decrease an additional \$10.7M from FFY20 to FFY21. This is a net decrease of \$40.6M from FFY18 to FFY21.
Victims Served & Allocations	SFY20: 383,000	SFY21: 353,000	Central region with statewide court services was impacted. Victims served in Northeast and Southeast decreased. Other parts of the state’s victims served increased.
	Contract for 2 years	Contract for 1 year with 2 renewal options	Allows for easier projection of funds near the end of each timeframe and less funding movement.
	80 maximum pages	50 maximum pages	Reduced based on review of previous bids to ensure concise responses and more efficient review process.
	Budget and budget narrative part of the bid process	Budget and budget narratives reviewed after award	These documents do not change bid awards and reviewing after the contract award will expedite the process.

Current Bid Opportunity	Points placed emphasis on grant requirements and mission statements.	Number of categories and type of categories reduced and changed	Places an emphasis on the organization, service delivery, staff, and volunteers
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Regions



The contracts for FFY20 and FFY21 were awarded statewide and not based on regional data. The regions outlined in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NFO) for the FFY22 contracts mirror the MCADSV regions with the exception of some counties to ensure they remain in the same judicial district. Regions are based on the crime victimization rates and reported data from the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) and DSS Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) data.

Allocations

The FFY20 and FFY21 allocations were based on evaluations that scored the highest, with some exceptions to ensure victims received services across the state (i.e. domestic Violence Shelter in close proximity). The FFY22 awards allocations were based on the percentage of victims in the region multiplied by the available funding.

After awards and services are delivered, agencies submit invoices by the 15th of the following month. DSS processes complete invoices within 48 hours and pays the invoices within 5 to 7 business days.

The following four VOCA categories, which requires 10% statewide expenditures, are reflected in the below chart:

1. Underserved: Includes criminal homicide, negligent manslaughter, robbery, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, arson, violent crimes, and property crimes from MSHP data.
2. Sexual assault: Includes rape and attempted rape from MSHP data.
3. Spouse Abuse/Domestic violence: Includes aggravated assault and domestic violence from MSHP data.
4. Child Abuse from CAN data.

Previous methodology allowed for discrepancies causing regions to be under-funded (Southwest Region and St. Louis). The current methodology will allow for equitable distribution of funds based on where victims reside and need services. The following chart also reflects Central region's allotment decrease, as there are statewide programs that were previously awarded 8% of the statewide total. In addition, based on the victim data, St. Louis increased from 20% to 30%, and Southwest increased from 12% to 18%. The other regions had reductions ranging from 1% to 4%.

Allocations & Regions*

Region	Funding 11/1/19 - 9/30/21 (23 Months)			Number of Crimes						RFP Funding 10/1/21 - 9/30/22		Funding SFY20 & SFY21 vs. SFY22
	Total	12 Month Allocation	% of Total	Underserved (UCR)*	Sexual Assault (UCR)*	Domestic Violence (UCR)*	**Child Abuse (CAN)	Total Number of Crimes	% of Crimes to Total	Total***	% of Total	
Central	\$ 20,157,680	\$ 10,517,050	22%	34,358	349	7,498	642	42,847	10%	\$ 3,338,347	10%	\$ (7,178,703)
Kansas City	\$ 26,978,683	\$ 14,075,835	30%	95,351	708	19,034	545	115,638	26%	\$ 9,009,728	26%	\$ (5,066,107)
Northeast	\$ 3,811,446	\$ 1,988,581	4%	11,149	119	3,333	509	15,110	3%	\$ 1,177,269	3%	\$ (811,312)
Northwest	\$ 5,067,696	\$ 2,644,015	6%	14,684	202	3,456	284	18,626	4%	\$ 1,451,211	4%	\$ (1,192,804)
Southeast	\$ 6,217,341	\$ 3,243,830	7%	28,094	172	5,667	842	34,775	8%	\$ 2,709,432	8%	\$ (534,398)
St. Louis	\$ 17,767,060	\$ 9,269,770	20%	113,613	755	15,983	665	131,016	30%	\$ 10,207,877	30%	\$ 938,107
Southwest	\$ 10,802,356	\$ 5,636,012	12%	64,621	613	12,490	647	78,371	18%	\$ 6,106,136	18%	\$ 470,124
TOTAL	\$ 90,802,262	\$ 47,375,093	100%	361,870	2,918	67,461	4,134	436,383	100%	\$ 34,000,000	100%	\$ (13,375,093)

***Department of Social Services data from CY19.*

****For the first contract period, will be reduced for the 6-month timeframe. – Updated 7.26.22*

VOCA Funding

According to the previous Allocations & Regions chart, funding for SFY20 and SFY21 was approximately \$48.4 million per 12 months. The funding for FFY23 is \$49.7M. The funding has continuously decreased since FFY18 with an increase in FFY22. Below are the amounts awarded from OVC per FFY.

- 2017: \$34.4M
- 2018: \$61.8M
- 2019: \$41.7M
- 2020: \$30.9M
- 2021: \$19.2M
- 2022: \$26.3M
- 2023: \$24.7M – *Updated 9.13.23*

Current Bid Opportunity

The overall Federal Year funding is determined by the DOJ, and the DSS contracts are based on the available funding. VOCA contracts were awarded through a competitive bid process.

- Victims may seek services in any region, regardless of where the victim resides. When completing a bid, the number of victims and types of services that are anticipated to be provided within each region must be considered.
- The evaluation process was changed to include:
 - An increase in points for services offered
 - Modification of the volunteer evaluation based on volunteers meeting the victims needs instead of the overall number of volunteers
 - Previously three DSS staff who worked in the unit reviewed the applications. Now, reviewers have backgrounds in victim services from the Department of Corrections, DSS employees who are not in the VOCA unit, and Department of Public Safety. VOCA Unit employees acted as a liaison for technical questions.

Previous Evaluation Form

Technical Proposal		
	Maximum Points	Comment
Proposed Methodology, Approach, and Plan	60	
Proposed project, the problem that will be address, services provided, how will victims access services, role of volunteers, and what category of crime victim.	15	Included within services.
History and experience.	10	No longer standalone item.
Contributing factors and determination to be successful	10	No longer standalone item.
Coordination of services	5	Included within services.
Distribution of information and victim compensation assistance	10	No longer evaluated as this is a requirement of the contract, and does not need to be evaluated.
Budget narrative	10	No longer evaluated as part of the bid award process as all bidders who submitted the forms were awarded points.
Expertise of Personnel	20	
Organizational chart	10	No longer a standalone item.
Project Manager/Contact Person/Project Staff	10	Unchanged.
Past Performance	20	
Mission statement and a history of the agency with VOCA.	10	No longer as a standalone item as this affected bids for agencies without mission statements, or minimal mission statements.
Past performance(s)	10	No longer a standalone item.
TOTAL	100	

Current Evaluation Form

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Technical Proposal		
<i>A – Summary/Agency Information</i>	8	15
<i>B – Issue Statement/Type of Victim/Data</i>	5	5
<i>C – Services</i>	5	25
<i>D – Performance Metrics</i>	4	5
<i>E – Public Awareness/ Victim Access to Services/Outreach</i>	4	5
<i>F – Community Coordination</i>	3	5
Volunteers	2	10
Personnel	3	10
Training Plan	2	10
Funding Sources/Sustainability Plan	4	10
TOTAL	40	100

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NFO) and Q&A

- NFO can be found at <https://missouribuy.com/bidboard> and search for VOCA or NFO # DSS22NFO002.
- The NFO Q&A can be found at: <https://dss.mo.gov/dfas/victims-of-crime-act/files/2021-2023-nfo-qa.pdf>

The “VOCA Fix”

- Signed into law July 22, 2021.
- Adds a new source of revenue for the Crime Victims Fund and makes changes to formula grants supported by the fund.
- Directs revenues collected from deferred prosecution and non-prosecution agreements to be deposited into the Crime Victims Fund. Previously, such revenues were deposited into the general fund of the Treasury.

- Increases the percentage—from 60% to 75%—of state compensation payments to crime victims in the prior fiscal year used to calculate formula grants for state victim compensation programs.
- Match is no longer required through the pandemic, and then states must determine their own match waiver requirements.
- The VOCA fund – **Updated 8.22**:
 - There were large deposits from the non-prosecution cases from fraud cases of \$583.9M that increased the fund balance. Without these large deposits, the fund would be at \$2.5B. This is less than the \$2.6B in FFY22 distributions to states.
 - There have been no other deposits from non-prosecution cases from October 2021 through June 2022. Court cases are also taking longer to resolve.
 - OVC is meeting with prosecutors regarding pursuing these cases, as well as meeting with Congress regarding the potential funding crisis.
 - Link: <https://ovc.ojp.gov/about/crime-victims-fund/fy-2007-2022-cvf-annual-receipts.pdf>

Spend Plan – Updated 8.22

- DSS allocated funding through a spend plan to ensure there is consistent funding through FFY24.
- The funding level is reviewed after each contract period to add funding that remains from the current contract to the spend plan for projections.
- VOCA allocations: Victims of Crime Act | division | Missouri Department of Social Services (mo.gov)

DSS Communication- Updated 8.22

- DSS held 3 webinar's prior to the start of the contract
 - March 22, March 23, and March 29 to advise both existing and new providers of the VOCA allocation methodology, contract expectations, procedural updates etc.
- DSS VOCA staff began site visits to meet with new providers April 4, 2022 and expanded to existing providers.
 - From April 4, 2022 to July 22, 2022 VOCA, staff have visited 37 agencies in six regions.

- DSS VOCA staff received excellent feedback from the providers who have been visited, and are creating a list of current gaps in service as well as current barriers that prevent victims and their families from receiving services.

VOCA Formula Meeting

October 14, 2022

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

- Introductions:
 - DSS
 - MCADSV
 - MO Kids First
 - House of Representatives
 - Senate

- Missouri Overview:
 - Split into 7 regions that align with MCADSV (with the exception of jurisdictions that cross regions)
 - Allocation Methodology – Reviewed several methods
 - Funding top scores only (the last would have only received a portion)
 - Providers: 89
 - Contracts: 129
 - Funding based on sliding scale – Percentages not consistent across regions due to the number of bids compared to the regions
 - Providers: 135
 - Contracts: 182
 - Expenditures for first 12 months and last 12 months
 - Average expenditures over 23 months
 - Option chosen: Lesser of average bid for 23 months and bid, or lesser of bid and average for the region, current
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- VOCA Fix
 - Signed into law 7/22/21
 - Goal was to help stabilize the fund from non-prosecution cases
 - There were 2 large deposits that increased the fund
 - Funding Levels

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- OVC guidelines:
 - Competitive bid preferred, not required per VOCA Rule Section 94.104(e)
- Discussion regarding allowable expenses
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- Formula Discussion
 1. “Hub” model
 2. Specific type per region and allowing them to Sub-grant
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VOCA Formula Meeting Agenda

November 7, 2022

- Goal: Determine VOCA formula
- DSS, MO Senate, and MO House Introductions
- VOCA Recipient Introduction & Verification of Agencies Represented

VOCA Representative	Agencies Represented	Representative
MCADSV	77 DV and SV members (2 are also represented by Kids First)	Zak Wilson
MO Kids First	26 CAC members (2 are also represented by MCADSV) and Child Abuse VOCA Providers	Jessica Seitz
MO-CASA	18 CASAs	Leanne Reese
MAPA	75 PAs	Kathleen Tofall
MOPS	8 PA VOCA Providers	Darrell Moore
MSHP	2 MSHP programs	Lt. Scott Lance
FACT Board	Community Partnerships	Bill Dent
KC Mothers in Charge	AdHoc, Employment Connection, and KC Mothers in Charge	Christina Esteban
MADD	MADD – Statewide	Meghan Carter
Reynolds County Law Enforcement Advocate	Reynolds County Crime Victim Advocate Programs/Reynolds County Sheriff's Office	Marissa Morey
St. Charles County Family Court	St. Charles Family Court – Juvenile Division	Nickie Steinhoff
MO-CATE	Human Trafficking Statewide	Jordan Hawkins and Katie Rhoades

VOCA Fix

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Overall

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Documentation

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Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) – Updates
11.30.2023

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Update from OVC Director on September 8⁵:

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- After the FY22 grants, OVC anticipates the balance of the Fund will be between \$1.1 and \$1.3B on October 1st, and this funding that will be used for FFY23.
- For FFY23, President’s Budget and Senate Mark has the proposed obligation cap at \$1.75 billion. Receipts coming fiscal year may meet the \$1.75 billion cap, but it is unknown. The President’s budget will be released the first Monday in February 2023.
- OVC is seeking solutions to reverse the shortage of funds and have provided numerous briefings to Congressional staff as well as U.S Attorney Staff about the VOCA Fix and about the status of the CVF.
- There has been an 89% reduction on the CVF since 2017
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Comparable Grant Management Analysis - Medium States (OVC classifies as small, medium, and large based on funding)

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Alabama	Competitive	\$21.6M	FFY	Funding decisions depend on the availability of funds. Requires 20% match.	Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance Grant Program – ADECA (alabama.gov)
Arkansas	Competitive	\$13.2M	FFY22 – \$13M with 1 year with 1 year extension	Requires 20% match.	Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Department of Finance and Administration (arkansas.gov)
Colorado	Competitive	\$24.9M	\$90.1M for 2 years, CY21 and CY22	The 28 member Crime Victim Services Advisory Board makes the funding recommendations to the Director of the Division of Criminal Justice and the Executive Director of the Department of Public Safety. Have other state and federal funding.	Victims of Crime Act Division of Criminal Justice (colorado.gov)
Connecticut	Competitive bid process – Conduct needs assessment to determine future funding	\$15.6M	\$15.6M	State general revenue funds of \$900,000	OVS Victim Resources - CT Judicial Branch Awards List Funding Office for Victims of Crime (ojp.gov)

Attachment 8

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Kansas	Allocated to 66 current and former recipients	\$12.8M	\$22M – FFY23	State GR of \$5.2M for 26 DV/SV providers in underserved areas and populations providers. State GR of \$953K for 17 Child Advocacy Centers	
Kentucky	Competitive – yearly Currently 132 providers	\$19.4M	FFY23 - \$30.2		FY 2021 Kentucky Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program: Annual Performance Measures Report (ojp.gov) Victims of Crime Act - Kentucky Justice & Public Safety Cabinet
Louisiana	Competitive Bid – Every 4 years Applicant submits NOI, and if accepted, must submit application	\$19.9M	\$19.9M	Funds distributed on a formula basis to each of the states eight Law Enforcement Planning Councils, Law Enforcement Planning Districts, and Criminal Justice Coordination. · State-level projects are distributed under supervision of the LCLE VOCA Administrator and approved by the Executive Director of LCLE.	Microsoft Word - Victim Services Advisory Board Guidelines 09302015.docx (la.gov) Victims of Crime Act – LCLE (la.gov) Microsoft Word - VOCA Rules and Regulations 07132016.docx (la.gov)
Maryland	2018 competitive grant – continuation grant for the same providers	\$26.4M	FY22 and FY23 grants at \$50.09M	State General Revenue of \$35M to bridge the VOCA gap in funds	Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) - Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (maryland.gov) FY2023-VOCA-NOFA.pdf (maryland.gov)
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Nevada	Competitive for \$17M and non-competitive for \$1M	\$13.7M	\$17M with \$1M innovative funding 7/1/22-7/31/23	N/A	
Oklahoma	-Yearly competitive bid -9 member VOCA board reviews in August	\$17.2M	\$30.1M for FFY23		In September, subgrantees are required to attend financial training

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Oregon	Non-competitive existing grants, competitive new providers, competitive support services & training,	\$18.3M	2 years 10/1/20-9/30/22	<p>Child abuse multidisciplinary intervention fund, Children's justice Act, non-competitive funds for services to DV/SV providers, survivor housing funds</p> <p>VOCA funding initiatives grant, 2021-2023- VOCA culturally specific and responsive grant</p> <p>OVC Human Trafficking Grant - \$800,000</p> <p>OVC Victim's Right Increasing Access - \$1M</p> <p>OVC Training & Technical Grant - \$1M</p> <p>OVC Human Trafficking Task Force - \$800,000</p> <p>OVC Family Justice Center Model Grant - \$200,000</p> <p>OVC Victim' Rights Enfocement Clinic - \$6.9M</p>	

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Puerto Rico	159 Subrecipients	\$13.7M			
South Carolina	Continuation grants take priority	\$22.3M	SFY20-\$26M	State Victim Assistance Program- % of wages earned by inmates in work release funds this program	
Utah	Competitive bid for SFY21 – SFY23	\$14.5M	\$42M \$23M- 1st year, \$19M- 2nd year 2 year cycles SFY	Mandatory funding decrease of 5-15% for year 1 and 15% for year 2. Anticipating more cuts for 2023-2025 cycle.	
Wisconsin	-Continuation grants for 5 year for existing providers -Competitive NFO for Sexual Assault providers	\$42.5M	5 years	Using ARPA	

Note: Massachusetts requested state General Revenue as a funding source, and Illinois is using cannabis tax.

DSS Communication *(was included with 11.30.2022 updates)*

- Webinars:
 - January 2020 – Invoicing
 - September 2020 - Listening session with sub recipients to address current funding status and projected funding amounts
 - April 2021 – Webex regarding reporting requirements
 - March 22, 2022: Methodology, award breakdown, and FAQ
 - March 23, 2022: Changes to monitoring process, invoicing, and new forms
 - March 29, 2022: Reviewed VOCA with new providers including forms, reporting, monitoring, invoicing, websites, introduced MCADSV and MO Kids First, training approval process, etc.

5% is reserved for administration including state costs, MCADSV at \$331,460, and MO Kids First at \$58,592). MCADSV also *receives \$668,575 from DVSS.*

*** Distributed to ensure the VOCA percentages for each FFY could be met, and the majority of the funding is spent in the last quarter of the year.*

- Ongoing provider communication:
 - 3 VOCA staff are the primary contact for their designated agencies to answer programmatic and fiscal questions review reports and discuss discrepancies. Began non-monitoring site visits on April 4th:
 - Visited 45 locations out of the 139 agencies with 193 contracts
 - Developed a list of gaps in service, and will discuss non-monetary ways to address
 - Monitoring and invoicing are conducted by separate teams
- June 29, 2022 - Met with DPS to discuss victim service funding and creating a shared file of all agencies funded and grant funding, discussed grants management system, DSS will join the DPS MO Victim Services Academy which provides training for Prosecuting Attorneys and non-profit advocates, monitoring grants, and the Missouri Protection Program which 19 out of 700+ agencies are registered. Next meeting is October 3rd

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VOCA Formula Discussion Agenda
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 - Pat Luebbering
- Review of agency representation, award amounts, and total funding percentages
 - Jeriane Jaegers-Brenneke
- Discuss stakeholder proposed formula recommendation Word document
 - Ken Chapman
- Discuss potentially sending out a survey to all VOCA providers regarding funding changes
 - Tiffany Johnston
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 - DSS Lead or Another Agency
- Potential Subgroups & Determining Lead Agency:
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 - RFP Streamlining
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Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Fund Update
12.19.22

(Discussed during the November 7, 2022 Stakeholder Meeting)

VOCA Fund					
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2018	\$4.45B	\$9.171B	\$4.436B	\$61.8M	1.3950%
2019	\$4.95B	\$6.448B	\$3.353B	\$41.7M	1.2437%
2020	\$5.03B	\$4.42B	\$2.641B	\$30.9M	1.1700%
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2022	\$5.53B	\$3.029B	\$2.6B	\$26.3M	1.0115%
2023			\$1.75B ⁶		

Update from OVC Director on September 8⁵:

- Over the last several years, deposits into the Fund have not been keeping pace with prior years.
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- For FFY23, the President's Budget and Senate Markup has the proposed obligation cap at \$1.75B. Receipts coming fiscal year may meet the \$1.75 billion cap, but it is unknown. The President's budget will be released the first Monday in February 2023.
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DSS Communication

12.19.2022

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 - Connect with other agencies/stakeholders as needed
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-Updated December 19, 2022.
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Updated December 19, 2022.
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 - Developed a list of gaps in service, and will discuss non-monetary ways to address
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VOCA Stakeholder Recommendations

12/20/2022 Meeting

12/20/22 Roll Call			
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		Jessica Petrie Thelemaque	X
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Family and Community Trust (FACT) Board	Community Partnerships	Bill Dent	
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		Glenn Fitzgerald				
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Missouri Senate		Chief of Staff Drew Dampf for Dan Hegeman				
		Senator Lincoln Hough				
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VOCA Stakeholder Formula Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2023: 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

200 Madison St., Room 315

Jefferson City, MO

- Roll Call:
 - *Attachment A*

- Jessica Seitz reviewed the MO Kids First recommendation from January 10, 2023:
 - *Exercise the last renewal option for October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024 at the same renewal level*
 - *Review providers that historically do not spend their funding and reallocate future funding*
 - *Review past performance for awards, review percentages or ranges, and guidelines*
 - *Will work with Appropriations committee on ARPA funding*

- Zak Wilson from MOCADSV:
 - *Agreed with MO Kids First recommendation*
 - *Expressed he believes in targeted cuts first rather than across the board*
 - *Then, prioritize new agencies*
 - *Has a strong interest in a VOCA stakeholder group and implementation plan preferably led by DSS as the state administrator*

- Leanne Reese from MOCASA:
 - *Supportive of Zak’s comment of DSS being the lead and MO Kids First and MOCADSV being in a leadership role due to TA role*
 - *MOCASA needs to be a part of the decision-making*
 - *MOCASA’s opinion is most supportive and in alignment with MO Kids First, although all three recommendations are similar*

- Cheryl Robb-Welch from MOCADSV:
 - *Review underserved communities and populations to reduce gaps*
 - *Agrees with MAPA for the 4 core categories (DV, SV, CA, US), having a peer review application process*

- MOCATE:
 - *Had no recommendation at this time, would just like to be an active participant*

- Stakeholder group- Who should be included?
 - *MAPA/MOPS*
 - *MOCASA*
 - *MOCADSV*
 - *MO Kids First*
 - *MOCATE- wants to be a part of it*
 - *MADD- Tiffany will reach out to see if they want to be a part of it – Later there was conversation about underserved not being included in the initial meeting*
 - *DPS*

- Jessica:
 - *Would like to better define underserved*
 - *Invite subject matter experts to inform and educate on the subject rather than have them be a core member of the stakeholder group – includes MADD from above*
 - *Would like to have a cooperative agreement for MO Victim Services*

- Kathy Tofall – Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys:
 - *Large portion of the grant is underserved and will not be represented on group and they provide services to a large number of people*

- Cheryl:
 - *Need to review what is underserved and who is underserved*
 - *Need to categorize: juvenile, law enforcement, and legal services*

- Adam Crumbliss with DSS:
 - *Need to drill down into the demographics*
 - *Staff advised quarterly reports show different demographic categories agencies report out on*
 - *DSS Task: Provide annual and quarterly reports*

- Region Approach:
 - *Concerns that certain parts of the state weren't in line with services*
 - *Can be addressed in stakeholder group*
 - *Need to review the pros and cons*
 - *DSS does not have a preference on regions vs. statewide, and can review with the group the reason the regions were developed*

- Priorities for stakeholder group:
 - 1.) Allocations:
 - *Kathy stated there should be 4 core categories and percentages assigned for each category for each grant year including court services/specific*
 - *Zak stated he agrees, and should look at current awards and expenditures to identify where they want their money to go for categories in their proposal, and past performance should be included in review*
 - *Should allow the agency to self-select categories if dual or multi-service and budget by type*
 - *Jeriane – Noted if there are multiple applications by agency for each type of funding, this will greatly increase the application number as many agencies split their services across types*
 - *DSS Question: What happens if they invoice for a category they were not previously approved for?*

 - 2.) Application:
 - *Need to look at past history*
 - *Gather enough information on the front end where it's not too much*
 - *Have a baseline of bare requirements and then build on that*
 - *Exhibits must stay*
 - *Look at point scoring, look at requirements such as resumes, education etc.*
 - *Jeriane – Notes that it will need to be in line with procurement requirements and ensure we don't take too much out of the application as this can cause issues if there are future investigations*
 - *DSS Task - Invite Wade McDonald with DSS Procurement to stakeholder meeting for those discussions*

- *DSS Task: Need to know what in the contract can be changed/modified and what is boilerplate*

3.) Peer review process

- *Could be peer lead*
 - *Connie Berhorst with DPS stated to develop methodology, all should have complete technical merit review, subject matter experts, a fiscal person*
 - *Connie stated that DPS has a committee that assigns point values and every single grant is reviewed*
 - *DPS reviews approximately 400 applications from VAWA, SASP, Title 2, and Coronavirus*
 - *DSS will need procurement involved in this process*
 - *Zak stated when VOCA was at DPS, the concern was not the review process, it was the award roll out process*
 - *Both DSS and DPS to present their current review process and then further discussion*
 - *Connie: Peer review process refinement, DPS receives feedback monthly from providers*
- Representative Deaton:
 - *Listening, but wasn't able to pick up everything*
 - *Appreciates everyone working very hard and diligently*
 - *Finds this helpful and productive*
 - *Clear on intention in short-term*
 - *Wants the legislature to be a part of the process*
 - Adam put together a letter that includes the stakeholder recommendations
 - *Attachment B VOCA Department Letter & Stakeholder Recommendations*
 - Next Meeting: MOCADSV hosting smaller stakeholder group

1/10/23 Roll Call			
Stakeholder	Agencies Represented	Representative(s)	Attended
Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MOCADSV)	Domestic Violence, Sexual Violence, and Underserved	Zak Wilson	X
		Tricia Workman	X
		Michael Gibbons	
		Cheryl Robb-Welch	X
MO Kids First	Child Abuse	Jessica Seitz	X
Winton Policy Group	MO Kids First	David Winton	
		Jessica Petrie Thelemaque	
MO-CASA	Court Appointed Special Advocate	Leanne Reese	X
Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (MAPA)	76 Counties and 72 Advocates	Kathleen Tofall	X
		Jamie Padgett	X
Missouri Office of Prosecution Services (MOPS)	8 Counties	Darrell Moore	
Family and Community Trust (FACT) Board	Community Partnerships	Bill Dent	
Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP)	School Violence Hotline	Lieutenant Scott Lance	
		Holly Haarmann	X
	Human Trafficking Prevention Training	Lieutenant Steven Johnson	
		Lucinda Klausner	
Kansas City Mothers in Charge	Underserved - Violent Crime	Christina Esteban	
MADD	Underserved- DWI/DUI	Meghan Carter	
Reynolds/Wayne County Victim Advocate	Law Enforcement Based General Crimes	Marissa Morrey	
		Linda Greene-Tooke	X
St. Charles County Family Court	Juvenile Division/General Crimes	Nickie Steinhoff	X
Missouri Coalition Against Trafficking & Exploitation (MOCATE) and Healing Action Network	Human Anti-Trafficking	Jason Seward	
		Jordan Hawkins	X

1/10/23 Roll Call						
Stakeholder	Agencies Represented		Representative(s)			Attended
Missouri House of Representatives			Representative Cody Smith			
			Representative Lane Roberts			X
			Representative Dirk Deaton			X
			Helen Jaco			X
			Glenn Fitzgerald			
			Chief of Staff Joe Engler for Rob Vescovo			
Missouri Senate			Chief of Staff Drew Dampf for Dan Hegeman			
			Senator Lincoln Hough			
			Amanda Kelley			X
			Adam Koenigsfeld			
Department of Social Services	Patrick Luebbering	X	Matthew Rodriguez	X	Jeriane Jaegers-Brenneke	X
	Ken Chapman	X	Ryan Conway	X	Adam Crumbliss	X
	Tiffany Johnston	X	Bobby Bryant	X	Patricia Custer	X
	Tara Shahangian	X	Benjamin Johnson	X	Taylor Jones	X
Department of Public Safety	Connie Berhorst	X	Michelle Parks	X	Kristina Kirchhoff	X
	Tina Utley	X			Adriana Budean	X

VOCA Formula Meeting

February 21, 2023

MOCADSV: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Zak - would like to come out with the tasks for the subcommittee. Is excited to get a plan together and a formula. Believes this is a good step forward.

Attendees:

- Zak Wilson – COO MOCADSV
- Jessica Seitz – ED MO Kids First
- Jamie Padgett – MAPA Statewide Victim Coordinator
- Ken Chapman – OWCI Assistant Deputy Director
- Brock Whisler – MOCASA Program Services Coordinator
- Tina Utley – DPS Grants Specialist
- Tiffany Johnston – VOCA Program Coordinator
- Patti Custer – VOCA Program Specialist
- Tara Shahangian – VOCA Program Specialist
- Benjamin Johnson – VOCA Program Specialist
- Jeriane Jaegers-Brenneke – OWCI Deputy Director

Zak –

- Review primary objectives:
 - Determining allocation methodology that will assist in developing application and percentage ranges
 - Review process with a target date of September 30th
 - Start looking at application process to make it
 - Reduce review process and application

Jeriane - Agree on the priorities.

Zak - Jordan Hawkins from MOCATE was on the invite list. The minutes will go out to larger group. Will do overall review and scope of committee.

Jeriane –

- ARCHS has not been involved, they were supposed to be represented by FACT, but FACT did not come to the meetings. ARCHS is a governor’s priority in St. Louis.
- In House markup, there was \$5M in GR.
- If the group reviews unobligated and it is obligated to those that are spending, there will be reduced or no carryover.
- The \$1M in IT movement does not mean there is additional funding, and historically was not spent; therefore, the funding is in the overall allotment.

Jessica – Wanted to know the obligation and how do we want to inform legislators through September?

Zak – Stated to keep on invite list, send minutes, and keep informed of process.

Jeriane – Agree that we need to invite to the meeting and communicate regularly.

Jessica – Agreed on scope and look forward to keeping informed. Should consider sending a letter after this meeting.

Jeriane – We should consider sending a letter after this meeting since it goes to the entire committee.

Tiffany – On the agenda, are the four priorities the federal priorities?

Zak – Stated it could be a 5th or 6th. At a bare minimum, the 4 federal priorities.

Jessica – Other states make sure they meet the 10%, but overall renamed it based on the type of service and not type of crime.

Zak – The review process is about the grant review process. How is that actually going to be done? What is it going to look like and who is going to be involved? What are the questions that need to be answered?

Brock – Wanted to know if there is more funding if they would remain at 5%.

Zak: Stated we need to develop a mechanism if the funding goes up or down.

Jessica: Believes the funding allocations would increase if the grant increases.

Zak – There is a \$5M shortfall with exercising one-year option, and they are having those conversations. Where are people? What has been carried over? Seems like conversation is more into categories. For now, we will table the funding.

Zak – Need to discuss the kick off on plan. What are the categories?

- VOCA funding categories by formula is the type of victims, not type of services
- Legal assistance, shelter support, etc. – Would fill out under different funding.

Zak – Reiterated would like to stay away from services. Many agencies can provide a lot of different services. There are distinctions inside of the victim services and could break down that way, or the type of provider that is working with those clients. Do not want to get into 25 different priority areas. If have five or six primary categories that reach victims across state.

Tiffany – What would be examples?

Zak:

- Child abuse
- Domestic violence
- Sexual violence
- Underserved
- Systems based (PAs and law enforcement) – Reynolds and Wayne County, Livingston, and 8 independent PA contracts
- CASAs: Where do CASAs fit? Brock stated if it does not change funding, it does not really matter. Patti stated would still fall under child abuse when we report.

Zak – The difficulties of allocations are going to be equally shared until we run into the application process. During the application process, there will be overall categories and the percentage ranges. Amongst the priorities, would look at things we have to have such as forensic exams, CASAs, etc. The application process will drive the services.

Jessica – When think of CAC, it is very streamlined, as they are required to provide same service. Can we compare within agencies including service populations? Does think child abuse is very different from where CASAs fit as kids already came to foster care.

Jessica – Need to determine if funding is cut by 50%, what is the priority?

Zak – Agreed.

Jessica – Do we prioritize personnel? It is the priority.

Jeriane – May want to consider funding actual priorities, such as vehicle purchases, travel, staff costs, etc.

Patti – A CASA and a CAC are different in an application process. Should we split CASAs for the application process?

Jessica – Agree need to determine if there is a better way to organize. Know some agencies do other things that is not just VOCA. Many agencies do other things, i.e. legal services. How do we isolate their programs? Then there are programs vs. agencies.

Tiffany – There are 10 child abuse providers, but everyone does different things.

Jessica – Believes CASAs and CACs should be viewed differently.

Benjamin – CASAs are more like a mentorship and help as it relates to development and outside of work hours, more like a mentorship. There for those individuals to help build themselves up. CACs are more 9 to 5.

Brock – For CACs, there is an open criminal investigation. There may be overlap, or could go back and forth.

Tiffany - General child abuse providers are providing direct service (i.e. counseling, after school programs, foster care specific). Most do counseling and public school system in KC is foster care.

Jessica – Asked for more information on KC Public School.

Patti – The KC Public School is in the underserved. Handle counseling and kids that have been in the system.

Benjamin – Stated they handle truancy, etc.

Patti: Both ARCHS and KC Public Schools were funded at the same time under a governor's initiative.

Jessica – Stated KC Public Schools is receiving 3% of the overall allocation.

Group discussion on Excel spreadsheets:

- KC needs to move under underserved and this will be corrected on the spreadsheet.
- County of Greene, under court based advocacy and need to determine if this is under system based or another category.
- Circuit attorney – Needs to be moved from DV to system based.
- General crimes/law enforcement – Would Reynolds and Wayne fall under system based. Group indicated yes.
- Need to determine where St. Charles Courts who has both a CASA and juvenile court advocate.

Zak – Systems based will be the trickiest for allocations because will cross types.

Tiffany – Split service agencies on DV/SV. Would we split the allocations?

Zak – Yes because there are dual services.

Jessica – Federal is based on victim type. We have gotten away from agency type.

Zak – Inside the categories, we can identify the priorities for the agency types. Is there a higher priority for these types? For example, need to make sure we have forensic exams and personnel instead of a vehicle. Of course, someone could come in and give a justification for a vehicle. Part of grant review where will need to make those decisions.

Tiffany – Wouldn't CACs go under systems?

Jessica – All provide mental health.

Tiffany – The only one alongside a court case is CAC.

Group – No, CASAs are going to be court appointed.

Jessica – Could make argument that CACS are for prosecution cases. However, they also are required to provide mental health services. Mental health services are for an open case. They are also non-profits.

DPS – If separate, what do you do with general child abuse service providers?

Jessica: The general are not the same either.

Patti – Overview of 10:

1. Cornerstones for CARE is a home for older youth that teaches the youth how to get a job, finish school, etc. Allocation is \$68,000.
2. Central MO Foster Care Coalition does the kinship program, which helps kids that are in foster care. They also provide court advocacy. Allocation is \$425,000.
3. CAPA – This is counseling for youth up to 14. Allocation is \$725,568.
4. Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition – This is the St. Louis kinship program. Allocation is \$386,848.
5. Foster Adopt Connect BI – Helps with behavioral issues and working through traumatic situations to adapt to different home. This is alternative therapy. Allocation is \$1,326,000.
6. Foster Adopt Connect KIN – See #5. Allocation is \$476,000.
7. IPOUR Life – Provides on-site services to youth to help get a job, complete a resume, start college, etc. Allocation is \$252,668.

8. KC Public School – Description is above. Allocation is \$1,376,086.
9. The Children’s Place – Pre-school for up to age five for victimized children. Provides on-site counseling, activities, etc. Allocation is \$400,012.
10. Missouri Alliance for Children & Families –Primarily uses to train parents on coping with foster care children who have been victimized. Allocation is \$192,766.

Zak –Each program needs to have mechanisms to identify participants are victims.

Jessica – Curious how kinship programs are identifying participants are a victim.

Zak – Not arguing the validity or need.

Jessica – They have their own specific funding through DSS. Do not know how they would fall into victims of crime. Kinship is questionable.

Patti – Kinships were awarded with influx of money in 2018, under special projects under special conditions.

Jessica – Kinships will receive more funding from the Family First Services Prevention Act.

Jeriane – Will review programs for VOCA compliance.

Zak - Systems based folks are going to spend in different categories. Would make sense for CASAs to be under child abuse.

Brock – OK with it.

Zak – Verified everyone was OK with five categories.

Tiffany – System – Confirmed all MAPA, independent contracts, Circuit Attorney, and Reynolds/Wayne is under Systems Based.

Jamie – St. Charles Family Court needs to be under child abuse.

Overall:

- Legal Services and Legal Aid stays in DV.
- KC law should be under Systems Based.
- Grain Valley Police Department out of DV to Systems Based.

Zak – Next step is identifying percentage range, but need to finalize categories. Should we prioritize underserved?

Jessica – Child abuse agencies are primarily child abuse, but could have underserved special projects including collaborating with other agencies. What do want underserved to be?

Zak – Prevention is not eligible.

Jeriane – Asked if one of the categories should be gun violence.

Jamie – If underserved is gun violence, this will put more funding in the urban areas and there are 113 other counties that may need it a little more.

Jeriane – Stated this would start the rural/urban discussion on if there were ever enough funding on either.

Zak – Need to review data points for underserved. By crime type or population. This leans to what data you use.

Jessica – Is a goal to identify a set of priorities to identify underserved? Then, rethink every 3 years?

Zak – Should set priorities.

Jessica – What do we think is going on in our state? In other states, huge influx of refugees. What is going on in our state, and what data do we want to pull.

Patti – Could pull on quarterly reports, stalking, teen violence, trafficking, and violation of court orders.

Jeriane – We should consider listening sessions from communities. Maybe the MSHP could come and discuss what is going on in parts of the state.

Zak – Are they underserved if they are victim categories? MSHP can give outlay of crimes. More than welcome to give us a presentation. Or is it more pulling reports for data trends. Believes the listening sessions would be a token move.

Ken – What is KC public schools addressing?

Zak – We are the stakeholders, who would come in?

Jessica – Wants to ensure that the presentations would not be a pitch for funding.

Jeriane – The focus of the statement was not on providers. The focus was on the communities and their voice. We could have teachers, the MSHP, the Chamber of Commerce, or other community leaders. It is very important to ensure when the recommendations are made that we have done our due diligence in ensuring we hear from the community.

Zak – Would say had a VOCA stakeholder group and representatives across areas. Maybe it is qualitative survey and using local providers. Lets a draft a quick survey.

Jeriane and Jessica – Supportive of a survey.

Zak – Believes should ask no more than four questions with demographics.

Jeriane – Need to ensure we have enough data including some demographics. We could develop the survey and then get with MU for feedback. We can draft, the group can give feedback, and then we can send to MU.

Overarching survey layout:

- Demographics:
 - Zip code
 - Age range
 - Gender

- Services they need help with/concerns in the community.
- Is there a specific group that is experiencing violence that is not receiving assistance?
- Crimes currently not receiving services.

DSS – Outreach from our side.

- Gov Delivery
- JRI workgroup
- Partner/providers
- Other state agencies
- Lincoln
- MU

Tasks for the group:

- Determine the assessment tools used to identify victims, services, etc.
- Determine outreach groups

Next meeting:

- March 27th – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- MCADSV – 217 Oscar Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65101 (in training room in the back of the building)

Agenda for March 27th:

- Current status of the VOCA fund and projections through FFY23 – FFY24
- Review FFY23-24 contract allocation methodology if there is a FFY24 VOCA fund deficit or increase
- Identification of percentage range of fund for each category table – DSS to complete the spreadsheets within the next week. Only looking for expenditures vs. contract, not expenditures by funding cycle.
- Review application process with procurement requirements and category-specific responses

Jamie – Wants to know if we will review regional vs. statewide and if we will consider making changes to the FFY24 contract.

Zak – Stated yes, he has some definite opinions on this.

Jeriane – We stated we would have renewals that were the same as before, so we should not make changes because this would likely open it up for other discussion/changes and affect the renewal process.

Zak – Wants to discuss region vs. statewide in the application process. Moving into application process and allocation decisions. Next discussion will be fiscal heavy. What are the non-negotiables – exhibits.

Jeriane – Will want to have Wade McDonald in that discussion.

Jessica – Need to review contract expenditures and allocation decisions and if there is a significant deficit – triggers response.

Zak – Need to work on percentage range, final document, and categorize.

VOCA Stakeholder Meeting Notes

March 27th, 2023

Attendees:

- Cheryl Robb Welch – ED MOCADSV
- Zak Wilson – COO MOCADSV
- Jessica Seitz – ED MO MO Kids First
- Jamie Padgett – MAPA Statewide Victim Coordinator
- Ken Chapman – OWCI Assistant Deputy Director
- Leanne Reese – MOCASA Program Services Coordinator
- Connie Berhorst – DPS Program Manager
- Tiffany Johnston – VOCA Program Coordinator
- Tara Shahangian – VOCA Program Specialist
- Benjamin Johnson – VOCA Program Specialist
- Camryn Heimericks – OWCI Fiscal Intern

❖ Meeting started at 9:10 am

❖ General Q&A before getting into the topics

Tiffany: VOCA staff has been doing site visits. In addition, DSS is reviewing 10 agencies previously questioned on the VOCA services they are providing. DSS need to complete the review and will bring it for the next meeting discussion.

Jessica: Mentioned ARCHS was brought up in the legislative process. She wondered if they are just a pass through agency or if they do more and how they are used in VOCA.

Tiffany: Listed the agencies that ARCHS is funding under Neighborhood Healing Network.

Jessica: Requested a funding breakdown of each ARCHS sub-recipient.

Tiffany: Stated will follow-up with the information.

Tiffany: Asked if there were questions on any other VOCA agencies.

Zak: Said that he thinks some agencies don't need their own contract including 1:6, Saweraa, and Employment Connections.

Tiffany: Stated 1:6 is not receiving funding and we could provide a write-up on Employment Connections.

Jessica and Zak: Requested a write-up on Employment Connections.

Tara: Saweraa is providing services and asked the group if they would like a write-up on the agency.

Zak: Stated he did not want a write-up.

Jessica: Some providers who have trouble spending were brought up, such as MO Highway asked if there is any reason why.

Tiffany: They have 2 contracts one for Human Trafficking and one for a School Violence Hotline, but they usually spend all their money by the end of the contract.

❖ Connie Berhorst comes in.

Zak: The biggest question is how we make sure they are actually crime victims they are serving and not just citizens.

Tiffany: They explain the distinction when they review them.

Zak: Wants to make sure they are VOCA eligible like with Employment Connection.

Jessica: Wants to know how some specific programs are VOCA eligible.

Tiffany: Asked them which providers they want a write-up on.

Zak and Jessica: Would like a write-up on Employment Connections and ARCHS. They also requested 5 funding providers ARCHS passes through.

1. Review of Current status of the VOCA fund and projections through FFY23-FFY24

Jessica: Without legislative action, what kind of deficit are we looking at to enact the 1-year?

Tiffany: We got FY23 award already which was \$24,764,263. Which was more than anticipated, but still short by approximately \$1.6M compared to FY22 award which was around \$26M. Also they are not renewing a few contracts so around \$3M can be put back into other providers.

Zak: Start with fund projections, \$24M ARPA, budget book language vs. bill language of last resort. Ken will ask Pat L. which language/authority is correct regarding ARPA and last resort language. Keep agencies who still have FY20 money to spend down due to liquidation deadline this year, push out as much ARPA as possible as fast as possible.

Connie: is there a supplanting issue by using ARPA first? If you spend ARPA now, keep it totally separate

Jessica: supplanting is not an issue, state is struggling overall to spend ARPA dollars, and legislature prefers for it to be spent earlier rather than later, wants to push out ARPA dollars to majority of agencies
Jamie: Do we need to adjust contracts to spend out of ARPA instead of award dollars?

Tiffany: if money is switched around, agencies will need new budgets, and FFDI's disclosed to them.

Jessica: Is it possible to start using ARPA funds instead of VOCA funds starting ASAP, like May 1st, all invoices be submitted under ARPA funding?

Tiffany: It would require a new FFDI, and new budget because 100% ARPA funded programs have different reports.

Ken will talk to Pat about the authority and the switch over.

Zak: Asked Tiffany for the remaining balances for FY20 and FY21 funding.

Note from Jeriane: The Senate reiterated in the hearing process for the SFY23 budget that this funding should only be used after the VOCA funds are expended.

2. Review FFY23 - 24 contract allocation methodology to develop recommendations if there is a FFY24 VOCA fund deficit or increase

Zak: If we do not have authority for ARPA funding they are still \$5M short, what are recommendations? Zak prefers targeted cuts to folks that consistently de-obligate funds, and Jamie agreed.

Ken: texted Bobby and asked about the ARPA funding, Bobby said they most likely have authority.

Group decided to hold off on this conversation until firm confirmation that they have authority to spend ARPA.

Note from Jeriane: DSS has the authority, but we must spend ARPA last.

3. Identification of percentage range of VOCA fund for each identified category

Zak: We established the 5 categories last meeting, now they need to establish the percentages. Recommendations: DV 51%, SA 10%, CA 25%, US 4%, System Based 10% based on updated representation spreadsheet.

Note from Jeriane: This totals 100% and we need to retain admin, so the calculation needs to occur after the removal of administration fees.

Zak and Jessica: Agreed the range from the recommendation percentage can fluctuate roughly up or down 2.5% - 3%.

Tiffany: Bulk of underserved is in Systems based.

Jamie: MAPA spends about 60% of funds on underserved.

Zak: Contracts might vary because unsure if some agencies like Healing Action Network spends more out of underserved or different categories.

Note from Jeriane: This is not the Neighborhood Healing Action Network through ARCHS, this is a separate agency in St. Louis and they provide non-VOCA funding to MOCATE. They received \$263,120 and 100% is underserved.

Jessica: Would like more information on the types of groups that are included in underserved (i.e. rural, survivors of homicide, witnessing crimes, etc.) for some dual agencies.

Tiffany: Will provide the SAR for contracts beginning April 1, 2022. These are only estimates, not actuals as the contract is still active.

Ken: Suggested looking at #'s with that 1.5% fluctuation on either size. Said DSS can start working on those values. Zak agreed with idea and would like to see that.

Note from Jeriane: We can provide the previous contract finalized SAR, and the new estimates. There are differences between estimates and actuals.

4. Review application process with procurement requirements and category specific responses

Jessica: Believes regions should be changed. Some agencies are having a hard time with the regional allocations. Stated there should be a budget within the proposal process.

Connie and Jamie: Agreed with Jessica.

Notes from Jeriane: If there are no longer regions, how will the group decide if the funding meets the crimes? This previously came up during session and the House stated that St. Louis was not receiving adequate funding at that time.

Need to hear from procurement, my understanding is if they put an itemized amount in the proposal that then they have to stick with those amounts, or there would have to be regular contract changes. That is why we focused on services in the bid process, and the line-by-line funding outside of the contract.

Tiffany: Mentioned having sample NFO from other states. Asked if group wanted to see it.

Zak and Jessica: Want to review it to see what categories other states use.

- NFO 1a. How does serving victims of crime advance your agencies strategic plan (add)
- Section D: How do you collect data/use it or quality assurance improvement? Include state plan with NFO that states categories, definitions and priorities.
- Zak: are there geographic priorities? Remove regions, add budget requirement to proposal.
- Section A - Attachment B: History and Experience
 - 1a: # 1-2 pages max
 - Zak: Thinks some of the questions in this section are repetitive. Maybe an Abstract of the project.

Notes from Jeriane: To Zak – what are your proposed language changes?

- Section 3:
 - Zak mentioned this section is where agencies who have good grant writers will excel compared to other agencies. This section is important and they need the numbers but doesn't think it should be as significant of a weight.

Notes from Jeriane: To Zak – What is the number you would like to use?

- Leanne: If organization is a DV shelter, should they say they are a certain type of agency like a CAC? Thinks they should identify with a few sentences what the program is and what categories they serve? (Zak agrees).
Notes from Jeriane: What is the exact language that needs to be included?
- Jessica: Wants to add in Section A, a question that asks how they specifically help victims of crime, basically a reasoning for why they applied for VOCA.
Notes from Jeriane: What is the exact language that needs to be included?
- Connie: Suggested adding something such as “What’s the problem, why is it a problem, and including statistics relating to the Nation.”
Notes from Jeriane: To Connie, this was in the notes, but we cannot determine what it means. Will clarify in the meeting on April 10th.
- Remove #1B, # 2

Notes from Jeriane: Will review this section on the 10th when procurement is available.
- Section B: Zak wants this wordsmith.
Notes from Jeriane: What is the exact language that needs to be included?
 - Ken: How specific with the type of crime? 5 Category limit only?
 - Zak: If they develop strong definition of Underserved, then yes. (Collective agreed they need a definition of Underserved)
Notes from Jeriane: When are we going to include the underserved providers in this conversation?
 - Tiffany: Asked if they wanted an appendix of definitions included?
 - Zak: Agrees but also wants to include a 3-year state plan.
 - Tiffany: So a like state plan posted with it?
 - Zak & Jessica: Yes, so people can refer to it and see where they fit in.

Notes from Jeriane: If there is an appendix, the group needs to decide what is included. In regards to the state plan, we can include a link to the plan in the RFP. However, we will take comments from all agencies on the plan. We should consider a public comment/public hearing for transparency.
- Section C:
 - Zak does not like the word “EVERY” in services based on category applying for – wants customized

- Zak: Curious if they can use different prompts for different applicants based of the type of service(s) they provide. (Example: If applying for category DV, answer box 1a—skip box 1b).
- Connie thinks they should be able to, but Ken unsure
- Jessica: wants maybe more specific questions because some agencies will over dump information because they do not want to leave anything out.
- Jamie: mentioned it also results in not enough info and some were docked points for not including things like facility size.

Notes from Jeriane: We can design the proposal.

- Section D:

- Zak: Not great section because hard to compare DV to CA.
- Jessica: Mentioned having to report that data to the feds, so maybe changing wording to “How do you collect & quality assure data?”

Notes from Jeriane: We can design the proposal.

- Section E: moving services into section c (condense)

- Connie: # 2 change to description rather than a summary, request specific questions, Section D: why do you collect the data, how do you use it? Look at the data when you are monitoring (program)

Notes from Jeriane: Need to draft the language.

- Section F: wordsmith (ROI) question

- Jessica: where do you fit in your community? How do you help out? Provide pre-bid clarification
- Zak: If you pick N/A, please explain how you cannot get the services

Notes from Jeriane: Need to draft the language.

- Volunteer Section:

- Jessica: No issue, possibly condense into section C- services
- Zak: clean up question about Volunteers doing specifically VOCA project work, & wants the unduplicated # of volunteers.

Notes from Jeriane: Need to draft the language.

- Personnel Section:
 - Zak: good to have a list of personnel on a project, clear up language, talk about education and experience. Key personnel form- ask Wade about possibly combining it with budget and list of paid VOCA staff

Notes from Jeriane: Need to draft the language.

- Training Plan:
 - Zak: weighted too high but essential, wordsmith question 1 and 2

Notes from Jeriane: Need to draft the language.

- Sustainability plan:
 - Connie: sent out funding form- will send to group, create a review form with expectations, and make sure it matches questions
 - Zak: use template for 25% other funding requirement, ask question if you were cut by XX % what would the contractor provider do?
 - Jessica: wants to include question about what other funding sources are used as part of the scoring. Use funding sources chart.

Notes from Jeriane: Need to draft the language.

- Post Review Questions & Thoughts:
 - Connie: thinks questions should be very clear on forms & NFO.

Notes from Jeriane: We need to know what the proposed language is.
 - Zak: Agrees and thinks applicants should know the questions beforehand as well. (Collective agrees).

DSS To-Do List

1. Update project descriptions to include ARCHS, employment connection, and questioned C/A agencies, make sure it includes how they identify victims/non victims
2. Update spreadsheet for category percentages based on SAR categories reported
3. Report out expenditure levels by grant year, and remaining to date
4. Send out other state NFO samples to group (done)
5. Follow up on underserved survey clarification

VOCA Stakeholder Meeting

05.01.23

MOCADSV Office 9am-12pm

Attendees:

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| • Cheryl Robb Welch | • Benjamin Johnson |
| • Zak Wilson | • Tiffany Johnston |
| • Jamie Padgett | • Patti Custer |
| • Jessica Seitz | • Tara Shahangian |
| • Tina Utley | • Wade McDonald |
| • Leanne Reese | • Ken Chapman |
| | • Jeriane Jaegers-Brenneke |
| | • Patrick Luebbering |

1. Funding Allocation discussion

- Jessica – Said suggestion
- Jamie – Used information already had
- Tiffany – Previous data did not include ARPA
- Jeriane – Updated numbers
- Cheryl – Why would we include ARPA funding?
- Jeriane – It was not allocated across the board, only to large agencies, so this skewed the numbers.
- Tiffany – There is \$17M left in ARPA unallocated.
- Zak – Establishing categories, while was past, can have variance based off the priorities that are established. May need to drive more money into this category. Based on the SARs, fine, were thinking underserved was overrepresented and funding shifted to others. Wanted to know where the systems based where broken up.
- Jamie - About 50% of underserved and 25% DV. Establishing it, but knowing that it is still flexible. Don't have to be set in stone with what they are currently.
- Jeriane – Do we put caps on awards?
- Zak and Cheryl – No
- Jamie – What period is this?
- Tiffany – The timeframes include the 6th contract and current contract (04.01.22 to current)
- Jamie – 6.8% previously and not 6% of underserved
- Tiffany – Most of the ARPA money went to all 7 of the contracts. The ARPA funding was heavy in DV providers. Although the total dollar amount was total contract amount on the prior sheet, it truly only reflect non-ARPA funds reported to DOJ.
- Leanne – Numbers don't seem right.
- Jeriane – Are we setting up percentages? And what are those? And how do we justify moving the funds around?

- Jessica – Need to justify the decision. Percentages imply formula. Yes, have to justify the awards. If it is competitive, someone will be upset.
- Jeriane – I am not saying it is right or wrong, just how we justify it.
- Tiffany – OVC has announced priorities this year which include: historically marginalized populations and agencies that haven't received funding before. Human trafficking is a huge priority this year too.
- Tina – Not fair to put a cap on it. Would be hard to do it by services too.

Need to make

- Tiffany- Need to make equitable funding decisions for agencies within the same category. Such as looking at shelter size to ensure that contract amounts are equitable, same argument with the CASA'S.
- Leanne – With the funding going down, everyone is set at the amount in 2017. As the funding is going down, not sure how open it will be. Cap on if new program, certain funding. All would have been better off being a new program than an existing program. Back to what Zak is saying. Part of it is what DOJ sets as the priorities.
- Jeriane – Should we set percentages?
- Tiffany- Agencies have %'s for different categories which is broken out on the sheet
- Cheryl – The answer will be no.
- Wade – Formula needs to be inside the competitive process, or inside the process.
- Jessica – Still thinks some organizations do not fit.
- Jeriane – Will do a legal review.
- Jessica – Justify it and do a review. Not a competitive review.
- Cheryl – What is written doesn't seem applicable. Fine going to legal – looks like prevention and not legal services. Why were they awarded in the first place?
- Jessica – Just think some don't fit.
- Jamie – Still foster care parts.
- Jessica – Foster Adopt Connect KI and 10.
- Jamie and Jessica – These need to be reviewed.
 - Foster Adopt Connect KI & BI
 - Missouri Alliance for Children and Families
 - Central Missouri Foster Care & Adoption
 - Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition of St. Louis
- Jessica – Wants legal counsel. Has a really large award. They are outliers.
- Group – Expenditure levels cut
- Pat - \$5M is in house. \$30M in senate. It will go to conference. Should know by Friday. Apply new methodology.
- Jessica - Still committed to original timeframe. Extending at same level. Go in 25 with the new methodology.
- Cheryl – There is a national advocacy of putting into GR.
- Jessica – On site visits. Have you seen the variance in awards and size of agencies? Things have not been adjusted. Would like to discuss whether we can discuss unit of service. Not overall cap, but it is time for them to compete.
- Pat – Cap has a really organized agency and get funding. Cannot award them \$10M. Weeding out small programs. % of thing could.
- ? – Part of it seems like expenditure priority. Prioritizing staff and cars.
- Jeriane – Some states do only allow for certain things.

- Jamie – Better way to look at it. No capital improvements.
- Cheryl – Promotional materials, not transportation. Transportation needs are increasing. Cut it out. Also looks at needs assessment. That is really, what we are wanting to gather.
- Tiffany – Transportation has been an identified gap across the board.
- Jessica – Would be helpful to get that information. If we are approaching a cliff of 50%, would prioritize and what people would prioritize. If funding dropped if 50%, staff and will put a lot of things on hold for 1 time expenses. There is an argument that transportation is an ongoing operating expense. Would not call it a unallowable expense. Can probably list programs that could be cut if going to list funding by 50%.
- Patti and Tiffany – Outside of personnel and benefits some recent requests for spending larger amounts of money are for Upgrading phones and systems.
- Tiffany – Most are using DVSS ARPA funding to make one-time purchases such as vehicles.
- Jessica – To identify underserved.
- Pat – Thought missing major categories.
- Jessica – On title, might just say we have prioritized the types of crime.
- Tina – Are new priorities covered?
- Tiffany – New providers and marginalized communities are the DOJ priorities. Can also add to the other category.
- Survey:
 - Change title to remove violent
 - Update to include questions on marginalized communities
 - Add gun violence
 - Update the underserved
- Send out communication to the larger group

VOCA Stakeholder Meeting

05.23.23 @ DSS 1-4pm

Attendees:

- Cheryl Robb Welch
- Zak Wilson
- Jamie Padgett
- Jessica Seitz
- Benjamin Johnson
- Tiffany Johnston
- Patti
Custer

- Camryn Heimericks
- Wade McDonald
- Ken Chapman
- Jeriane Jaegers-Brenneke
- Leanne Reese
- Luis Killebrew

Funding Allocations (Formula) – See Attachment #1 for details

✓ Option 1: Contract with MCADSV, MO Kids First, MO-CASA, and MAPA

- Jamie: Asked to clarify if the pass through portion would be a contract for money and not just the grant. MAPA would receive a contract for a specific dollar amount to then pass out to all of their sub-recipients.
- Jeriane: Yes that is correct, each pass through agency would be required to submit to DSS an allocation methodology to meet VOCA requirements along with other things as necessary.
- Wade: Stated all 17 standard sub recipient contract attachments would still be required for each agency.
- Jessica: States are increasingly participating in this method, looking for feedback and to do a little more research. Are there any programs doing this now?
- Jeriane: Yes, MOCAN has a contract for SkillUP and technical assistance. SkillUP is the employment and training program for SNAP recipients. MOCAN allocates the funds to Community Action Agencies for SkillUP. The technical assistance contract is separate with defined services. DSS is also looking at the possibility of having an overarching contract for JAG Missouri. If this option were chosen, agencies would follow their own procurement processes.
- Jessica: Can you provide cons of doing this?
- Jeriane: Some agencies will not be happy with funding decisions regardless of what they are. However, over the years, it has been brought up that this would be a good idea since the agencies know who needs the funds, how it should be allocated, and would know if there are issues that need to be resolved.
- Cheryl: Asked if the regions would still be required.
- Jeriane: No regions would not be required; however, there must be a plan on equitable distribution of funds.
- Cheryl: Option 1 would require the pass through agencies to hire more staff, are there any insurances that this is something that would be long term? In the past, there have been times when the technical assistance contracts were suspended.
- Jeriane: We could write in the proposal that we would like it to be in statute with the requirements such as the agencies that receive the funding, the percentage of funding they receive, and other items.

- Jessica: If this is something that is permanent, can we re-evaluate the percentages based on current environment (i.e.: funding fluctuations)?
 - Jeriane: I am not sure if that makes sense or not and the group can talk, but I would assume if an agency does not need funds that there may be another agency that needs funds or increases capacity.
 - Zak: Stated this cannot be based around MCADSV membership, and must be completely separate.
 - Jessica: Will share some pass through readiness material she was provided and is participating in a peer review for Illinois. There needs to be a complete separation between this and TA work. Will need to hire new staff specifically for VOCA pass through work.
 - Jeriane: There is a lot of work that has to be done as sub recipients including monitoring, invoicing, site visits etc. Currently in DSS all, these roles are aligned by task and not performed by the same staff person. This allows the staff to interact with the agencies in a specific manner related to the role they play.
 - Cheryl: Wanted to ensure lobbying was still going to be acceptable.
 - Jeriane and Wade: Yes, as long as you are not VOCA funds. (Note: This would include DVSS funds.)
 - Jeriane: Also clarified that the remainder (approximately 5%) for the underserved would be allocated through a competitive bid process by DSS.
 - Leanne: Wanted to know how new providers will be chosen.
 - Jeriane: Would rely on the agencies to ensure that federal guidelines are met including targeting groups such as marginalized.
- ✓ Option 2: Create 4 formulas and 1 competitive bid
- Tiffany: Read option 2 from agenda. Advised agencies that have multiple service types such as Synergy and St. Charles Family Court, would potentially have multiple contracts based on service type.
 - Jeriane: Went over option # 3, group consensus not interested, went over option # 4, group consensus not interested. Returned back to Option 1 for discussion

- Jessica: Reducing the burden of competitive processes by having formulas is a good idea, but would like to think both options over and consider them. Either way each agency will have to come up with an allocation methodology, and neither option resolves their responsibility of making funding decisions.
- Wade: In option 1 or 2, agencies are a part of the award process.
- Zak: For option two, would need a way to include Sexual Violence as its own formula rather than be included in the remainder competitive portion, since it is a priority category.
- Jeriane: How long do we need to come to a conclusion on #1 or #2? 2 weeks or 3 weeks?
- Cheryl: Would need to discuss this with MOCADSV board members.
- Jessica: Would need to discuss with MO Kids First board members and agencies.
- Zak: Inquired about ranges of pass through administration money to cover new programmatic costs.
- Jeriane: Advised a budget and budget narrative would be required to be submitted and reviewed which would include requested new programmatic pass through costs.
- Jeriane: Asked if there is further feedback on the survey.
- Zak: Age range should be 0-17 and not 16-17.
- Jeriane: We will update.
- Leanne: Said there are 4 questions.
- Jeriane: We will update. Also, will likely send for another review.
- Scheduled Next Meeting 6/20/23 from 1-4pm at Knipp Drive in the Truman Room
- Jeriane: Stated all questioned agencies are allowable per DSS legal review.
- Hannah: Gave an overview of the overall invoiced costs per category, and 85% is spent on personnel and fringe.

- Jessica: Stated that is good to know so we do not really need to reduce category costs.
- Hannah: Gave an overview of an interactive Tableau map that includes services provided by VOCA, DVSS, DPS, and other system service providers.
- Cheryl: Was impressed with the map and stated there are groups that have been trying to get this completed for 10 years.
- Jessica: Stated it is very impressive, and would like to review the data for accuracy.
- Jamie: Agreed.
- Jeriane: The Excel spreadsheet will be sent out for review and after the corrections are made, the map will be distributed.
- Meeting adjourned.

Attachment #1

- Option #1: Contract with **MCADSV, MO Kids First, MO-CASA, and MAPA**
 1. Would be sub recipients (monitoring, invoicing, etc.)
 2. Potential Allocations
 - MCADSV: \$29,936,156 (\$30M) or 61% (with TA of \$331,460 or 0.67%)
 - 73 contracts + TA
 - MO Kids First: \$10,219,404 (\$10.2) or 20.76% (with TA of \$58,592 or 0.12%)
 - 24 contracts + TA
 - MO-CASA: \$2,091,928 or 4.25%
 - MAPA: \$4,913,580 or 9.98%
 3. Remainder:
 - **Underserved Only:** \$2,061,884 or 5.72%

- Note: Underserved will be in other categories to meet the required percentage
- Option #2: Create 4 formulas and 1 competitive bid
 1. **Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)** – Serves youth in Foster Care
 - \$2,091,928 (\$2.1M)
 - 4% of total award (\$49M)
 - 18 contracts
 - Potential Formula:
 - # of children served
 - # of counties served
 2. **Child Advocacy Centers (CAC)** – Serve youth that are victims in court cases (record forensic interviews for domestic, physical, and/or sexual abuse or neglect)
 - $\$4,970,691 = \$4,634,182 + \$336,509$ (\$4.97 M)
 - 10% of total award (\$49M)
 - 23 contracts (+ Synergy)
 - Potential Formula:
 - # of children served
 - # of counties covered
 3. **System Based** – Assist victims through court process (part of the prosecution or law enforcement team)
 - \$4,913,580 (\$4.9M)
 - 10% of total award (\$49M)
 - 20 contracts
 - Potential Formula:
 - Maintain current allocations for the following:
 - Reynolds County: \$38,160 (0.08%)
 - Wayne County: \$18,400 (0.04%)

- Grain Valley Police Department: \$55,532 (0.11%)
 - Total: \$112,092 (0.23%)
 - Ask MAPA about remaining formula allocation: \$4,801,488 (9.75%)
 - Total Allocation: 9.86%
 - Note: Includes 10 non-MAPA contracted PA office of \$1,399,642 (\$1.4M) or 2.84%
- 4. DV Shelters Only** – Provide 24/7 shelter services to survivors and their families
- \$730,310 = \$426,662 DV Shelters Only + \$687,648 Synergy DV Shelters
 - 1.5% of total award (\$49M)
 - 50 contracts (+ Synergy)
 - Potential Formula:
 - # of beds
 - # of victims served
 - # of services provided – Could break down further (i.e. counseling, case management, parenting classes, childcare, etc.)
 - Does not include transitional housing, as this is longer term than shelters.
- 5. Remainder** – Competitive Bid – 39 agencies
- \$15,107,435 = \$14,668,510 + \$438,925 Synergy SV
 - 30.7% of total award (\$49M)
- Option #3: Entire competitive bid

COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY RELATED TO VICTIMS OF CRIME

The Missouri Department of Social Services, MO Kids First, and the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence are conducting a short survey. We invite you to answer 4 questions to help guide our work in meeting local needs to address crime in your community. We value your input and appreciate your time.

This survey is only addressing specific community issues and does not include domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse, as there are multiple reports and agencies that represent those types of crimes.

The survey is voluntary and anonymous.

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE ANY PERSONAL IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION IN ANY OF THE RESPONSES.

To begin, please click the link below:

- **What is your zip code? This helps us align your responses with your community.. (Drop down list)**
- **What is your age?**
 - 0-17
 - 18-24
 - 25-35
 - 45-54
 - 55-64
 - 65+
- **Review the list below and select any individuals or groups in your community that are not receiving needed help with crime” (Drop down list)**
 - Deaf or Experienced Hearing Loss
 - Homeless
 - Immigrants
 - Refugees
 - LGBTQ+
 - Veterans
 - Individuals with Disabilities
 - Individuals with Limited English Proficiency
 - Elderly/Aging
 - African American community

- Asian American community
- Latino community
- Other racial or ethnic community (please specify)
- Religious communities (please specify)
- Other (Please explain)
- None

If more than one selection in this grouping is made, please rate each in order of greatest need. Rank your greatest needs as “1”, second greatest as “2” and so on.

- **Select any of the following crime types you feel need the most attention in your community. (Drop down list)**

- Adult Physical Assault
- Adults who were Molested as Children
- Arson
- Bullying (Verbal, Cyber, or Physical)
- Burglary
- DUI/DWI Incidents
- Elder Abuse or Neglect
- Hate Crimes
- Hazing
- Human Trafficking
- Identity theft
- Fraud
- Financial Crime
- Mass Violence
- Non-Violent Crimes
- Vehicle Hit and Run
- Robbery
- Stalking
- Harassment
- Survivors of Homicide Victims
- Gun Violence
- Teen Dating Victimization
- Terrorism
- Violation of a Court Protective Order
- None
- Other (Please explain)

If more than one selection in this grouping is made, please rate each in order of greatest need. Rank your greatest needs as “1”, second greatest as “2” and so on.

VOCA Stakeholder Meeting
06.20.23 at DSS 1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

Attendees:

Zak Wilson

Jamie Padgett

Jessica Seitz

Benjamin Johnson

Patti Custer

Camryn Heimericks

Tara Shahangian

Wade McDonald

Ken Chapman

Jeriane Jaegers-Brenneke

Connie Berhorst

Leanne Reese

1. Option #1 vs. Option #2

- MOCADSV – Chose Option #1
 - Reiterated would not be based on membership
- MO Kids First – Chose Option #1
 - MO Kids First – Do not work with about ½ of the agencies as they have very specific functions that are not consistent with the CACs. Expects a formula allocation on the CACs and competitive bid on the remainder.
- MAPA – Option #1 Final
 - First, Option #2 (Cost Allocation Per)
 - MAPA preferred due to the agencies they don't currently contract with Reynolds, Wayne, Grain Valley, and KC Law
 - These will be moved to the competitive bid process with underserved
 - MAPA now is good with Option #1
- MO-CASA – Option #1 Final
 - First, Option #2 (Cost Allocation Per)
 - Concerned about costs to administer
 - DSS explained these costs would be included in a budget and budget narrative
 - St. Charles Family Court will be moved under them in the chart as 2/3 of the project is CASA

2. Survey

- Ready to send out

3. Numbers

- MO Kids First and MO-CASA stated the numbers do not seem correct
- DSS and agencies will work together on technical assistance and training

4. Procurement

- There were questions regarding how the agencies procurement would occur
- DSS stated that we can review our process which will likely be close to what MAPA uses (or at least some of the forms), but the other agencies will follow their own procurement processes

5. Review Allocations

- MO-CASA wanted to know when we will review allocations and stated theirs is a small allocation overall
- DSS encouraged reviewing other federal grant funding

- MO-CADSV stated every 3 years
- DSS stated we will plan for annually since we will be meeting on a regular basis

6. Next Steps

- Agencies will provide a short overview of their potential contracting process by June 30th
- DSS will update the numbers based on the changes from the meeting today
- DSS will begin draft of document to present to Department and General Assembly
- DSS will prepare a draft agenda and distribute for the all stakeholder call on July 19th from 10 am – 11 am
- DSS will provide guidance on SARS, quarterly reports, monitoring, invoicing, budget, budget narrative, and budget adjustment forms
- Agencies will review data after survey is released

VOCA Stakeholder Call
07.10.23 via WebEx 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Attendees:

Zak Wilson

Jamie Padgett

Jessica Seitz

Benjamin Johnson

Patti Custer

Adam Crumbliss

Tara Shahangian

Wade McDonald

Ken Chapman

Jeriane Jaegers-Brenneke

Patrick Luebbering

Cheryl Robb-Welch

Joe Engler

Pat Thomas

Brock Whisle

1. Reallocations to Sub-recipients

- MOCADSV
 - Zak and Cheryl questioned why DSS would retain DeafLEAD, DAEOC, Synergy and the legal aid service providers.
 - After group discussion it was determined that DeafLEAD, DAEOC, Synergy and the legal aid service providers would be represented by MOCADSV.
 - Intends to hold listing sessions for agencies. Still on track for a competitive bid process; though they have explored having a base plus option as a variant.
- MO Kids First
 - Jessica would like to have a portion of SEMO-NASV and Synergy because they do some child advocacy.
 - SEMO-NASV will go under MO Kids First
 - Planning a membership meeting to propose a formula based process, competitive bid process or both.
- MAPA
 - Plans to use their current processes.
 - Will maintain current funding levels including the nine add-on agencies.
- MO-CASA
 - They did not have any questions or comments on the reallocations.
 - Their process will be partially competitive and partially formula based.

2. Information/Dissemination

- DSS
 - Reiterated to all that the public is not yet aware of these possible changes with VOCA funding allocations.

- Any conversations that are had should include everyone.
- Jeriane stated that she would like for DSS to send out a memorandum to the agencies before anyone else. Patrick agreed that everyone should learn about the possible changes at once or it may create a problem. DSS prefers that no one is blindsided and that it is imperative to let everyone know what is coming down the pipeline.
- MAPA
 - Jamie stated that MAPA has already sent out a memorandum to the nine new agencies notifying them of the possible future funding allocation and award process.
- MOCADSV
 - Zak stated that they have held individual conversations with members who are on their Board.
 - DSS found this concerning and feels like these conversations and/or meetings should not exclude non-members.
 - DSS does not want this to get ahead of the General Assembly before anything is final.
 - Zak feels it's important to share this type of information with their member agencies.
- MO Kids First
 - Jessica stated that her Board has not seen anything since early May before the pass-thru option was on the table.
 - They have talked about a pass-thru in the past but nothing in detail.

VOCA All Providers Stakeholder Meeting – Future Proposal Meeting Minutes

10:00- 12:00 PM

07.19.2023

Meeting Recording Link

Jeriane: The call will be recorded and all documents and meeting minutes will be posted to VOCA website. If you have any questions, please put them in the chat. We will capture the chat and review it, then go from there.

Before we do anything else the first thing I want to let you know is, the allocation from October 1st, 2023 through September 30th, 2024 is *not* changing. Everything we are talking about right now would be starting October 1st, 2024.

So I am going to start with a history of the program because I think it is sometimes all over the place. And depending on when you came into the program you may or may not know it. And some of you have outdated me in this program and know it.

We're going to briefly go through who we have at the table here:

Camryn Heimericks, Patti Custer, Benjamin Johnson Jr., Wade McDonald, Ken Chapman, and Jeriane Jaegers-Brenneke introduce themselves and their roles

So I'm just going to clarify a few things, while I've only had the VOCA program since the DSS workforce & community initiatives merged in April 2021, I have had multiple conversations with others who have been around longer than I have.

Patti and Benjamin, how long have you been with the VOCA program?

Patti: Since July 2019

Benjamin: November 2018

Jeriane: So Patti is July 2019, and Benjamin is November of 2018, and I report to Patrick Luebbering (the CFO at division of finance and administrative services) who also has a history with the program. So while I may be new to you, I do have a history here with me; so in case I mess up they can help me.

➤ **HISTORY OF VOCA:**

In 2017 the program moved from DPS to DSS, through some house bill language changes. There were additional agencies added over the years like MAPA, MOCASA, Foster care programs, and more. Those were added before my time and many conversations were had with multiple players on why to add them and reasons why they should be added. Which they were included due to the programs they offer. But I want to make sure I include this in there because I know there's still statements about who's in and who's done things like that. The Department of Justice has us talk every year about

things like new providers, new services, and underserved communities etc. While I understand it's hard to add new providers with funding levels staying where it is, the DOJ does encourage that, (adding new providers/services) and we did do that last time.

➤ **VOCA FUNDING:**

I do want to talk about, and I know a lot of you have heard this before, how the funding comes to DSS. It comes to us from the Office of Victims Services within the Department of Justice. Even though the fund when we get it says it's good for 4 years, we actually don't get it until the first year is almost over. When we got the 2022 year award letter, we did not receive it until September of 2022. So, that award is actually over on September 30th, 2025, just wanted to make sure everyone knows that because even though we get an award letter, we don't get it until the first year is almost over.

Which sort of counts out our first year; and this isn't the only Federal program that is like this either.

I did want to review the award amount, and we have the documents that we will post (which have been shared previously), but we will update them and post them. And I'm not talking about when the funds were actually allocated, I'm talking about when the award letter actually came to us. Example: FY17 Award was for Oct. 1 2016 – Sept. 30th 2017

➤ **FISCAL YEAR AWARD AMOUNTS ARE AS FOLLOWED:**

- FY17: \$34.4 Million
- FY18: \$61.8 Million
- FY19: \$41.7 Million
- FY20: \$30.90 Million
- FY21: \$19.2 Million
- FY22: \$26.3 Million
- FY23: \$24.7 Million (*We do not have the award letter yet*).

So you can see how it went from a lower amount to a higher amount (FY21 → FY23). As you are aware, there was some work being done on getting a "fix" to go through but the fix didn't actually increase the fund; at least not at this time.

Patti, can you talk a bit about what the fix was supposed to do?

Patti: When the VOCA fix was released in 2021, it should've increased the revenue. There was a big deposit but they haven't released any of those extra funds. Until then, it did take some money away from us in 2021 and give it to victim's compensation, because our award was higher than \$19.2 Million. But then they took some money and gave it to compensation, but it has increased in FY22 and FY23.

Jeriane: Yeah, but the whole purpose of the fund was to say that they were going to try to get a specific type of fund increase right? What was that?

Patti: They were trying to get it back up to the higher amounts like in previous years. So they were pulling stuff out and putting it into general revenue.

Jeriane: They were going through the non-prosecution cases, right?

Patti: Yes, correct.

Jeriane: They were trying to get in the big cases and there were a couple of big windfall cases but those didn't come up as often as we thought so that fund didn't go up, there were a couple of things that happened. In FY22, through the general assembly process, there was ARPA funding. Which was one of the letters that came out of the pandemic. But ARPA was one set of funds that came to the State of Missouri, and other states, and was used for a variety of things. Which included VOCA. So \$24 million in ARPA was put in and we didn't spend a lot of that and kept the funding level flat, because we don't know what's going to happen in the future. Only about \$500,000 of that was spent. In 2023, the ARPA money of that \$24 million was re-appropriated.

So, our plan for this year is to spend a portion of the General Revenue, all of the ARPA money, then work on the FY23 grant last.

You'll also hear that there was \$15 million that was put in. After some back and forth they settled on \$15 million, as to not lapse. But regardless of what we know today, the FY23 amount will not change. You will get what you got before, and are working through what the future will look like; because nothing is set in stone. That's why we are having this call.

➤ **REGIONAL STRUCTURE FOR FUNDING:**

I also want to discuss the regional structure and why it was put in place. The discussion occurred several years ago, before I was in this position. During the legislative session, there was not adequate funding for victims in St. Louis and in the Southwest Area. So what we did was split the state up into MOCADSV regions unless they crossed, like judicial districts, and created multiple regions.

We understand that has not been easy for some agencies, if they have to allocate funding or if you are across the whole state or crossing line, etc. We did show it to several people before implementing it, but we are open to discussions on looking at that, just so you know. We still have to figure out some method to show we are still trying to be accountable for where pockets of people are. So that's still a question on how that would look.

We did use MSHP data and looked at underserved and every single category and CAN Hotline data. We did hear that that data would not be right because not all victims report. And we understand that, and how it would be an issue across the state, but we lacked other data sources at that point. So we will take a look at that and see what that looks like now.

➤ **PROCUREMENT PROCESS:**

Now I want to talk a little bit about how our procurement process works for the contracts that started October 1st. We had \$68.9 Million in bids and we had \$49.2 million dollars to allocate.

I believe our procurement process went very well. We spent probably close to 200 hours going over every single request and document, then scoring them. By the time we were done, if we had gone with the top bidders, a whole lot of agencies would not have gotten money. That's ultimately why we went through expenditures or bids (the lesser of the 2). Then we went to the average of the region or the bid.

Now I understand that there were providers that were not okay with this either. So we need to just talk about that at some point. But just to understand if we end up going to a competitive bid again at some point, we will have to note that if its top agencies, there will be agencies that don't receive funding. We even looked at a point scale, where say if you were in this range then you could get 58% of the bid. There were some bids that would've taken up a huge amount of the bid (10 %+). What we know going forward is that if DSS, which we will have a portion of it, does a competitive bid we are going to have to set parameters. I don't know what those would look like yet.

There was some previous discussion that if there were fund decreases (unrelated to bid process), that potentially everyone could have a decrease. We are not looking at that for FY23, and I just want to make sure everyone knows that going forward.

➤ **WORKGROUP MEETINGS:**

We did have a stakeholder group that met to determine potential allocation methodology. The stakeholder group, included MOCADSV, DSS, MO Kids First, MAPA, and MOCASA. After we had hearings, talked to multiple legislators, and senators, we discussed multiple options.

The options were:

1. Allocating %'s by type.
 - a. There were concerns with this type because if you say you can only have 20% in this group then that means you're going to have a contract process to account for that.
2. Allocation based on type of service.
 - a. For example you get X amount of dollars for a bed-night. (That's not the amount you'd actually get, it would just be what you get to bid).
3. Continue doing competitive bid.
 - a. Understand that the whole process with that needs some major improvements to it.

4. Allocating the funding through sub-recipients.
DSS would've been okay with multiple options, and we are still open to those. Just so you are aware, that process (allocating through sub-recipients) is not a new process for us. We have other contracts where we give funding to an overarching organization. Then they run some employment and training programs for us and in turn they monitor and allocate that funding to their sub-recipients. So it is not a new concept to us. After multiple conversations with stakeholders, we know it is not a new concept for other states as well.

That is what ultimately you received. You received an excel spreadsheet with a list of where we had talked about where we thought you might have fit. I'm going to wrap this up at this point. But we want to take any and all comments on any of this, and take it back to that group and have more discussions.

➤ **SUB-RECIPIENT DISCUSSION:**

Let me explain what it takes to be a sub-recipient. Right now DSS is a sub-recipient of federal funds, we have all of the responsibility to make sure the funds are administered correctly, and we have monitoring to ensure that. You all are aware of that, as we have a monitoring team that comes out and does programmatic and fiscal monitoring with you. We also process all of the invoices, budgets, and budget adjustments. If we were to go down the sub-recipient path, those duties would be passed to those lead organizations. And our duties would be to ensure that they are following all of their federal guidance. Also, if anything would come up and we had to monitor someone because of something fraudulent, this would be completed in coordination with the sub-recipient. That is something that could happen.

VOCA funding is not tied to a membership, and everyone has to be treated equally on VOCA. It is a federal grant given to DSS to administer like many of our other grants. We have probably 100 programs right now, and this is just one of them. Many of those programs have federal funds that flow through us.

If we continue with this path, we would receive the sub-recipients proposed formula allocation (which we already have from some of them), and look at that. The last thing is that if you hear that DSS asked agencies not to have conversations and things like that, that is an accurate statement. We wanted to wait until this call happened to make sure everyone received the same information at the same time.

And we are going to get better with this. We are going to have these calls for VOCA followed by DVSS once a month going forward. That way you guys hear from us once a month. Sometimes we will do a call for agenda items, sometimes we won't. But if you have agenda items, send them up to us.

It's clear that we have to start getting in front of the larger group on a more regular basis and hear from everyone.

That's where I am going to stop, but I just wanted to make sure you heard from the agency that received the funding to administer VOCA, what's occurring with this program. And that we are going to be having these calls on a regular basis.

For those of you who have submitted comments, we have submitted those comments in a spreadsheet to keep a running tally on what the thoughts are. To those agencies that said they would like to keep certain information private, if that's your desire we will respect that.

We know some agencies are good with this, some are not. It's kind of all over the place, so I wanted to make sure you all know that you have a voice.

Now we are going to go through the chat and answer some questions.

➤ **START OF QUESTION AND ANSWER DIALOGUE**

1. Woemmel, Kelsey - Aren't there issues with the difference in agencies with comparing certain parameters, such as supplanting and supplementing funds? (on the competitive bids)
 - a. Sub-planting is never allowed. If you pay for something now, then you turn around and use VOCA funds to pay for it when you already had a process to pay for it, that's not allowed.

2. Katiina Dull - Would lead organizations be reimbursed by DSS to take on the additional oversight work load or would that be pulled from the VOCA fund?
 - a. It would probably be a mix. Right now DSS could potentially reduce some of our admin. But since we have a cap on our admin level we would have to look at the proposal to see what's needed and what we have in the admin funds. So we can't completely answer that yet.

3. Martha Sander – Are minutes available from the stakeholder meetings?
 - a. Yes and they will be posted to our website.

4. Angela Hirsch- When will a final decision be made regarding sub-contractors?
 - a. We are hoping within the next month or so. Also, “final decision” doesn't not mean it's actually final. We are tasked to write up a formula recommendation to get to the general assembly in the fall. So I am hoping we can get something drafted within the next month or so. But it also depends on how many comments we need to go through. If there are a lot, it might be closer to 2 months.

My goal is to write up the entire process of how we came to this recommendation; including who was involved, how we decided, the pros and cons, etc.

5. Martha Sander - I feel like we have not had any information about this prior to last week. We have also not seen any plans about how this would actually be implemented through MOCADSV.
 - a. When we originally started the larger group, everyone kind of had a group of people under them, and we continued to disseminate information to the larger group. Based on this comment, it is clear not all the information was getting out. I know this is a lot to digest, and that's why I am telling you that we are taking the lead on this and that you will be get the information directly from us. We need to talk often to make this work.

6. Martha Sander - Who do we send our written concerns to? How will our concerns be addressed?

- a. You can send them to the VOCA email address:
FSD.VOCAUnit@dss.mo.gov
Patti, Benjamin, and Tara monitor it and will collect all your comments/concerns and put them into a spreadsheet. If you do not want your concern shared with the larger group, please include that information when you send it.

7. Carricato, Vickie - We only submit for salaries and benefits, will there be a cap on salaries for reimbursement?
 - a. I think that's going to depend on which group you fall into and what their plan is. So I know we have ran things multiple times in the past and have cut certain parts due to a restricted fund, so all you could really pay is salary and benefits. But I think that's going to depend on how much funding is available, and likely salaries and benefits would want to be paid first. In regard to capping those, we would need to get into more of a 1-on-1 discussion if there are concerns on that so we can understand better.

8. Carricato, Vickie- I am also curious about the turnaround time for reimbursements?
 - a. That is all something we'd have to talk to the potential sub-recipients about. Right now we usually have about a 4 days or so turnaround. There is also something in the VOCA law about turnaround times as well. So the bottom line is that no matter what happens, all of the requirements with VOCA will have to be met. Whether it is processing, invoicing, monitoring, risk assessment, etc. All of those federal rules still have to be met. That won't change; and it doesn't matter if DSS are the ones doing it, or the sub-recipients.

9. Laura Halfmann-Morris- Could you speak more to how representative agencies would determine how much the agencies in their categories would receive? Or would that determination still be made by DSS?
 - a. If we go down the sub-recipient path, whoever spent within that category (MO Kids First, MOCADSV, MAPA, MOCASA etc.), that agency would submit a funding/spending plan and we would review it. Ultimately at the end of the day DSS will *not* make that decision. There are a group of agencies that will not be listed under the sub receipts and will remain under DSS, which was included in the spreadsheet we sent out, those agencies will have a competitive bid process, and will be overseen by DSS. Also we are hearing for some agencies that they don't fit under certain ones, and we will need to talk and work that out.

10. Katie Dalton- What about agencies who serve more than just DV/SV clients and also serve underserved populations. How will contracts be awarded if those agencies are being contracted through a specific group? Would we only be awarded for DV/SV services if we fall under MOCADSV?

- a. If you fall under a certain group your entire contract amount is going to come from that group. Whatever is left, is going to be for the agencies that are not fitting within another area.
11. Wendy Harris - Would we apply for funding with the subcontractor or individually to DSS and then if awarded be assigned to a subcontractor?
- a. With the sub-recipient, the entire procurement process for that particular entity will be held with whatever their process is. Therefore, all of our specific roles don't necessarily have to be followed, but there are still federal & local procurement processes and all sorts of processes, policies, and laws that still need to be followed, no matter who does it.
Also, I understand that sometimes we have a few additional processes just because we are in the office of administration process, but I want to make it clear again that this will NOT change any requirements of complying with the VOCA grant. I don't want anyone to think that this will change with the DOJ or the rules around it. All of the following and more still must be met: assurances, outcomes, agencies have to cost allocate, stating which staff are on this project, project costs, multiple funding sources and what was spent and where, etc. None of those requirements will be changing.
12. Martha Sander- I understand our concerns will be tallied. How will the questions be answered? Will you provide answers on the monthly call? Will MOCADSV get the questions and answer them? Knowing the answer to the questions will also help determine whether we are for or against this movement.
- a. I am going to talk about this one more time, please send us your information, comments, questions, concerns. If it is something you do not want shared with the larger group tell us that. If we can put it into categories we can do that, but if it is a very specific question that would be a different conversation. We will get back together in approximately one month from now and have another call, just like this one. And our staff here will get the questions together in a comprehensive document.
13. Martha Sander - So if we have conflict with MOCADSV or the award, is there any type of grievance set up through DSS?
- a. We have not went down any of those paths, so if you have a concerns, questions, comments, just send them up to us. This is the very beginning of this, so any of your concerns, questions, or comments please just send them to us.
14. Katiina Dull- What would the allocation to the sub recipients look like in terms of determining the amount of funding will go to that lead agency?

- a. I am going to continue to call them sub-recipients, because “lead agency” is a term used for something else by the feds, so we will call them sub-recipients. We have already looked at percentages and approximately how much the percentages are from before. We are going to go back and look at the most recent expenditure levels, and try to determine the best that we can. First we have to make sure everyone is fitting where they need to fit, so we know how many dollars are associated with the groupings. What I believe we will propose in our draft recommendation (it is a draft because it is not a final recommendation), is that we set an amount for specific year. Then we review the last set of expenditures to determine if there’s a fluctuation of a certain percentage to see if we need to make adjustments.

That is an idea, and another idea could potentially be to let people have it for a couple years. So we will be discussing that. But first we need to make sure everyone fits where they need to be, so we can make sure those percentages are correct.

15. Woemmel, Kelsey- Is there not a conflict of interest for a sub recipient to also be a grantee for which they distribute funds too?
- a. So I am assuming you are referring to certain sub-receipts who are also T/A providers. So it is still possible to do this as long as you delineate through those. We have an organization now that is our T/A provider and we pay them to do T/A for us through assessments and training; and we work hand in hand with them on that. That provider also runs a program. The program is completely separate from the T/A. When they provide T/A and everything else, they are providing it to their whole network, even if someone is not a member. The one I’m thinking of has 2 agencies that are not members but when they roll out some form of standard training, they still train everyone. But then this other contract I have with them is very specific for the services that are within that contract. Therefore we have 2 different contracts, 2 different services. IF you wanted to put it into one contract for some reason, the services would just need to be defined within the contract.
16. Anne Crites- Would each individual victim services agency only be able to apply to one sub recipient?
- a. Yes. You’ll be in a group; and whatever group you’re in is where that application process will happen, whatever that looks like.
17. Marsha Keene-Frye- It seems like there should be an easier process that doesn't result in a sub recipient. Since your funding ultimately comes from DOJ could the funding process not be similar to the process when agencies receive direct federal funds of DOJ. We funds we receive come from DOJ then OVW. I'm sure you have some different requirements but there are some straightforward processes out there.
- a. If you know what that process should be or what it looks like, we would love to have your thoughts are on that.

18. Jordan Hawkins- Is there an amount allocated under underserved in regards to human trafficking? What will it take for human trafficking to become a separate category for allocated funding?
- a. Let's have that conversation offline, I believe we started to go down that path but then we stopped, so please just give us a call we can talk about that.
19. Martha Sander- Are stakeholder meetings open to anyone or are these closed meetings?
- a. So these meetings went to a smaller group, because originally they were very large. We made it smaller to try and come up with some ideas. Now we have those ideas and are presenting them to you. Now I can't speak to any other discussions that are happening within agencies other than ours, but I will tell you everything we have (all the meeting minutes etc.) will be posted. And you are welcome to review it all. Honestly, I didn't realize that the information wasn't getting disseminated, and that's on me so I apologize for that.
20. Anne Crites- Is each sub recipient limited to granting funds specifically for the violence categories that they fall under (e.g., MCADSV = DV/SV) or will they also be given funds to distribute to agencies for CA/Underserved?
- a. So the way that we talked about determining how much sub-recipient gets is how many dollars there are in that group, and figuring that our first. We understand there are people who fall in multiple categories DV/SV, child abuse, and undeserved. If there are multiple categories, then whoever the sub-recipient is, if that agency falls under that sub-recipient they will have to allocate funds to whatever categories are within that even if there is more than one. A lot of these we looked at were primarily a certain type of organization that fit under there.
21. Roger W. Johnson- Can you help us understand the goals that DSS is trying to achieve from this change/how this helps reach the goal?
- a. DSS has been approached on multiple occasions and told that the processes that we use are sometimes too complicated and that the competitive bid wasn't actually competitive because we went back to expenditure levels. But we are also hearing really good things from you all, and we made a huge shift in our operations over the last two years. Such as splitting monitoring and invoicing into their own units. Which has given staff the opportunity to spend time talking to you and building good relationships. If this is not a concept you want, you can tell us that too. I am having this call today to get your feedback. We have met multiple times with smaller and larger groups, and this is what it has come down to; we want your voice to be heard. The VOCA team very much cares about you providers and DSS very much cares about victims and everything that is associated with that. We've encouraged our team to ensure that we bring other resources to you, that way you're not paying for things other programs can bring forth. Part of the concept behind this is turning this over to other agencies that potentially know a lot more information on specific things that certain groups/set does. But we are open to feedback, which is why we didn't submit this draft proposal without getting feedback from everyone first.

➤ **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

Patrick Luebbering: To add to what Jeriane said there. Regarding the overall goals we have, a number of people come to us and want some input into the process. Over the years, the processes changed here and there, and we've gotten and continue to get a lot of feedback. One of the struggles we've always had with this program is that the grant amount changes; and we don't know the amount until a year and a half into that grant period, which puts you guys in a difficult position. So the goal behind this so to get streamlined allocation methodology. That way you guys can plan ahead of time and that it is something that everyone understands and can see. So you won't know perfectly, just because the grant amount changes drastically every year, but you will have better idea on what to plan for ahead of time. So as it goes up and down, you will be able to see that. I've been dealing with this program since 2017/2018, and one of the other things we've always found difficult is a competitive bid process for this program. Because to do a competitive bid process we have to compare say domestic violence agencies to CAC's, and CAC's to CASA's, and to prosecuting attorneys, etc. Therefore, it is difficult to figure out how to compare or figure out a scoring methodology between the categories and divvy out those dollars. Also someone brought up a question earlier that Jeriane addressed, about them seeing DOJ doing more direct methodology. We are open to any kind of ideas like that, but if we go down that path then we get pushback you guys can't see how those dollars are divvied up. That's why Jeriane is reaching out to you to get more engagement and input, and get some ideas out. That way we can be more transparent and have more accountability throughout the entire process. Our overall goal is to have a simplified transfer methodology that not everyone is going to agree to, but that the majority will agree to and one that everyone understands. Hopefully that answers that question from earlier.

Jeriane: To piggy-back off what Pat said, that is the philosophy. So if you say "X" percentage goes to this overarching sub-recipient, and that money is going to stay at that percent for a while, then that overarching sub-recipient agency knows they have "X" amount of agencies and "X" amount of money. Therefore, if there's fluctuation then they'll have to account for what that looks like through some sort of a methodology.

I do want to make one more point that Pat mentioned; we know we will not be able to make everyone happy, so we are going to have to make some tough decisions. If we have the majority of the agencies good with a certain direction, then we probably will go that way, because we are required to put something together on what our proposal is.

Does anyone have anything to add or anything to say?

Benjamin Johnson: Yes, I just want to say, with the direction that were going in as a unit, we really appreciate being able to come out and seeing the agencies provide these other services that the department has. We come and see how you run your programs and you are always very welcoming when we visit. We definitely appreciate you and the things you do for victims, in those rural as well as those metropolitan areas. So we appreciate all that you do.

Patti: I just want to add to what Benjamin said. We have learned a lot by coming out to your agencies, and we will be going out these next few months to visit more agencies. We have enjoyed our visits and learned a lot, so we want to thank you all for letting us come in to your agencies and visit with you. Also we encourage you to give us any feedback and your thoughts.

Jeriane: I also want to do one final plug for a couple of things. When we send these notes out, I will drop in a bunch of DSS learning labs, which are on our employment and training page.

Employment and Training Provider Portal | Missouri Department of Social Services (mo.gov)

- There are over 100 recorded learnings labs ranging from DSS and other state agency employment and benefits, and resources across the state and specific regions.
- They go over everything from SNAP, Child Support, MO HealthNet and other things. They are all recorded so you can listen to them, or have staff listen to them as time allows.

And the other thing is, if you haven't seen it before, we also have a Missouri Resource Guide.

Missouri-resource-guide-3steps.pdf (mo.gov)

- The Missouri Resource Guide is a comprehensive document that was put together by some agencies a couple of years ago.
- Also if you want us to print out some and send them out to you, we are happy to do that too.
- If you need these printed, please send a message to the VOCA email address (fsd.vocaunit@dss.mo.gov.) with the *quantity* and *shipping address*.

Ken: While Jeriane is getting those links, I just want to say one thing. I just want to say how much I appreciate the work that you do and I appreciate your feedback. So please, don't hesitate to comment if you need to. Thank you guys for the work that you do, and we appreciate all you do to serve our victims.

Jeriane: I do have one more comment about other potential methodology. If you have thoughts on what that looks like please let us know. Understanding that it's a bit of a struggle when you have everything from CAC's, to DV shelters, to SV, to DeafLead services, to MHSP, etc. That's where we run up a lot of time, because it's hard to put everyone in the same bucket. So if you have ideas on how to split the bucket that we haven't thought of, please let us know.

That's is all I have for you today. I hope you all have wonderful day, and if you need anything please continue to work with our staff; they are here for you for whatever you might need. Also, I will just drop everyone a line when this is over with the VOCA email address and those two resources, then we'll follow up with the meeting minutes.*

– End of Meeting –

**NOTE: Email has been sent out with the links that were mentioned in the minutes. Links are also listed above (pg.11).*

VOCA Stakeholder Monthly Call

1:00 pm 08/07/2023

Hosted by DSS via WebEx

Patricia Custer (Patti Custer): This is going to be the first of many monthly VOCA calls, where we are going to do check-ins for everyone. It's good to see everybody jumping on and to see you all here today.

I am Patricia Custer, or Patti as most of you know. If you are not familiar with me, I am the DSS VOCA Program Coordinator. We also have staff online, I'll give them a chance to introduce themselves.

Tara Shahangian: Hi, my name is Tara Shahangian and I'm a VOCA specialist for the VOCA program here at the state of Missouri.

Benjamin Johnson Jr.: Benjamin Johnson Jr. I'm a program specialist here on the VOCA unit. It's nice to see you all.

Patti Custer: I believe we also have Ken Chapman and Jeriane Jaegers Brenneke on the phone with us today, but we will go ahead and get started. Also, if everyone in here can put their name and the agency you're with in the chat, that way we have some kind of a roll call for everyone that's joined us today.

Jeriane Jaegers Brenneke: Yes Patti, Ken and I are here.

Patti Custer: Thank you Jeriane. We will be monitoring the chat and taking notes as well as recoding.

- The first thing we want to go over is the quarterly reports. These quarterly reports were for April, May, and June. They were due on July 31st, so if we have not received those, or if you haven't sent those to us yet, we need to get those in. We have to have them to DOJ and entered into their system by the 15th of this month, so in just a few days we have to have those entered. It's very important for you guys to get those sent to us in timely fashion.
- The next thing is the grand release date so as of today, and I checked this morning, they have not released the FY23 grant to the state yet. We are still waiting on that to come out, it might be September but were hoping it'll be in August. But, as soon as they release that to us, with the grant conditions that we have to put on our contracts, we will get those out to you. Also, we are prepared to get those to you as soon as possible when that comes out.
- Once you get those signed and back to procurement we'll do the budget and budget narrative and you'll have 10 days to get that budget and budget narrative back to us.
- The next agenda item is the gap analysis overview. So we have been out visiting, and we've probably visited about 80-100 places so far. As of right now, were seeing a trend in transportation, staffing issues, and things like that. So we will continue to visit and get those Gap Analysis into us and get those things done. We're trying to accumulate all those comments and reinforce that there's a gap so we can start working on those. We're also seeing if there's something we can search out or use to help and get more information to help everyone. So we are working on that, and will share that spreadsheet once we are finished. Unfortunately, most of the gaps are pretty common throughout all the agencies.

Jeriane Jaegers-Brenneke: I have couple of things I want to add. I want to reiterate that the reason the contracts are not out yet, is because we have to put the terms and conditions in the contracts by federal guidelines. So, until the DOJ releases those terms and conditions, we can't get the contracts out. We have done our portion of responding to any questions they have about the grant and stuff. We are just waiting on that piece of it.

- Allocations are not changing so that's not an issue. So like Patti said, she was hoping August, it may be September. But as of right now we are at the mercy of when we get those. If we already had them, they would've been out the door already, but we don't. Patti is going to a conference next week and hopefully she will find something out then, maybe not, we don't really know. But if she does, she will follow up with an email to everyone. So just know that we, as in DSS, are not trying to sit on those. We just don't have everything we need to send those out.
- Regarding the gap analysis, we do have multiple other programs, and we are going to go through that gap analysis again as a group. We have some other transportation in other projects that we are funding now, so we will let you know if we are doing any other projects, and what we have out there. So that's all I had. Ken did you have anything?

Ken Chapman: I think just to add that part of the gap analysis is to figure out how we can better help, problem solve, and strategize some of those needs you have, specifically within your organization, and trying to meet the needs of your victims. So however we can do that, we just want you to know we are working on those kinds of pieces and putting them together so we can all work together for a better end.

Jeraine Jaegers-Brenneke: And we do intend to send that out to everyone once it is finished. So if you see things or you see a provider that has an issue, and you're like "Hey we use to have this issue, we know how to resolve it." We would love for you to send up ideas, so we can put together like a best practices guide or however we can support you.

- How many locations have you guys visited now?

Patti Custer: Almost 100

Jeriane Jaegers-Brenneke: That's just 39 left so you know, so kudos to them and kudos to everyone providing us feedback. We are learning a lot and we appreciate you. I'll turn it back to Patti now.

Patti Custer: The next thing we have is the provider update, so every update we are going to try to do 10 agencies. We'll see how that goes and if we can fit in more, or if not. We're going to give you a couple minutes, and were going to be going in alphabetical order.

We don't mean to put anyone on the spot, we just want you to tell us a little bit about your programs, what you are doing, and if you have anything new or exciting going on at your agency.

So that's what we will be doing and were going to start that today. So we did have 10 people that were going to go. So starting at the top of the list, if you will just speak about your agency that would be great. So the first agency is the 15th Judicial circuit CASA.

Hannah: Hi, I am Hannah. I am the director at the 15th Judicial Circuit CASA. We cover Celine and Lafayette counties. We are kind of in the West central area of Missouri.

- Just looking back at the 3rd quarter data, we served 35 individual kids in our program. We are a pretty small CASA program. There were 78 kids in custody in the circuits with children's division, so that was about 44% roughly. And that's with 13 volunteers, which 4 of them are brand new this year. One of them doesn't have a case yet, so there was few less volunteers so we are excited that were having some join.
- We also have another training class starting later this month which we have a couple signed up, and are hoping to get a couple more so we can add those towards the end of the year.
- We've started planning our fundraising events. That'll take place in the spring. It's our Blue-Jean-Bash and that's our main event. It was pretty successful, bringing it back last year. It was the first year after COVID. So were hoping to grow that a little more.
- We've also completed our program and fiscal monitoring and we are excited that it went well for us and getting to meet some of the VOCA staff.
- Then everywhere else, we are continuing to look for funding sources to help supplement. Like I said, we are a pretty small program, it's just our volunteer coordinator and myself, so we wear several hats. That's about it Thank you!

Patti Custer: Alright, now we have the 17th Judicial Circuit, that's Cass County Prosecutor's Office. Oh, it looks like Julie said she's on a computer with no microphone or camera, so we will maybe catch her next month. Do we have someone on from 37th CASA?

Connie Pendergrass: Yes, my name is Connie Pendergrass, and I'm the director here.

- So were just like some of the other CASAs, we are kind of small so we just have 2 and a half people on our staff. Right now were serving about 50 children. We have 4 new advocates who have just started for this year.
- We just finished our monitoring and we did well with it, so I do want to thank the staff there at VOCA because if we had any questions as we were going along I could call up there and you guys would help me with whatever I needed, so I do appreciate that very much.
- So we are heading into the festival season here. We serve Howell, Shannon and Oregon County. So we will be doing festivals. We have our large fundraising event on September 9th. So we are doing a murder mystery dinner here in West Plains. We are doing a 50's theme; so everyone can get out their poodle skirts and letter jackets, though they may not fit anymore, but you can get them out and come. So we did a murder mystery last year and had about 160 people come and it was sold out. So were hoping we will sell out again this year. We are just kind of perking along! But I think the most difficult thing we have is trying to get volunteers, our advocates. So that just seems to be a continuing difficulty for us as a small agency.

Patti Custer: Thank you Connie, do we have anyone from Avenues? No, how about Adhoc?

Damon Daniel: My name is Damon Daniel, I am the president of the Adhoc against Crime. For some, we are the emergency room for social services and for other we have the trusted bridge between the communities.

- In the criminal justice system, the last quarter we served (pertaining to this particular program and grant) 31 individual who received a range of services from grief and trauma-informed counseling relating to those who survive violent acts or assault. We also provided case management. Brandon, our chief operating office is also on the line here. Brandon correct me if I'm wrong but I believe we had 3 emergency relocations. These individuals who survived a shooting and were referred to us through law enforcement, for crisis management, as well as got them temporary housing and case management to help them get a stable-footing. Brandon is there anything you want to add to the report?

Brandon Mims: Yeah I think it should have been 6 but I think it was 6 emergency relocations, but absolutely.

- So for the bulk of the services that we have for VOCA, trauma, crisis case management, trauma informed care, grief counseling, also just tradition counseling to help with traumatic and violent experiences. As Damon states victim relocation and so essentially that is a witness or victim of a violent crime who relocate in order to keep them safe and they might be able to pursue avenues, like law enforcement participation. So that's the crux of it.

Damon Daniels: Yeah and I would say just to add some excitement in terms of something new and different to report that's unrelated to this specific grant, but also something I am really proud of is back in May we relaunched our employment readiness program. Which is a program where we do a partnership with Cass County Court and Full Employment Council here. Where we work with individuals who are in the system. But we've just expanded that to serve those who are coming out of municipal court, custody, and probation and parole as well. This is an effort to help folks who are currently in the system get pulled back into civic life. As a part of our employment readiness we do cognitive behavior intervention, which is basically a cognitive restructuring in addition to having folks come up with a plan for reintegrating back into society once their observation and grow. Then connecting them with the job. So that's really exciting that were doing that and there are other exciting components associated with this fairly new program, that we just were doing prior to COVID, but we just reestablished it in May and so were proud that we have that going on.

Patti Custer: Thank you, is anyone on the phone from Agape? No, How about Alive?

Maggie Manfee: Yes, I am Maggie Manfee with Alive. Wow, okay so update for us. The most important thing is September 5th there will be a new executive director coming on board and I'll be working with her for two months until I retire so that is big news. We do serve both St. Louis community, County and City, St. Charles, Jefferson County and Franklin County.

- In VOCA we have two different grants with the central and the St. Louis grants. Over 800 served in this last month. That's either through shelter services, counseling for adults and children, and helping people understand court order protection; although we are going to just be getting a new court advocate starting September 5th. Also, Alive has been around for 40 years and this year's our big 40 year anniversary. So that's our update.

Patti Custer: Thank you, is there anyone on the phone from Audrain County Crisis Intervention?

Kathy Yohe: Hi I am Kathy Yohe, I am the interim director and access as of the 19th of July. Peggy resigned, so I am filling in right now. I was formally the child advocate for over 20 years, but this is the first time I'm really doing this kind of stuff.

- So we are a domestic and sexual violence. We have this shelter we currently had down to do some major repairs to it. Were still waiting on a roof repairs to be done, but our shelter is back open and we've been majorly swamped since then.
- We also have a big fashion show coming In October as a fundraiser. And we're trying to give our support groups back to going good; but it's been hard since COVID of course, and were trying to get more volunteers in here because we only have 5 staff members. So that's what we have going on.

Patti Custer: Thank you, anyone from Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's office? No, How about Butler County 36th district.

Rebecca Pacheco: Hi, my name is Rebecca Pacheco, I'm the executive director at Butler County community resource council. We're the umbrella organization for the CASA of the 36th Judicial Circuit.

- We serve Butler, Ripley, and Carter counties in Southeast Missouri. Right now, we are serving 55 children with 25 volunteers, 4 of which are new.
- We just finished training and probably the only other update I would add is that Carter County is new to our judicial circuit, so we are establishing new relationships and networking within Carter County since it is new. That's all I have, thank you.

Patti Custer: Thank you. So that really wasn't 10 because we had a few that weren't on here, but we'll reach out to you and let you know when you're going to be up and tell us about your agency. So we'll try make contact after next week so you're prepared.

- The other thing the FY25 contract, so nothing is set with any of that. We do have options our there we are still taking comments so if you have comments, data or feedback that you want to get to us, we are still collecting those. But at this point nothing have been decided or discussed further, we are just collecting comments at this time. Jeriane and Ken do you have anything you want to add?

Jeriane Jaegers-Brenneke: I just want to reiterate that we have gotten, and I don't know exactly how many comments, probably 10 or so and a couple letters. But we are just putting all that together right now, and then we will need to sit down and kind of figure that out. I know we want to have some separate conversations with different groups. We've talked about like just certain types of organization having conversations with just those organizations. But no, we don't have anything finalized. Did you guys put those meeting minutes out on the internet?

Patti Custer: No not yet, the recording is out there but not the minutes yet.

Jeriane Jaegers-Brenneke: When are you doing that for the previous stakeholders meetings?

Patti Custer: They are not out there yet, IT is still working on those but we will get those out.

Jeriane Jaegers-Brenneke: So do we think a week or so? Probably a week. It sounds like they're in the right hands it just a matter of them getting it done.

Patti Custer: Those will be on the VOCA website, and they're building something there where you can just click on it where it shows the dates with the minutes.

Jeriane Jaegers-Brenneke: Yeah so it'll be something similar to what we have in the employment and training side.

Patti Custer: As soon as those get posted I will send out an email.

Jeriane Jaegers-Brenneke: Okay thank you.

Patti Custer: The next meeting will be September 20th at 1:00, and we'll get that invite sent out today.

- Also, like I said we will let the next 10 people who are sharing know. Then if you have any feedback or feedback from this meeting, about the content or if there's anything you want to see in these meetings, feel free to email us.

- Next month we will go over the new forms and releasing the new forms for the next go around. We will have new quarterly reports things like that because we are releasing our ARPA funds, GR funds and FY23 Grant money. So we will have different ways to invoice and report for all those. So we will be going over a bunch of that stuff next meeting as well. If you have any comments or anything you want to send to us we would greatly appreciate it.

- I want to say we have learned a lot by going out and visiting you and we will continue to do those visits and finish up the ones we haven't got to yet. We will still be doing that and they have been helpful for us to understand better what you do, what your gaps are and what's actually going on in the state. So we appreciate you always welcoming us in and showing us around and telling us about the agency and it helps us do better.

Jeriane Jaegers-Brenneke: I put the link to the VOCA page in the chat, if you haven't visited it already there's a lot of different resources out there. There's meeting minutes there some training information, technical assistance.

Patti Custer: Benjamin was going to put the link for the VOCA email if you don't have it where you can send us comments too. You are more than welcome to send your comments to the email address. Or you can email your VOCA specialist.

- That's really it. That's kind of what our meetings are going to be about. We look forward to seeing everyone each month this way and getting out for our visits.

Jeriane Jaegers-Brenneke: So as we said before, we're just trying to work on our communication on a regular basis, being the administrator technically of the VOCA fund. We do this on most of our other programs, unless they're a small one program where we just have direct communication with them. I mean we probably should've started doing this before now, but here we are. And if you need anything let us know and if you have things you want to know about let us know. We are here for you and we appreciate everything you do.

**VOCA Web-Ex
Agenda
September 20, 2023 1:00PM**

Welcome –

Housekeeping Matters

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- There are Interpreters on the line as well.

New Staff – Julie Meranda and Ryan Stiffler

- 15 minute web ex calls with your assigned Program Specialist
- Please let them know about your services and about your agency.

Contract Renewals

- If you have not gotten those back to us please do so ASAP. Therefore, we can get them finalized and get you your Budget and Budget Narrative Forms and SARS reports.
- Process- Patti
- Questions please reach out to us.

4th Quarter Reports

- 4th QTR ends 9/30/2023.
- 4th QTR Report, Annual Report and the Narrative are due to DSS by October 30th, 2023.

Forms for 2024 Invoicing

- Forms and Processes - Invoicing Team

VOCA Update

- VOCA staff attended the Joint Training conference for VOCA and Victim Compensation
- VOCA Fund – 1.7 Cap
- Next Month- we will start again with the 10 Agencies to tell us about your agency. CASA of Dunklin, Central Mo Stop Human Trafficking, Central Mo Foster Care Coalition, Child Abuse Prevention Association, Freedoms Rest, Christos House, CARDV, Citizens against spouse abuse, Child Safe, MOCSA

MOCADSV update – TTA offered in September and October

Zak will update on call

MO Kids First update – TTA offered in September and October

- ProtectMOKids.com, our online mandated reporter training, since we just released the updated version.
- 2023 First Witness Advocate Training—Open to all advocates, including those working in CACs and prosecutors’ offices
 - <https://missourikidsfirst.coalitionmanager.org/eventmanager/trainingevent/details/1332>
 - October 17-19 in St. Louis

- Full details on all of our trainings are at www.missourikidsfirst.org/events

Documents

- 2024 Invoice, Expenditure form and Data Sheet
- ARPA Invoice, Expenditure form and Data Sheet
- General Revenue (GR) Invoice, Expenditure form and Data Sheet

**VOCA Web-Ex
Agenda
October 5 2023 9:30 AM**

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Contract Update

- DSS received the DOJ Terms and Conditions on August 25th. The Terms & Conditions are required to be included in VOCA contracts. DSS sent out contracts on August 30th and 31st for signature, and requested the signed contracts be returned within 10 business days. DSS has not received the signed contract for 10 contracts, and these have to be signed to start the budget and budget narrative process.
- If you have not sent back the required documentation for contracts beginning October 1, 2023, please send this information ASAP since invoices cannot be paid until this process is finalized.
- We still have 10 that have not submitted their signature page. – **6 agencies have not submitted.**
- Working Through the Budgets Forms now for most of the agency's we have approved 109 so far.
- Questions please reach out to us. **Reminder that there is a webinar that was posted this morning to go over the Budget Forms.**

Funding Levels- In regards to the funding amounts for contracts from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024:

Jeriane reminds that we sent an email recently. There have been a lot of questions on funding and how we allocated it. Goal is to use ARPA Funding first. The General Revenue appropriation was \$15M, but it was not the intention to use the full allocation, only use the amount needed to keep the contracts at the same levels as discussed on other meetings. Right now there is \$7.9M allocated, but this will be reduced after we determine the

remainder of 22 funds. 21 funds should be fully spent. Also, after the remainder of 22 is determined, the 23 grant allocations will be reduced.

- ARPA: \$17.5M will be allocated to approximately 105 agencies for FFY24. This funding is anticipated to be spent the first two quarters of FFY24 and will not be more than 50% of the agencies total budget. After the remaining ARPA funding is determined for contracts ending September 30th, the amounts provided to the agencies will be adjusted to reduce General Revenue and increase ARPA levels.
- FFY2021 and FFY2022 VOCA funding: After the contracts end on September 30th, the amounts provided to the agencies for FFY24 will be adjusted to reduce General Revenue and use these remaining funds.
- General Revenue (GR): \$15M appropriated through the General Assembly is anticipated to be allocated to 90 agencies in the FFY24 contracts. The entire amount will not be spent as the allocation was provided to ensure the current contract levels could remain. There will be \$7.9M allocated, and this amount is expected to decrease to \$5M after the amount from FFY23 contracts is determined.
- FFY2023 VOCA funding: This will be completely allocated in the FFY24 contracts. However, after the remaining FFY23 contract amount is determined, this is expected to increase as funding will be moved from FFY23 to FFY21 and ARPA.
- Reallocating the funding between grant years and funding sources is not a new process. The changes to the amounts for agencies will be reflected on a budget adjustment form provided by DSS.
- If you have any questions, please contact the VOCA unit at fsd.vocaunit@dss.mo.gov

4th Quarter Reports

Patti reminds about 4th QTR report, Annual reports, and narrative due dates. Please keep the narrative in the excel spread sheet.

- 4th QTR ended 9/30/2023.
- 4th QTR Report, Annual Report and the Narrative are due to DSS by October 30th, 2023.
- Quarterly reports email to fsd.vocaunit@dss.mo.gov

VOCA Invoices

Patti reminds us to use the following email addresses for sending reports in.

- Send to W&CLINVOICES@dss.mo.gov
- CC your VOCA specialist
- DATA sheets send to fsd.vocaunit@dss.mo.gov
- When Invoicing please make sure you do not invoice more in Personnel than Benefits. We have seen finding's on this from Fiscal Audits.

Please email questions to Patti. There have recently been fiscal findings. All agencies need to ensure all costs are allocated appropriately to grants, and if there are adjustment, the Budget Adjustment forms need to be sent to move funding between line items.

Note: Line items that are over 10% will need to be approved by DSS.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

- October 19th is Wear Purple Day- Purple Thursday
- Any Special events you are having this month send them to us.

If you have any photos of your group wearing purple, please send them in. Jeriane reminds that if you want your events to go out on to the 164,000 subscribers to the DSS Employment and Training page, send it to the VOCA unit ASAP so we can get it on the email fsd.vocaunit@dss.mo.gov.

VOCA Agency Update's

- CASA of Dunklin
 - **Carla Smith- Small rural agency, southern boot hill. Serves about 30 children in foster care. 15 volunteers. Constantly in recruitment for**

new volunteers. There is a new judge who is very supportive of the CASA Program. There is an evening with CASA in December with orchestra and catered meal. The funds are used for things that aren't covered by grants. There have been more referrals for children's services, and there is more focus on recruitment and community outreach.

- **Contact information: Carla Smith, csmithnhc@yahoo.com, 573.559.6670, www.casadunklin.org**
- **Central Mo Stop Human Trafficking**
 - **Loretta- Located in Columbia with a shelter in Jefferson City. They help with basic needs and transportation for survivors. Global Day of awareness for human trafficking. WALK FOR FREEDOM. Free event. Register at a21.org. Everyone wear black in solidarity. It will be a silent walk.**
 - **Nanette Ward, cmshtcoalition@gmail.com, 573.615.0621, www.stophumantraffickingmo.com**
- **Child Abuse Prevention Association**
 - **Rochelle Parker- around since 1975 serving Jackson County. Counseling services, Promise 1000, Healthy Families America Site, Prevention Education for students and parents.**
 - **Rochelle Parker, rparker@capacares.org, 816.252.1337, www.capacares.org**
- **Christos House**
 - **Not on call.**
- **CARDV**
 - **Erica- Works with individuals in Callaway County. No shelter on site but works with hotels and motels for shelter. They rely heavily on the local shelters in Callaway County. Mission is promote a clients personal wellbeing and safety. 24 hour help and information line. Standard crisis intervention and case management. They contract with a local attorney for orders of protection, divorce and custody situations.**
 - **Erica Nanney, voca@callawaycardv.org, 573.642.7706, www.callawaycardv.org**
- **Citizens Against Spouse Abuse**
 - **Not on call.**
- **Child Safe**

- **Jenny- Supports children in 11 different counties. 9 full time staff, one part-time. Services include forensic interviews, outreach and therapy. The Annual Night of Gratitude just wrapped up last month. Last week, the agency hosted the Second Annual Sports Youth Camp with State Fair. Later this month they will be participating in a trunk or treat and a haunted hayride. There is training for students at USM's police academy. This is the second time they have participated with them for training. On October 19th they will have an MDT Training event. There is a mandated reporter training for schools. There will be a dessert auction the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.**
 - **Jenny Shaver, jshaver@childsafefhouse.org, 660.829.3634, www.childsafefhouse.org**

- **MOCSA**
 - **Josh King- Stated 1 in 4 rapes occur in Kansas City. Standalone rape crisis center founded in 1975. Jackson, Clay and Platte County. There are a staff of 95 and 100 volunteers. Services include 24 hour crisis line, hospital and criminal justice advocacy with 11 evidence based therapeutic models. They host presentations on victims' rights, and focus on vulnerable populations as well as rural populations. They have a partnership with KC Current. MOCSA will be highlighted during that game. Saturday November 4th is the annual cocktail party and auction. If anyone is interested in collaborating, please reach out to Josh.**
 - **Josh King- jking@mocsa.org, 816.931.4532, www.mocsa.org,**

Ten agencies will be contacted in the coming week for the highlights for November.

Jeriane clarifies that we will only use as much of GR funds to level out the awards to match the previous year. It wasn't attended to change the funding levels, only to keep them stable. We are in the process of finalizing our recommendations for the FFY25 contracts. Once they are finalized we will share them with the General Assembly. After that meeting, it will be shared in a separate call with all the agencies.

Training updates—We are working on building out trainings through DSS. We had some technical assistant trainings for free through OVC. There will be several training ideas proposed over the next year. Our intention over the next year is to take a deep dive over to make a robust training database for all of our agencies. We will be looking for feedback from agencies.

Ryan introduces himself- Ryan Stiffler has been here 2 weeks. He has a law enforcement background and investigated domestic violence.

Julie introduces herself and has been with VOCA about 3-4 weeks. She has a human trafficking, nonprofit, and children's division background.

Diamond Diva Empowerment – Ms. Love stated Diamond Divas spoke with the house panel to pass House Bill 434 the 3rd Saturday as Domestic Violence Day for Missouri. They have a walk in STL on October 21st.

Attendees:

Jeriane Jaegers-Brenneke- DSS
Ken Chapman- DSS
Patti Custer- DSS
Benjamin Johnson- DSS
Ryan Stiffler- DSS
Julie Meranda- DSS
Janelle Williams-MOCADSV
Jill Wondel, House of Refuge, Silkeston
Megan Garrett-Harmony House
Karie Roark, Missouri Alliance for Children and Families
Kelly Hill, Heart of Missouri CASA
Laura Halfmann-Morris, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
Katie Courtway Lexington House of Hope
Martha Sander, Council on Families in Crisis Inc
Erica Nanney, CARDV (Coalition Against Rape and Domestic Violence)
Jerod Breit with MADD
Kathleen Tofall, Missouri Office of Prosecution Services
Ann Mullen Mid Ozark CASA
Michael Turner, KVC Missouri
Linda Mattson - North Star Advocacy Center
Connie Pendergrass, 37th Judicial CASA
Laura Cook. The Child Advocacy Center of Northeast Missouri
Les Johnson (ARCHS)
Jenny Shaver, Child Safe of Central Missouri Inc
Stephanie Logan, DeafLEAD
Eric Keith - Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
Brandi Bair, Hope House

Shannon Unnerstall - Legal Services of Eastern Missouri
Angie Blumel, Jackson County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)
Jamie Willis, Greene County Family Justice Center in Springfield
Marsha Keene - Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center, Inc.
Loretta Schouten, Stop Human Trafficking Coalition
Sharon Hileman, CASA of Southeast MO
Julie West, Cass County Prosecutor's Office
Michelle Barron, 11th Circuit CASA Program
Victoria Roberts, St. Charles Prosecutor's Office
Hannah Meyer, 15th Judicial Circuit CASA
Cynthia Danley, Safe Connections
Cynthia R Bennett, JADASA
Matt Stewart--Children's Center of SWMO
Teresa Morehouse -- C.A.R.E. of Atchison County, Inc.
Suzanne Wilber, Genesis: A Place of New Beginnings
Louis Killebrew Healing Action
Lisa Fleming, Rose Brooks Center
Betsy Barnes Mid-Missouri Legal Services
Crime Victim Center, Katie Dalton
JoAnna Watts, CASA of the Parkland
Janelle Anderson, Green Hills Women's Shelter
Carla Smith, CASA of Dunklin County
Alisa White, Survival Adult Abuse Center, Inc.
Christine TenEyck, Child Advocacy Center of Northeast Missouri
Christina Esteban, KC Mothers in Charge
Laura Willeke - Child Protection Center
Melissa Birdsell, Voices of Courage St. Joseph
Cara Miller, AVENUES for Northeast Missouri, Inc.
Gail Dickson, ARCHS
Josh King, MOCSA
Wende Ochoa-Turning Point Advocacy Services
Travanna Alexander-Toney, Kansas City Public Schools
Charity Holliday - Legal Aid of Western Missouri (fiscal team)
Julie Lester, MACF
Wendy Harris, Compass Health, ASP and CAC Farmington, Festus, Union.
Judith Kile, COPE
Donna Franz
Melissa Platt, Missouri Alliance for Children and Families
Tina Wise, Jackson County Prosecutor's Office
Glenda Volmert, Franklin County CASA
Asma Waheed, Lydia's House
Emily Macdonald, RFCC

Karrie Flowers Safe Connections
Gloria McQueen, Women of Grace
Donna Franz, Selah Place of Oregon County, Inc.
Carol Fischer, Central MO Foster Care & Adoption

VOCA Web-Ex
Agenda
November 1, 2023 1:00 PM

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Contract Updates

- All contracts have been signed and turned in.
- 98% of budgets have been turned in and approved. All budget forms must be complete prior to invoicing.
- Questions please reach out to us.

VOCA Invoices

- Due by the 15th of each month.
- Send invoices to W&CI.INVOICES@dss.mo.gov
- CC your VOCA specialist with questions on data sheets, invoices, and expenditure reports.
- Please double check your invoice form to make sure you are using the correct funding form for your funding source. Use funding in this order ARPA, GR, VOCA Grant 21, 22, or 23. All invoice forms, data sheets and expenditure sheets are posted on the website.

Reports

- 4th quarter reports were due on October 31st. Have not received 10. 32 need to be finalized (some were just received yesterday), 4 needs clarification from agencies. Email to fsd.vocaunit@dss.mo.gov
- Send DATA sheets (due at the same time as the invoice) to fsd.vocaunit@dss.mo.gov

Training Updates

- Remember to send in any training ideas that you would like to see provided. Patti adds that we are working on a step by step guide on how to fill out the quarterly reports. We are happy to look at any other type of training.

FFY24 Plan

- DSS is receiving additional feedback for review, and is working on final recommendations to share with the General Assembly
- After the final draft is complete, it will be shared with the smaller stakeholder group, and then all agencies
 - Travanna asks if she could continue Patti on her emails or who she needs to copy on. Patti lets her know to copy Julie Meranda on. No other questions have been asked.

Patti mentions that we have the calendar invite out for the next monthly meeting. No one had any questions regarding VOCA

VOCA Agency Highlights

- **DAEOC** – Scarlett shares that they do transitional housing. In 2023 they have served 111 people with traditional serves. Crisis intervention, housing assistance (rental assistance, deposits, safety items), victim assistance fund (food, clothing, hygiene products), courtroom advocacy. They do not have a fixed location shelter, they have moved to a mobile advocacy model. This has been a good move for them as they are able to reach more people. They attended the Washington DC national conference and received a lot of information on possible programs to bring to this area. At this time no upcoming events.
- **CASA Jefferson County**- Alicia shares they are in a rural area that helps children in foster care. 84 volunteers serving 105 children. They are one of the smaller CASAs in Missouri. There are approximately 600 kids in foster care in Jefferson County, so there are a lot of ways to continue to grow. They have 5 staff members. No upcoming events other than recruiting for their next class that is starting in January.

- **CASA of Southeast Missouri** – Sharon covers the 32nd and 33rd judicial circuits. She shares that during the pandemic they lost over 50 volunteers. They were able to create a volunteer recruitment campaign. They have 25 volunteers with 102 kids in foster care.
- **CARE of Atchison County** – Teresa is in the Northwest part of Missouri. There are only two people who do the different advocacy duties. Crisis intervention, case management, transportation, emotional support, court advocacy for civil and accompany them for criminal cases, emergency 3 night shelter, community education, weekly support groups, provide licensed professional counseling for anything that falls under the CASA umbrella. They just finished their October pinwheel display.
- **37th Judicial CASA-** Connie is located in West Plains, covering 3 counties. 2 full time staff and one part-time. Serving 46 kids with 30 advocates. One of their biggest difficulties is recruiting volunteers. They are doing a lot of outreach activities. They are trying something new this year and will be collaborating with other local agencies to do a Capes and Crowns event for the children.
- **County of Greene** – Jamie is located in Springfield. They typically help 150 adults and their families each month. 9 partner agencies serving victims of domestic violence. Their goal is to make assistance more available to survivors. Navigators that work the shelter- crisis intervention, finding shelters, court room advocacy, safety planning and they also act as a care coordinator. Legal services of Southern MO to help survivors answer any legal questions. Burrell is onsite and provides counseling. The communities DV center is also onsite. A law enforcement representative is also available for survivors. They just celebrated their 5 year anniversary.
- **Central Missouri Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition** – Carol is the interim ED. Nonprofit agency that promotes and educates in foster care. Their head office is in Jefferson. They have direct services which has respite care, begin again backpacks, clothing closets, “field trips,” provides household items for different families, hair vouchers, shoe gift cards, Thanksgiving care packages. They served 5200 kids in Mid-Missouri over the last year. They have meeting space for local nonprofits that need a space. They have space also for supervised visits. They have their 16th annual gala in Jefferson City on November 3rd. They are beginning a program called A Family For Me, where they spotlight a child who is eligible for adoption. www.mofosteradopt.com all services are free. They have hired an ED who will start in November.
- **MADD-** Jerod is the ED of MADD which includes Kansas and Oklahoma. 27,000 have been killed over the past forty years by drunk driving. Their primary goal is victim services. They refer to local services as well. Jerod encourages anyone who has services that would be helpful for these families to please connect with him. They have an underage drinking education program. They travel school to school. They also do court monitoring in ten counties. They monitor DUI and Drug possession dockets to see discrepancies. They evaluate the sanctions that are given. They work on educating offenders. They are always looking for new

spaces to offer offender education. They work to support the Law Enforcement in keeping our roads safe. Bently's law based off of a boy in STL who lost his mother, father and baby brother. Offenders convicted of killing parents leaving behind children as a result of a drunk or drugged driving crash, will be liable for child support until the surviving child turns 18. MO Diversion Bill – This bill is focused on first time offenders and allowing opportunity to not have a conviction on your record if you accomplish the mandatory education and do not reoffend over the indicated period of time. Should you reoffend, it will be your second offense and you can become a persistent offender.

- **St. Charles County Prosecutors-** Vicky - serves St. Charles county for victims of all types of crime. 2400 victims in the past year. They don't have any services in house, they serve as a referral resource for other agencies. They are involved with training with LE and CD, and also within the schools. 4 advocates who work in the topics of sex offense, child death, dwis, unlawful use of weapons, dv, felony dv cases, kidnapping, dv homicides, as well as many other types of advocacy.
- **Women's Crisis Center-** Becky is the ED. Southwest/Branson. They provide emergency shelter, hotline, court advocacy, crisis intervention, victim education, community education and transitional housing. They are in their 35th year of services. They use cottage units instead of a standalone building. They recently had a large donation give the funds to purchase a new property to add 3 emergency bedrooms.
- **CASA South Central-** Amber is the ED. 278 children served in the past year. Largest fundraiser of the year in December. They auction off fully decorated trees. They typically raise about \$100,000 through this fundraiser.

Attendees:

Steve Bastow, Council on Families in Crisis.

Justin Horton, Cornerstones of Care

Jamie Willis, Greene County Family Justice Center

Wendy Harris, Compass Health

Brandi Bair, Hope House

Lori Haney, Citizens Against Spouse Abuse, Inc.

Shannon Carney from Legal Aid of Western MO

Stephanie Bennett Southeast MO Family Violence Council

Jamie Padgett, Missouri Office of Prosecution Services

Alicia Knickman, CASA of Jefferson County

Kathy Yohe, ACCIS

Stephanie Logan, DeafLEAD

Zak Wilson, MOCADSV

Angela Hirsch, RACS

Shannon Unnerstall, Legal Services of Eastern MO

Rebecca Griffith, Russell House

Wendy Logan, DeafLEAD

Carol Fischer - CMFCAA

Hannah Moore - Safe Connections

Kendra Eads, Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence (SEMO-NASV)

Jennifer Hickam, True North of Columbia, Inc.

Asma Waheed, Lydia's House

Becky Vermeire Women's Crisis Center

Travanna Alexander-Toney, Kansas City Public Schools

Sharon Hileman, CASA of Southeast Missouri

Kristina Jones, CAPA

Scarlett Loomas, Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corporation
Laura Farmer, CASA of Southwest Missouri
Alicia Smith, Kansas City Public Schools
Jill Wondel, House of Refuge
Vickie Roberts, St. Charles Prosecutor's Office, Victims Assistance
Jenny Shaver, Child Safe of Central Missouri Inc
Suzanne Wilber-Genesis: A Place of New Beginnings
Tressa price, Agape House
Tyler Bernsen, Children's Advocacy Services of Greater St. Louis
Kristin Chiappone, FosterAdopt Connect
Verna Kelsey, North Central Missouri Children's Advocacy Center
Melinda Ingram, Lakes Area CAC
Ashley Freivogel, Hope House
Joann from Harbor House
Tammy Flippen, CoxHealth Foundation
Betsy Barnes, Mid-Missouri Legal Services
Tina Wise, Jackson County Prosecutor's Office
Malika Poindexter, St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office-Victim Services Unit
Holly Hunt, KVC
Michael Turner, KVC Missouri SE.
Anne Crites, The Victim Center, Springfield, MO
Wende Ochoa, Turning Point Advocacy Services
Eddie Ross, Diamond Diva Empowerment Foundation
Karen Kirk, Lydia's House
Karrie Flowers Safe Connections
Teresa Morehouse, C.A.R.E. of Atchison County, Inc.
Glemda Volmert, Franklin County CASA

Courtney Davis, I Pour Life

Katie Dalton, Crime Victim Center

Kimberly Kemerer, Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Missouri

Tim Meeker, Hope House

Rachel Herbig, The Children's Place

Kelly Hill, Heart of Missouri CASA

Laura Cook, The Child Advocacy Center of NEMO

Emily Macdonald, Regional Family Crisis Center

Laura Willeke, Child Protection Center

Sheree Keely, Citizens Against Domestic Violence, Inc

Smaller Stakerholder Meeting

12.14.23

9:00 am

Attendees:

Jeriane Jaegers-Brennke

Ken Chapman

Benjamin Johnson

Julie Meranda

Cheryl Robb-Welch

Jamie Padgett

Leanne Reese

Patrick Luebbering

Taylor Jones

Jeriane shares what we will be sharing during the VOCA meeting. This information has been shared with the general assembly. She briefly runs through what are proposals are. The purpose of the next meeting is to get the comments of the Stakeholders. She will be recommending that stakeholders do not remain anonymous. She then shares the letter that was sent to the GA. The smaller stakeholder meetings took place from Oct 2022- July 2023. This is not based solely on the recommendations of the stakeholder group.

VOCA Stakeholder Meeting

12.14.23

Jeriane welcomes everyone and shares this is a recorded meeting. She reminds everyone to put their name and agency they are within the chat. She recalls what was shared at the hearing. The fund is not stable, so the indication is that the fund will be decreasing. We have put together a document outlining things we can do to stabilize the fund. She turns the meeting over to Pat L. Pat shares that the ARPA and GR funds will not be available for the next contract year. We will be about 25M short for next year if funds don't come in.

Jeriane reminds that this is one of the hardest funds to distribute. She reminds that what we are presenting is only a proposal. She gives the deadline of December 29th for their feedback. Do you agree? Yes or no? What piece do you agree or disagree with? What do you propose we do? The meeting minutes from the stakeholder groups are all on the website. Since July we have compiled comments, delivered information to the legislature and the governor's office. We are trying to do what the majority wants. There are 180 providers, with 180 different ways to do it. Please share what you want to see happen. We are keeping a spreadsheet of every agency to put feedback in. It will also be given to the General Assembly.

Everyone will get copies of the letter that was sent to the General Assembly. Jeriane went over the details in the letter. She then goes into the VOCA Synopsis. She reminds that all of the stakeholder meetings are on the website. After she finished she opened the floor.

All documents have been posted to the VOCA web-site at <https://dss.mo.gov/dfas/victims-of-crime-act/>

We will post a Question and answer sheet out soon on the questions below. You can also reach out to the VOCA unit for more information.

Comments from the chat:

Lisa Fleming, Rose Brooks Center:

In regards to the proposed \$750,000 cap- With the unmet needs published statewide in 2022, Kansas City had 21,112 domestic violence victims with unmet needs; the whole state reported 36,025. This means 59% of unmet need for domestic violence victims is the Kansas City region, yet the largest cuts to funding are in the Kansas City region.

Jamie Willis:

When do you plan to send out these documents? They are difficult to read on the screen, especially as you are scrolling.

Ken Chapman:

We will send out documents upon the conclusion of this meeting.

Jessica Hill, Safe House:

Can you address technical assistance funds. What are the grant requirements for providing technical assistance? How is the amount of funding decided? Who is eligible to receive them?

Josh King, MOCSA:

Just reviewing the document, the proposed cap at \$750,000 will disproportionately impact victims in the Kansas City region and the region's ability to serve survivors. The cap does not reflect the geographical reality of crime and violence in Missouri. Kansas City has a disproportionately high level of multiple forms of crime, so it is appropriate and necessary for significant VOCA funds to continue to be allocated to this region where they are needed most. Reducing contracts and/or potentially implementing a statewide award maximum will create the most significant burden on the Kansas City region specifically, and will create catastrophic effects for victims of crime in one of the most violent cities in Missouri and the nation. We have several recommendations that we would be happy to share, to replace this \$750,000 proposed cap and ensure VOCA dollars are allocated to the regions based on the equitable distribution of victim service demand.

Jenny:

Can you slowly scroll through the chart with the proposed funding again, please?

Julie Meranda:

Send feedback to: FSD.VOCAUnit@dss.mo.gov

Angela Hirsch – RACS:

This recommendation is for the FY25 funding cycle...can you provide an ETA as to when final decisions will be made regarding these recommendations?

Katie Dalton, CVC:

Just wanting to confirm that the 750K cap for a 12 month award?

Josh King, MOCSA:

Kansas City—and just Jackson County alone—has the highest number of reports of child abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect, of all 114 counties in Missouri. This region accounts for 25% of all reported rapes in the state—that means 1 of every 4 rapes occurs in Kansas City, and the rest of the entire state makes up the remainder. By DSS's annual report on child abuse and neglect, when comparing the four-county Kansas City region to other Missouri metropolitan areas, Kansas City has more Child Abuse and Neglect Reports, and more Children reported, than any other metropolitan area. For example, in the 2022 report there are close to 11,000 reports in the 4-county Greater Kansas City Missouri metro, and the next highest is Saint Louis with 8,000.

Sara Brammer:

- o Synergy provides emergency shelter, housing, and counseling to victims across the lifespan in Missouri. With a total of 39,704 annual bed nights provided to victims.
- o Of the 251,908 bed nights provided to victims in the state of Missouri in 2022, Synergy provides 16% of these nights.
- o Of the 105,775 bed nights provided in the Kansas City Region in 2022, Synergy provides 38% of these nights.

- o We already don't have enough VOCA dollars to meet demand. We have a waitlist of over 250 Missouri victims.
- o This funding reduction for our agency would result in cutting the equivalency of 10 full-time staff which is 23% of our victim service workforce. Resulting in a catastrophic loss of court and hospital advocacy, clinical services, and safe bed nights. This loss would impact all of our victim service staff.
- o VOCA makes up 23% of Synergy's budget for victim services.

MaryAnne Metheny:

Can you repeat where we send our comments. Thank you

Julie Meranda:

FSD.VOCAUnit@dss.mo.gov

Sara Brammer:

Total amount you are trying to reduce?

Josh King, MOCSA:

MOCSA is the only rape crisis center in Missouri and the largest in the United States. MOCSA would experience significant, negative impacts from a \$750,000 cap. MOCSA provides 33% of all sexual assault hotline calls in Missouri. We provide evidence-based therapy to 79% of SA counseling clients. Kansas City has the greatest rates and needs of sexual violence victimization. In response, MOCSA provides 57% of Missouri's public awareness presentations and serves 71% of all of Missouri's participants in outreach (28 CFR 94.119(j)). Implementing the proposed cap for our agency specifically would mean 4 out of 5 sexual violence counseling clients in Missouri will see their only resource for sexual assault counseling defunded. This could have serious implications statewide for meeting the minimum VOCA allocation compliance with the federal Office on Victims of Crime.

Debra Cotton:

What is the rationale for potentially establishing a minimum award amount (if I am understanding correctly)?

Katie C, House Of Hope:

Rural shelters take about 95% of KC's overflow.

Sara Brammer:

- o The proposal is recommending that providers in the Kansas City region experience more than a 50% reduction in funding. This would lead to a massive reduction in services and force Kansas City agencies to attempt to refer clients out to rural providers who do not have the capacity, resources, or space to accommodate this overflow. It will produce undue hardship and burden on both victims and the rural providers already in need of resources. Reducing funding for Kansas City providers will lead to a major increase in unmet needs and lead to an influx of referrals to other agencies across the state.

Jessica Hill, Safe House:

Of the organizations that could be pass-through agencies: MOCADSV, Kids First, Mo CASA, etc. How many do not have board members that do not receive VOCA funds?

Josh King, MOCSA:

Recommendation instead of \$750,000 cap: prioritize direct victim-service 501(c)(3) organizations with the history and track record of effective VOCA program delivery. Victim services are the clear intent of VOCA. We ask that organizations receive priority based on their successful history of delivering VOCA programming and victim services, and the fidelity to evidence-based methods and direct service provision (as opposed to referral-only programs or untested practices).

Sara Brammer:

Disproportionately consequencing the Kansas City region is not a fair solution either.

Jessica Hill, Safe House:

Sorry - how many do not have any board members that receive VOCA funds?

Jessica Hill, Safe House:

Is there any intention to request additional GR funds to supplement the federal funds?

Sara Brammer:

What is the TOTAL CUT you want to make

Josh King, MOCSA:

Recommendation instead of the cap: only accept bids from existing contractors, not new contractors. While we absolutely understand the competitive bid nature of this funding, allocating a decreasing number of dollars to an increasing number of contractors results in layoffs, loss of expertise, costly program startups, and unnecessary duplication of services, with less efficacy and effectiveness. Please prioritize the agencies who already have successful track records with VOCA services. This is much more prudent for the utilization of VOCA dollars than reducing budgets for tried-and-true programs to make way for duplicitous and less effective initiatives. Rather than asking existing providers to collaborate with new programs, DSS can invite those who are interested in creating new programs to instead collaborate with existing providers. New agencies launching new programs when funding is so limited will only create strain and duplication in an already underfunded range of programs.

Jessica Hill, Safe House:

Where can we find the list of agencies/types of services that are eligible for VOCA funding?

Sara Brammer:

A recommendation is to work with all of the provider agencies to encourage the Governor and State Legislature to add additional funds to VOCA. We also feel the equitable solution to a shortfall would be to share a percentage reduction with all of the providers. That would be difficult for all of us but not cause a lethal blow to only a few agencies in one geographic location. Thank you for considering that solution.

Zach Woolsey:

Has there been any feedback from the governors office on the likelihood of adding more of the loss in funding directly into the state budget? The state has a large budget surplus at the moment and \$25 million isn't that much considering the thousands of survivors helped every year. It seems like it should be an easy sell to me.

kelly pedigo:

What would happen to applications that only consist of expenses relating to one advocate? Their budget being approximately \$60,000? Would they be shut down or have to request more funding?

Josh King, MOCSA:

With the cap, the Kansas City region will create service loss, KC providers will be forced to refer clients out to rural providers who do not have the capacity, resources, or space to accommodate this overflow. It will produce undue hardship and burden on both victims and the rural providers already in need of resources. Reducing funding for Kansas City providers is ultimately asking nearby rural partners to shoulder the burden and absorb the massive influx of clients Kansas City will no longer be able to accommodate, should the award cap be implemented.

Lori Haney/Citizens Against Spouse Abuse:

In the previous stakeholders meeting, who were all of the entities that comprised the smaller stakeholders group (i.e. MO Kids First, MO CASA, MOCADSV...)?

Jill Quaid:

Just checking - so you are saying any organization can apply for for being a one of the five organizations to administer the funding?

Juliana Greenfield:

I know VOCA funds were not depleted in some of the years when monies were at a high level. I am curious what happened to those unallocated funds in those years. Were they returned to the feds or allocated in some other way?

Martha Sander, Council on Families in Crisis:

The proposals that have the cap. Just so we all understand...will this be funding that can be counted on each year

Marla Svoboda:

Our community partners , including police and hospitals, will stop screening and referring dv victims if services are not available. This comes down to the lives of victims. Please consider where the greatest needs are as has been stated above about the KC region.

Jenny:

Will the contracts be awarded for three years?

Juliana Greenfield:

Thank you for addressing my question!

Josh King, MOCSA:

For the 10 agencies you mentioned, how much of the service provision do those 10 agencies make up for federal reporting and minimum allocations? If it's 23% of the funding but 50% of the victims served, reducing the budgets of those 10 agencies could cause the state to not achieve their federally required minimums.

Debi Koelkebeck:

In the last NFO, there were priority areas identified. Were these considered in the proposal?

Julie West:

Have there been any agencies deemed to not be good stewards of VOCA funds? And if so, are those agencies going to continue to receive funding through any processes?

Martha Sander, Council on Families in Crisis:

Maybe I didn't ask my question very well. Basically, what I am asking is that the strategy you are presenting would give agencies some consistent funding, over time, that is NOT competitively bid every year. So, we may have a cap of XX dollars this year and in 2 years, there is a 10% reduction that applies across the cap amount ... leaving agencies funded to the best of ability of funds available. We will not have to compete for the funds every year, correct?

Debra Cotton:

Other states are undoubtedly facing the same tough choices. How are they addressing this? Any idea?

Jill Wondel, House of Refuge:

Can you answer Kelly's question about the minimum - if our agency currently receives less than \$200,000, would we lose our funding, or need to request a funding increase?

Martha Sander, Council on Families in Crisis:

Thank you

Josh King, MOCSA:

I apologize, I meant: how many victims served by those 10 agencies are reported for federal compliance, and what is the proportion of those numbers compared to those reported statewide? I certainly agree all services are important and the quality and value of services is so hard to compare! As you said, it's not about services or quality, but about the dollars utilized and the numbers reported. If part of the rationale is looking at 10 agencies getting 23% of the funds, it also seems appropriate to ask how changing that will could impact the number of victims served.

Lori Haney/Citizens Against Spouse Abuse:

When will we receive the letter and supporting documents?

Josh King, MOCSA:

Also, I am sorry if I missed it: how was the amount of \$750,000 determined?

Ken Chapman:

Thank you to the intermediary interpreters for providing services to deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals on the call.

kelly pedigo:

Thank you. That makes more sense.

Ken Chapman:

We will send out documents upon the conclusion of this meeting.

Brandi Bair - Hope House:

Is there an average amount of recaptured funds that are available for reinvestment?

Martha Sander, Council on Families in Crisis:

Do you know when match will be coming back on VOCA?

Josh King, MOCSA:

Thank you for reading my questions, and for your perspective on not comparing apples to apples. We've certainly seen an increase in time-per-service and severity of symptoms. I appreciate you all thinking through all of these things!

Laura Farmer:

Thank you for all of the information!

Martha Sander, Council on Families in Crisis:

Thank you for the information. I know it is hard all the way around.

Michael Turner:

We appreciate the work put into this, and for all of the advocacy from all of the partner agencies to help delay the cliff we have been hearing about for the past few years.

Juliana Greenfield:

You will send the materials shared in the meeting, correct?

Julie West:

This ultimately has to be approved by the legislature, correct?

Myron Gray:

Will the recording be made available to us?

Attendees:

Suzanne Wilber, Genesis: A place of New Beginnings
Sara Brammer, Synergy Services
Gina Clement, Capitol City CASA
Blair Schilling, Harmony House
Anne Crites, The Victim Center
Laura Zahnd, MOCADSV
Courtney Davis, I Pour Life
Meg Boyko, Missouri KidsFirst
Hannah Moore, Safe Connections
Rebecca Griffith, Russell House
Tiffani Clark, Synergy Services
Ben McBride, I Pour Life

Esmeralda Grande, Law Department Municipal Court
Holly Porter, Compass A Safe Place
Laura Willeke, Child Protection Center
Kelly Pedigo, Safe Passage
Susan Hickman, Lafayette House
Eddie Ross, Diamond Diva Empowerment Foundation
Marla Svoboda, Rose Brooks Center
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Rachel Lenk, St. Charles CO Prosecutors Office
Rochelle Parker, Child Abuse Prevention Association
Betsy Barnes, Mid-Missouri Legal Services
Tyler Bernsen- Children's Advocacy Services of Greater St. Louis
Connie Pendergrass, 37th Judicial CASA
Alicia Kolb, DSS
Aaprara Mills, MADD
Gloria McQueen, Women of Grace
Gail Dickson, ARCHS
Frankie Babaian, CASA of STL
Deb Cotten, Alive
Erin Swafford, Synergy Services
Jessica Seitz, Missouri KidsFirst
Dr. Gloria Johnson, Life Source Consultants
Jennifer Howard, CASA of STL
Scott Mason, Rose Brooks Center
Donna Franz, Selah Place of Oregon County
Amy Couture, Rose Brooks Center
Leanne Reese, Missouri CASA Association
Angie Blumel, Jackson County CASA
Lori Haney, Citizens Against Spouse Abuse
Judith Kile, COPE
Karla Frye, Life Source Consultants
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DeAnna Alonso, CMFCAA
Alisa White, Survival Adult Abuse Center, Inc
Jill Quaid, Central Missouri Foster Care and Adoption Association
Jessica Woolbright, St. Marthas
Wende Ochoa, Turning Point Advocacy Services
Kristina Jones, Child Abuse Prevention Association
Kim Dixon, Safe House of Women
Angie Blumel, CASA

**VOCA Web-Ex
January 4th, 2024 10:00 AM Agenda**

Welcome – Patti Custer is leading the meeting.

Housekeeping

- Please mute and put questions/comments put in the chat
- If we do not get all questions answered in the allotted time, we will schedule additional calls.
- The Web-ex will be recorded and placed on our website along with meeting minutes <https://dss.mo.gov/dfas/victims-of-crime-act/>
- There are Interpreters on the line as well.

FFY24 Plan

- Recommendations due back to DSS by Dec 29th. We are compiling those comments now. We have received 74 comments and they are all over the place. We are currently reviewing all the feedback.
- The last meetings minutes and Webinar recording are posted on our website.

VOCA Invoices

- Emails are going out if you have not sent in November and or December Invoices as a reminder to get them in.
- Please double check your invoice form to make sure you are using the correct funding form for your funding source. Use funding in this order ARPA, GR, VOCA Grant 21, 22, or 23. All invoice forms, data sheets and expenditure sheets are posted on the website.

Reports

- 1st quarter reports are due on January 30th, 2024. Email to fsd.vocaunit@dss.mo.gov
- New Quarterly Report and Training Video was released last week. Please watch the Training Video and Use the NEW quarterly Report.
- Send DATA sheets (due at the same time as the invoice) to fsd.vocaunit@dss.mo.gov

Jessica- Kids First- Executive Director

Advocate Lunch and Learn for advocates in all fields. The Training and Consultation is on **January 17, 2024 from 12:00 PM-1:30 PM**. The topic in January is **“Sexual Assault Survivors' Bill of Rights and Working with Older Youth.”** People can register for this one (and our June and December offerings) here:

<https://missourikidsfirst.coalitionmanager.org/eventmanager/trainingevent/seriesdetails/1031>

Lunch and Learns are held quarterly.

Our online mandated reporter training, www.protectmokids.com, is available year-round BUT we just got it approved for CEUs for social workers which should be of interest to many of the VOCA agencies.

Zak – MOCADSV-

We are finalizing the first half of our 2024 training calendar. We will send out information about the first trainings soon.

MOCADSV will host an Immigrant and Refugee Services Relationship-Building Meeting from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on January 26, 2024, via Zoom. This meeting does not have a training component, it is more of a meet and greet.

Join the meeting at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5734697817> or use meeting ID 573 469 7817.

This relationship-building meeting will bring advocates, attorneys, and immigrant service providers together to connect with one another, share resources, and discuss emerging trends. Topics of conversation include immigration, public policy, language access, among other issues related to providing services to immigrant and refugee survivors of violence.

There will not be a formal training component to this meeting, rather an opportunity to build relationships, discuss trends, and share program updates with other service providers from across

Missouri.

All parties interested in supporting immigrant survivors of violence are warmly welcomed to attend at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5734697817> or with meeting ID 573 469 7817.

Contact Nora Mosby, Member Services Specialist at nmosby@mocadsv.org with questions.

VOCA Agency Highlights –

North Star- Linda Mattson, ED. Northwest corner of the state. 400 victims of DV and SV each year. 2nd annual fundraiser will be March 21st in Maryville. There will be a survivor speaker and other community members.

Haven House- Amber Tinker, ED. Not present

KC Mothers in Charge – Christina Esteban. Small team in KC that works with the Police Department responding to homicides. They assist the families with support groups and connecting with other local resources. During National Crime Victims Week, April 27th, they are participating in a 5K in KC.

Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corporation – Not present

Diamond Diva Empowerment Foundation – Bran-Dee Jelks. Located in STL city and county, as well as Jefferson and St. Charles counties. They help stabilization for survivors after they have left an abusing situation. They help with emergency situations and ongoing stabilization. They help connect them with housing locations and local resources. They have a pathways to healing program that helps with mental health and group healing. Pathways to prosperity- developing this program to help get them set up with businesses and job seeking. Their application intake has gone up about 30% in the past couple of months. They have placed at least 150 people in the past year in addition to their emergency placements (approx.. 60). They are hosting a walk for survivors and awareness. They do resource fairs every month in efforts to connect with survivors. They are now able to assist with gas bills and utility assistance. This February is their 11th year doing hygiene package for women leaving domestic violence situations. They are always looking for new partnerships across the state.

Employment Connection -

Harmony House – Jared Alexander, ED. Located in Springfield- Greene, Christian, Webster counties. 325-350 people in shelter over the past year. Over 4,000 hotline calls over 2023. They provide emergency shelter with 41 rooms on

site. Their services include case management, food, clothing, counseling services, outreach support, court advocacy, housing assistance, and prevention education and community awareness programs. They now have advocates within the Springfield and Republic Police Departments. They are able to reach out to victims directly at the time of the call, or directly after. Over 4,000 people were met with through community outreach. They are working on trying to fill the gaps in the more rural area. The Purple Party is on April 16th as one of their fundraisers.

Audrain County - Kathy Yohe, Interim Director. Art therapy group is going again. They have a ten bed shelter. They are working on gaining new volunteers. They are revamping their office.

Children's Center of SW MO – Matt Stewart, ED. Main office is in Joplin and covers 12 counties. They provide forensic interviews, trauma focused interviews. They remodeled their existing building. They are having a ribbon cutting on January 10th. February 3rd. 27th Annual Gala in Joplin. They are prepping for Child Abuse Awareness Month in April. They just got a grant for child exploitation through Missouri Kids First.

CADV – Sheree Keeley. They are celebrating 30 years in operation. 40 beds at their shelter. They have just added a male suite and a transitional housing program. Outreach services in Eldon and Versailles. Their shelter is in Camdenton. They are a tourist area, so there are a lot more people who come through their community. They have Safe Bars which is a training program to help prepare establishments for violence that could happen. Be Alert, through the Stop Trafficking Project. Russ Tuttle comes to the schools to help create awareness with students and parents. October is their biggest fundraiser CADV Brunch.

January 11th is Wear Blue Day for Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

Ken Chapman reiterates that we appreciate all the work that the agencies are doing. We value the work and it is our hope to continue to keep victims at the center of our work, regardless of how the funding goes.

Attendees:

Patricia Custer, DSS
Benjamin Johnson, DSS
Ryan Stiffler, DSS
Julie Meranda, DSS
Kathleen Tofall, MOPS
JoAnna Watts, CASA of the Parkland

Laura Farmer, CASA of Southwest Missouri
Jerod Breit - MADD
Timothy Meeker, Hope House
Cheryl Robb-Welch, MOCADSV
Jared Alexander, Harmony House
Melissa Birdsell, Voices of Courage CAC, St. Joseph
Hannah Moore, Safe Connections
Wendy Logan - DeafLEAD
Linda Mattson - North Star Advocacy Center
Michelle Whitesell, KVC Missouri
Anthony Ketchem
Gail Dickson, ARCHS
Zak Wilson, MOCADSV
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Courtney Davis, I Pour Life
Wende Ochoa-Turning Point Advocacy Services
Cynthia Danley, Safe Connections
Kelli Neel and Amanda Wade, Christos House, Incorporated
Survival Adult Abuse Center, Inc. Alisa White
Christine Thompson - Grain Valley/Oak Grove Police Department
Les Johnson-ARCHS
Sharon Hileman, CASA of Southeast Missouri
Kimberly Kemerer, Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Missouri
Kathy Yohe, ACCIS
Anthony Ketchem, KVC-MO SE, Associate Director
Connie Pendergrass, 37th CASA
Angela Hirsch - Rape & Abuse Crisis Service
Michelle Barron, 11th Circuit CASA Program
Jennifer Hickam, True North of Columbia, Inc
Rod Sansom, KVC Health Systems
Ken Chapman, Office of Workforce and Community Initiatives, Assistant Deputy Director, DSS
Wendy Harris Compass Health / Comtrea ASP and CAC
Kirsten Dunham, Mid-Missouri Legal Services
Matt Stewart--Children's Center of SWMO
Emily Macdonald, Regional Family Crisis Center
Holly Hunt with KVC
Jamie Willis, Greene County Family Justice Center, Springfield, MO

Stephanie Logan ~ DeafLEAD
Katie Dalton, Crime Victim Center
Josh King, Vice President of Grants and Compliance, MOCSA
Betsy Barnes Mid-Missouri Legal Services
Lauren Frosch with Turning Point Advocacy Services
Kelly Hill, Heart of Missouri CASA
Eddie Ross-Diamond Diva Empowerment Foundation
Victoria Roberts, St. Charles County PA Office-VCAP
Jessica Hill - Safe House of Southeast Missouri, Cape Girardeau
Shannon Unnerstall - Legal Services of Eastern MO
Kendra Eads- SEMO-NASV
from Dr. Kristina Jones to everyone: 10:11 AM
Dr. Kristina Jones - Child Abuse Prevention Association
Angie Blumel, Jackson County CASA
Laura Cook, The Child Advocacy Center of NEMO
Patrick Foran, The Women's Safe House
Rebecca Griffith- Russell House
Brandi Bair, Hope House
Bran-Dee Jelks- Diamond Diva Empowerment
Kelly Broeker, Preferred Family Healthcare
Alicia Knickman-CASA of Jefferson County
Martha Sander, Council on Families in Crisis

Synopsis of Concerns Regarding MOCADSV

- Non-members not being treated equally
- MOCADSVs stance on Roe vs. Wade
- Questionable advice regarding accounting procedures
- Limited face-to-face interaction
- MOCADSV doesn't understand the agencies or the needs
- Conflict of interest because MOCADSV also has a TA contract and this will create a different relationship
- Members receive information on VOCA from MOCADSV and non-members do not
- Agencies do not receive the same training opportunities MOCADSV stated providers could not directly engage with the state agency
- Concerns will only fund DV and SV
- MOCADSV most recently put a post on Social Media asking for donations to the Coalition and not to VOCA providers
- MOCADSV continues to hold conference calls with only members regarding the potential to be a sub recipient and indicated to the Department they would not do this

Letter Regarding MOCADSV

Agency: Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center

Dear Patty,

As you know I have been with Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center for 27 years. I have served as a past MOCADSV board member, membership committee members, public policy committee members, and have served as the Southeast Missouri Regional Representative. I have provided training for the Coalition and for the last several years had a very good relationship with them. Their mission and goals changed, mine did not.

The following is a partial list of my concerns with Coalition regarding them becoming the subrecipient of VOCA

1) They limit seasoned directors from being able to join membership by encouraging membership committee to allow opportunities for “new people” to serve. The only way for a member to be on the board is to ascend from membership committee, therefore the voices of seasoned leaders are silenced as far as decision making and any direction the coalition is going.

2) I believe there are 15 members of the membership committee. Decisions are not brought back to the full body for a vote. 15 membership committee members are not representative of all the membership programs across that state.

3) I feel this is intentional because newer members believe that they must have the coalition to survive. They have set up scenario where they are seen as all powerful.

4) Relationship at this point feels very much like the power and control dynamics of abusive relationship.

5) They play favorites to programs and directors that do not disagree with them about anything. I have huge fears of how this would play out with them being in control of funding. They would essentially control everything. Service standards and guidelines we must abide by and our funding.

6) How likely are they to fund or adequately fund a nonmember organization or an organization that leaves membership because they are not happy with the direction of the coalition?

7) The Coalition being our membership organization and our funder seems like a huge conflict of interest. I have a lot of questions about how will board members that are also directors of programs be funded? How will be monitored by an organization that we pay dues to be a member?

8) If the coalition becomes our funder then the relationship is forever changed. We no longer have a membership organization.

9) They have tried to tell us they will compartmentalize and technical assistance, lobbying efforts, etc. will be separate from funding and monitoring. They are still the coalition. My organization has many programs, but employees still work for the same agency, and down the hall from each other. I do not see a way to keep this separate. It is just part of the dynamics of being part of any organization. Different departments have influence on each other.

10) They were not responsive to us during Covid. They went home and encouraged us to keep our shelter census low even after Covid. Our funders checked on us, but the Coalition did not.

11) They have not been transparent in their desire to become the funder of VOCA.

12) They led us to believe that we need them to be a go between rather than speaking directly to our funders.

13) Do not provide good technical assistance. They are out of touch. Seasoned directors try to mentor newer programs and leaders by telling them what advice of the coalition they do not need to follow. For example, sell a vehicle that is purchased with VOCA dollars after the contract ends and put the money in your general revenue account. This is just one example of unethical and possible illegal advice that is given.

14) They are very far removed from providing direct service so rules and advice they do give is not in line with providing direct services in today's environment.

15) Can be rude and condescending or just plain dismissive when we request assistance with difficult situations.

I do want to add that when I have been able to contact Cheryl Robb-Welch on difficult human resource issues she has always been responsive and has given me very good information and support. However, it is rarely Cheryl that we have any contact with.

I plan to send you more follow up thoughts after our call today.

Thank you for your consideration of our very serious concerns of the MOCADSV becoming the subrecipient of VOCA, and then the funders of their membership organizations. I will this will have very dire consequences and I cannot emphasize that enough.

Sincerely,

Marsha Keene-Frye

CEO, Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center, Inc.

July 26, 2023

Patti Custer

Dept. of Social Services

VOCA/DVSS Unit

Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Patti,

I have spent some time contemplating how to write this letter and what to include.

To frame my response for those that may not know me, I started the work on December 5, 1990. I was hired as the Shelter Manager and worked 2.5 years in this position when the Board of Directors for my agency asked me to become the Executive Director in May of 1993. I have held this position since that time.

During my tenure as the Executive Director, I have developed and implemented our outreach program, children's program, court advocacy program, law enforcement advocacy program, medical advocacy program, targeted case management program, and housing programs within the MO Balance of State Continuum of Care (Mo BoS CoC). Additionally, I developed a task force on domestic and sexual violence in two counties and facilitated our batterer's intervention program for the last 12 years. I also developed, implemented and oversee our agency thrift store, which has been open since May 15, 1999.

Over my career, I have served in the following capacities at MOCADSV:

- Served on the Board of Directors for 6 years; Served as the Board Treasurer; Served as the Public Policy Chair in 2000; Been to Washington DC for national advocacy days twice, 2000 and 2019
- Served on the Membership Committee for two terms
- Served as the Southwest Region Representative for two terms

- Served on the Public Policy Committee
- Co-chaired the statewide workgroup to create standards for batterer intervention programs
- Chaired the statewide workgroup for quality assurance to create solutions and discuss issues with the co-occurrence of mental health and substance use issues in shelter
- Was involved in the original meetings that took place to develop the first working standards, which we affectionately called "Blueprint for Progress"
- Served as a contract trainer in 1999/2000 when the coalition, in partnership with DSS, trained all 6,000 employees of DSS
- Presented numerous workshops over the years at the annual conferences
- Been a dues paying member of MOCADSV since our shelter opened on July 1, 1990.

I have been a part of the history of this movement for 32.5 years. I have watched the coalition grow from

1.5 employees to its current state of 19.

To further qualify myself to write this letter, I currently serve as the Board Chair for the MO BoS CoC, in my 4th year. With the Coe, which is also a membership continuum, I serve in the following capacity:

- Current Board Chair
- Board Secretary for 2.5 years
- Chaired the Special Populations Committee, creating new committees for Veterans, Youth, and Victim Services
- Serve on the following committees: Policy and Planning, Grants, Victim Services, Executive Committee, and chairing numerous workgroups for Governance, grant development like Requests for Proposals for CoC funds, and other board special projects.
- On the Regional Level, I am the Regional Board Member, Regional Lead, and Coordinated Entry Lead for region 9.

I also volunteer my time for West Central Missouri Community Action Agency in the following capacity:

- Board of Directors, serving as their Treasurer
- Board of Directors for their New Growth 501©3 Development Corporation
- Advisory Board for the New Growth Women's Business Center

I have served on the Dept of Public Safety workgroups in 2011 to create Vision 2021 and the STOP VAWA 10-year plan to reduce homicides in the State of MO. I feel that my experience in the last 32+ years is helpful and broad. I am involved in two membership agencies that are both working to make life better for those who need assistance, just in different ways. I am very familiar with how these should work and what voice membership should have in decision making.

First, I will state that I am against MOCADSV being the VOCA or DVSS funder for our agency. My reasons and concerns are detailed below:

Conflict of Interest Concerns:

- I am having difficulty seeing this arrangement as non-conflictual. The coalition has told us that they will create a separate monitoring branch to administer, monitor, and audit our programs.
 - How does this change the dues structure? Currently, I pay dues based on a percent of agency income. Agency income will now be controlled somewhat by the coalition. They will directly benefit from the portion of VOCA funds that my agency receives. So, to make this clearer:
 - They will be receiving funds from VOCA to administer the grants, determining how much money my agency receives, and then getting .3% in membership dues on those funds. Granted, my dues are not paid with VOCA funds but it seems conflictual to me.
 - And will this factor in when awarding grant amounts? Will member programs get more funds than non-member programs as this will increase/decrease the dues amount that MOCADSV receives?
 - And who will be monitoring this to ensure fairness in awarding of contracts?
 - My agency will leave membership if MOCADSV becomes our funder. We pay

\$1800 a year in dues. It will not take long, if other agencies leave, to reduce the

flow of membership income. How will the Dept of Social Services ensure that there is no retaliatory reduction in our funds for leaving?

- How will they still be able to lobby for VOCA? Years ago, their lobby dollars were paid with our membership dues. Here is my problem with this:
 - Dues are based on a percent of my budget, which includes VOCA funds.
 - Dues will partially be determined by MOCADSV with the award of my VOCA funds.
 - My dues, paid from non-grant sources, will now be used to lobby for more VOCA funds.
 - So, MOCADSV gets administrative dollars to administer VOCA, a VOCA contract to provide technical assistance, dues from my agency based on my VOCA award amount, and gets to lobby for more VOCA funds? This has conflict of interest written all over it.
- Who will approve the final allocation amounts for VOCA funds? If this passes to MOCADSV, who will do this? Will it be the VOCA section of MOCADSV, who is staff benefitting from the award allocations as MOCADSV is also a direct grant recipient awarding

itself funds now? Will it be the MOCADSV Board of Directors? And, if it is the Board, how will the board members representing agency members approve direct funding to their own agencies? And will the agency programs serving on the board or membership committees have an unfair advantage in the awarding of funds? How can MOCADSV administer the VOCA funds and give themselves direct funds? Again, it seems fraught with conflict and no oversight. The Board of Directors cannot serve as oversight because most all of them have connections to programs. The Membership Committee cannot serve as oversight because all of them benefit from the grant. The other part of MOCADSV (that is not monitoring) cannot serve as oversight because some of them are paid with direct VOCA funds and all of them benefit financially from VOCA administrative dollars.

- Will Dept. of Social Services be monitoring and auditing MOCADSV as the funder or will this fall to Dept. of Justice to do?

Membership Concerns:

- Membership Standards. How can the coalition be both the funder and the developer of the membership standards? What happens when my agency does not meet all of the standards? Who will advocate for me? Based on bullet points above, if they are financially benefitting from VOCA administration, where will their alliance be? The funds of the coalition or the member agencies? Our agency

is already in disagreement with the standards. We have no voice in that disagreement. The coalition sets the standards that they think are appropriate, despite the fact they do not provide direct services, and member agencies are expected (and mandated by grant funders) to follow them. How is this fair that they will now be the enforcer of standards that they set and state membership agrees with, when in fact, not all membership agrees with? These concerns were voiced with my VOCA program specialist when they visited our program this year.

- The awarding of contracts from MOCADSV will permanently change the relationship from being an advocacy membership agency to a contractual funder relationship. There is no way a membership agency can be both an advocate and a funder and remain neutral. For example, I have a shelter program, an outreach program, a thrift store, a task force, and a batterer intervention program. All of these programs are separate. If someone from my community has an issue with a program or person working in that program, they do not single out the program; they single out my agency when they tell their story in the community. Such it is with the coalition. If I have an issue with my VOCA grant, I will not feel like I have an advocate on the membership side.
- MOCADSV staff have not been to my program in over 20 years. In the beginning years, there were always more program specialists than any other employee. As stated earlier, when I started there was 1.5 employees of the coalition. When it grew to 7 employees, 5 of them were program specialists, providing technical assistance. Now the coalition has 19 employees and 3 are program specialist with one additional supervisor and one additional chief officer. In the early days, coalition staff would come out to our program and train staff, train board members, and just generally support our agency. In current times, you have to go to the coalition to get assistance. How can they be a funder and provider of technical assistance and not come to our program and not meet our staff? During COVID, I received a personal phone call from every single funder I have: Dept. of Public Safety, Dept. of Social Services, Missouri Housing Development Commission, Local United Way, Local Government. You know who I did not receive a call from? MOCADSV technical assistance providers. If I wanted to dial in to their Zoom meetings from their comfy homes with their pets, I would do so but for them to reach out to my program individually? Did not happen. They worked from home while we worked from the trenches.
- They state they are in touch with membership. They are not in touch with all of their membership and that is a big concern of our agency. The coalition often represents themselves as membership based and driven. Information from them is selective.

Transparency Concerns:

- The information has now been made public that MOCADSV may become our VOCA funder. There has been no further communication from the coalition about what this might look like. Our questions have not been answered and there has been no calls or meetings to discuss such.
 - Zak was quick to host a members-only meeting to get the information out to membership ahead of the Dept. of Social

Services meeting. Yet, he has been slow to host a members- only meeting to discuss the implementation and our questions.

- How will we be monitored? Will this be both financial and programmatic monitoring? What is the process for grievances? Will the Dept. of Social Services provide that role?
- How will the coalition provide transparency in its awarding of grants?
- How will non-member programs receive information? When they have member-only meetings about grants funds, how will we be represented and have a voice if we are not members? I have real concern that non-members will be treated differently and awarded proportionately different amounts. Will I have to pay my dues to ensure I get all the VOCA-related information?
- Here is an example of current matters. The minutes from regional meetings and membership meetings are not posted anywhere. So, if you miss a regional meeting, you do not know what is going on. The minutes of the membership committee are not posted. If you want to know what is going on, you have to request the minutes. As a side note, when I requested the minutes for the last two years to see what was discussed about the VOCA stakeholder meetings, (as we were told they were discussed in membership), I was first told that the CEO had to be asked to release the minutes because the Membership Committee is a board committee. When I replied that I was a member program and should be able to see how I am being represented, I was sent the minutes. As a dues-paying member, my agency should be able to see any minutes of any meeting except closed sessions of the board.
- Here is another transparency issue. With our DVSS contract, I recently learned that I do not have to be a member of MOCADSV to have access to coalition manager to enter my monthly statistics.

I did not know this. If my dues are not paid by February 1 of each year, I am locked out of coalition manager. This is what we receive for membership:

2023 MOCADSV Membership Renewal

We know you value being a member of MOCADSV as much as we value having you be a part of the significant work being done in Missouri. Our coalition is stronger when we are together, and we hope that you will renew your membership with us for another year.

As in prior years, if your agency has not renewed your membership by the deadline, February 1, your staff will be locked out of Coalition Manager and your agency staff would no longer be eligible to attend member-only trainings or regional meetings free of charge.

You can update your agency's profile and renew membership through your Coalition Manager profile. Please take a few minutes to update your staff, volunteer and Board list at that time. If you have questions about membership renewal contact Office Manager Natalie Smith, nsmith@mocadsv.org.

I have thought, by this email, that I have to be a member for my funder. This is not true. This is what I cite when I say the coalition is not transparent with its membership, particularly when it comes to funds. **Membership dues benefit the coalition financially.** They are selective with the information they give to membership. If we are not locked out of coalition manager and have to be given access for entering stats, why would they lock us out? Well, we are only locked out until the dues are paid. Once the money changes hands, coalition manager is unlocked. And, my agency has been late with dues and locked out before so I am familiar with how this works.

- I also recently learned that I am able to attend trainings through my VOCA grant without being a member. Again, this is not communicated anywhere and how would I receive training notifications if I am not a member?
- I do not trust them to be our funder. The two incidents cited above, coalition manager and training, are just two examples of how information is withheld from membership because it is advantageous financially to MOCADSV for dues to be paid.

I am very concerned that if MOCADSV should become the VOCA funder, they will control the narrative, the funding, and the standards for performance; all while benefitting financially from the grant funds themselves. They already have a lot of power over membership. I am very concerned that becoming a VOCA funder will give them more power. They are not the coalition I grew up with in my early days of advocacy work. I do not believe they are always transparent with membership, which is a problem if they become my funder. I also have an issue with paying dues to a funder.

I believe the Dept of Social Services, VOCA Unit, is doing a great job. Yes, there were some rough years in the transition from Dept of Public Safety to Dept of Social Services. However, we survived and have learned a lot on both sides. I think things are running smoothly and communication from the Dept has increased over time. I receive a lot of emails with information and helpful links. Comparatively with other funders, the Dept is doing a great job of communicating with us.

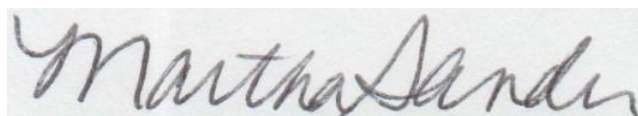
I very much enjoyed the site visit with our program specialist and the financial site visit with the auditors. I always appreciate when a funder comes to our program to see

all the great work we are doing on-site. It is fun to show them how the funds have been spent and to communicate with them about successes and struggles.

As for future VOCA cycles, I suggest the Dept of Social Services keep the VOCA grant, administer the funds with the same formula that is now being proposed, and set a maximum amount for awards. Most grants have a maximum amount to be awarded. I know that larger agencies have larger budgets but they also have the capacity to raise larger funds at their fundraisers. Having a maximum grant award also ensures several agencies get funded. And, in some cases, it ensures there are funds for new agencies.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my opinions. I understand there is a lot to weigh out and several agencies will be affected by this decision. My opinions are only an expression of the concerns of my agency and I respect whatever decision is final.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martha Sander". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered on a light gray rectangular background.

Martha Sander
Executive Director
Council on Families in Crisis, Inc.

Email Regarding MOCADSV
Agency: Crime Victim Center

-----Original Message-----

From: Katie Dalton <katied@supportvictims.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 11:31 AM
To: Custer, Patricia <Patricia.Custer@dss.mo.gov>
Subject: RE: (none)

Hi Patti,

The Crime Victim Advocacy Center (aka Crime Victim Center) serves more than victims and survivors of domestic/sexual violence. A big portion of our clients comes from the underserved population. Being a sub-recipient under MCADSV concerns me since the collations focus on victims of domestic and sexual violence. I would worry that they would only want to fund our domestic and sexual violence-based programs and not provide funding for our underserved populations. I also worry that this would add more work to our grant management staff as we would potentially have to make two separate applications: one through MCSDSV and one through DSS.

Let me know if you have any questions or want any more clarification.

Stay healthy and safe,

Katie Dalton, MSW, LCSW
(she/her/hers)
Executive Director

Email Regarding MOCADSV

Agency: Anonymous

August 7, 2023
Patricia Custer
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Jefferson City, MO 65109
FSD.VOCAUnit@dss.mo.gov

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for requesting feedback on the recent proposed change of DSS contracting with sub-recipients to distribute VOCA funds. For several reasons, our organization has concerns about this plan, including increased money going towards administration costs and a dual relationship being created with OCADSV. We recognize that DSS may have a variety of reasons for this plan and that organizations have limited information so far. However, our initial agency perspective is that it creates changes to VOCA that are unnecessary and not beneficial. From a financial perspective, the plan seems to create more overhead costs, as each pass-through agency could receive indirect funds to help cover the administrative costs of distributing VOCA grants. The administrative costs for grant distribution would go from one agency (DSS) to five. This money is then directly taken away from victims of crime and the organizations directly serving them. The level of funding for VOCA is never certain year to year and this plan would further jeopardize funding levels for direct services. Beyond financial reasons, this plan gives our organization pause due to the change in relationship it would create with MOCADSV.

Our organization has been a member of the Coalition for decades, and greatly appreciates the technical assistance, ongoing support, training, and statewide advocacy the Coalition provides. We gladly pay our annual dues, knowing the strong voice MOCADSV is for both individual members as well as survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. However, if they become a funder of our organization, it seems a conflict of interest is suddenly created. Organizations would give pause at showing the same level of vulnerability and openness in training and technical assistance conversations. The current level of openness is what makes the relationship between MOCADSV and its members so important for learning and growth of DV staff, and it helps the Coalition have a real understanding of the experiences of programs and survivors. We trust the MOCADSV to handle any transitions with a high level of professionalism and strong ethical standards; however, it seems unnecessary to make this change. We also recognize that without seeing a potential distribution plan from the four sub-recipients, there are difficulties in fully assessing the impact of the changes. Again, thank you for being open to receiving comments. Based on the information we currently have, we are not in full support of the plan and hope you consider these perspectives in making your final decision.

Email Regarding MOCADSV
Agency: Women's Crisis Center

From: beckyvermeire@gmail.com
To: Custer, Patricia
Subject: Re: VOCA
Date: Monday, August 7, 2023 3:46:46 PM

August 7, 2023
Patti Custer
Department of Social Services
VOCA/DVSS Unit
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Patti,

I am sending this correspondence to voice my thoughts regarding the proposal that MOCADSV become the "funding agency" for VOCA funds. As a seasoned veteran of 27 years in this movement, including serving on the MOCADSV Board of Directors for 15 years in which I held the title of Board Vice-Chair and Board Chair for 4 consecutive years, I believe I am very familiar with how the Coalition operates. As a result of my familiarity with the Coalition staff and policy and procedures, I believe that my thoughts regarding this matter come from a position based on fact. I have some very serious concerns regarding this proposal. Before I share those concerns, I will declare that I am against MOCADSV becoming a funder for agencies receiving VOCA funds.

My first area of concern centers on the fact that this builds a strong conflict of interest between shelter programs specifically and the Coalition. We pay dues to the Coalition. In return, we are meant to receive training and technical assistance, training materials, access to Coalition manager etc. We are encouraged to see the Coalition as an advocacy agency meant to offer support for member programs. It seems a huge conflict to pay dues and then have the Coalition become our funder. How do they objectively administer funds in this situation? How can we look to them for guidance if they have the power to pull our funding? How can we be transparent with them about concerns regarding programming, etc., if they are to monitor our programs? Is grant funding going to be distributed based on the amount of dues we pay? The Coalition will be awarded funding to administer VOCA funds. I don't pay dues to any other funder. Will bigger programs get more funding because they pay more dues? What if I choose not to renew my membership with the Coalition? Will I then lose VOCA funds? Representatives from member programs sit on the Coalition Board of Directors. Will they have a vote regarding my funding or their own funding? The Coalition knows all of us at member programs very well. How will they stay objective in determining who gets funding? This arrangement will destroy the advocacy relationship we have with the Coalition. This relationship has been rocky for a few years now. They seem to have lost touch with how shelter programs even function. How can they determine how funds are best disbursed?

My next concern comes from a membership perspective. We have no idea what happens anymore in membership committee meetings, regional meetings, and board meetings. The Coalition has stopped being transparent. So, how then can the Coalition become the funder and the developer of membership standards. As someone who served on the MOCADSV Board of Director's when some of these protocols were put into place and have knowledge how this is supposed to work, why do we as member agencies have no idea what is happening? The Coalition sets standards for members programs without considering

feedback from the membership at large. Yet, this proposal puts them in a position to enforce these standards. Making MOCADSV the funder will forever change the relationship that we as member programs have once had with them. They will move into having a position of power over us that feels conflictual and we will be paying them dues to have that power over us.

I also have a concern regarding lobbying. Will MOCADSV be able to lobby for VOCA if they become the funder? I have always believed that my dues go towards paying for a lobbying agency that works to ensure funds are secured? How can the Coalition do this if they are receiving VOCA funds to administer the grant? In the past few years, the Coalition has seemingly become less available to us as member agencies. I believe they have lost touch with service providers and how programming works in the shelter setting. I am concerned that this will decline even further if they are put in a position to oversee funds. Transparency seems lost. I believe they are out of touch with the reality of shelter services. I am not confident in them having any more power over us than they already do.

I have enjoyed building a working relationship with DSS. I appreciate the site visits and the check-ins provided. I appreciate the high level of communication and the transparency offered by the Department of Social Services. It is my hope that DSS will continue to administer VOCA funds moving forward. Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns. This is a heavy decision and I trust all concerns will be addressed. Please feel free to contact me with questions moving forward. I will respect your final decision.

Sincerely,

Becky Vermeire
Becky Vermeire
Executive Director
Women's Crisis Center

Cheryl Robb-Welch

From: Lisa Fleming <Lisa@rosebrooks.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 3:22 PM
To: fsd.vocaunit@dss.mo.gov
Subject: VOCA Stakeholder meeting feedback

Dear Jeriane and DSS Team,

The Rose Brooks Center team appreciated the opportunity to learn more about the proposed sub-recipient model for the management of the VOCA grant program. On behalf of Rose Brooks Center, I want to share that we support the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence serving as the sub-recipient.

I want to recognize the thoughtful discussions you have had with the other key stakeholders to arrive at this proposal. Although there are details and processes to still work out, we know your team and MOCADSV will find a way to sustain high standards of compliance with VOCA grant guidelines and comprehensive technical support for domestic and sexual violence organizations. My 20+ years of partnering with the current Coalition leadership and receiving their technical support on a wide range of grant, leadership, and program-related matters has consistently demonstrated the Coalition's capacity and commitment to providing the highest standards of member services and grant administration responsibilities.

I am confident MOCADSV can and will mitigate the concerns and address questions through ongoing stakeholder feedback sessions, an organizational structure to support the VOCA grant administration functions, well-thought-out policies and procedures, and other strategies. It has been our experience that employing these kinds of comprehensive strategies is one of the many MOCADSV strengths.

Again, thank you for your ongoing support and the opportunity to learn more and share our feedback. Please feel free to reach out if you have any follow-up questions for me.

Lisa

Lisa Fleming, MSW | Chief Executive Officer



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Cheryl Robb-Welch

From: Angela Hirsch <AngelaH@racsjc.org>
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 10:47 AM
To: fsd.vocaunit@dss.mo.gov
Subject: VOCA sub-recipients

Jeriane,

I wanted to take a moment to express my support for the recommendation made by the Department of Social Services to work with MOCADSV, MO CASA, and MAPA as sub-recipients for the VOCA funds. I know that there are still several questions about this process and how it may play out, but, as an agency that serves survivors of domestic and sexual violence the impact that VOCA funding has on our ability to provide our services to these survivors is paramount. The expertise and experience that MOCADSV has will only strengthen our services as we utilize VOCA funding.

I realize that there are several who question this recommendation. However, there are others of us that recognize the benefits and impact that contracting with MOCADSV as a service provider can and will have on our work and on survivors. I know that MOCADSV will continue to support all of its members and do what is right by all of us.

Thank you for giving our agencies an opportunity to provide feedback and for your efforts of transparency and communication. I look forward to our future working relationship.

Yours in Service,

Angela

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Cheryl Robb-Welch

From: Lisa Fleming <Lisa@rosebrooks.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 3:22 PM
To: fsd.vocaunit@dss.mo.gov
Subject: VOCA Stakeholder meeting feedback

Dear Jeriane and DSS Team,

The Rose Brooks Center team appreciated the opportunity to learn more about the proposed sub-recipient model for the management of the VOCA grant program. On behalf of Rose Brooks Center, I want to share that we support the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence serving as the sub-recipient.

I want to recognize the thoughtful discussions you have had with the other key stakeholders to arrive at this proposal. Although there are details and processes to still work out, we know your team and MOCADSV will find a way to sustain high standards of compliance with VOCA grant guidelines and comprehensive technical support for domestic and sexual violence organizations. My 20+ years of partnering with the current Coalition leadership and receiving their technical support on a wide range of grant, leadership, and program-related matters has consistently demonstrated the Coalition's capacity and commitment to providing the highest standards of member services and grant administration responsibilities.

I am confident MOCADSV can and will mitigate the concerns and address questions through ongoing stakeholder feedback sessions, an organizational structure to support the VOCA grant administration functions, well-thought-out policies and procedures, and other strategies. It has been our experience that employing these kinds of comprehensive strategies is one of the many MOCADSV strengths.

Again, thank you for your ongoing support and the opportunity to learn more and share our feedback. Please feel free to reach out if you have any follow-up questions for me.

Lisa

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Subrecipient Monitoring Requirements:

In order to be a sub recipient, the agency must complete following, including, but not limited to:

- Review of policy and procedure manual
- Procurement policy and procedure manual
- Retention policy and procedures
- Programmatic policies
- Must have Board Bylaws
- For fiscal monitoring, must ensure compliance for VOCA activities for the monitored timeframe including reviewing the following:
 - Bank statements, canceled checks and reconciliation for programs and payroll bank account for a three month period
 - General ledgers, Check Registers, Revenue and Expense Statements, and Payroll Documentation including timesheets and benefit distribution report
 - Check signer authorization form from the bank(s) for accounts related to VOCA funds
 - VOCA Program Budgets
 - Most recent audited financial report
- For programmatic monitoring, must ensure compliance for VOCA activities for the monitored timeframe including reviewing the following:
 - Review all personnel paid with VOCA funds
 - Board of Director's listing of members and their positions, including contact information for the Board Chair/President
 - Board meeting packets (including financial documentation) presented to the board at board meetings for the three months of this review and approved minutes of the Board of Directors meetings
 - Insurance information/documentation that outlines coverage from policies, including Directors and Officers coverage, crime/bonding, property, etc.
 - Listing of any contracts paid with VOCA funds, including contracts with any portion of the amount paid by VOCA funds, even if another funding source is also used.
 - Fixed asset inventory listing
 - VOCA fixed assets are valued at \$5,000 or higher
 - Physical fixed asset inventory count documentation
 - Indirect cost rate with allocation plan
 - Questionnaire form
 - Operating standards for agency
 - Review of Intake sheets
 - Review of Assessment forms
 - Review of Tracking Tools
- Accommodate onsite visits by DSS to facility for physical interview with agency leadership, at least one board member, staff member(s), and volunteer(s)
- Policy and procedure manual for employees
- Back up documentation for their monthly and quarterly reports
- Must tour facility to verify security system, ADA accessibility, Smoke and Drug Free Sign, all Federal Employee documentation on public display, Fire Exits and Evacuation plans.
- Review VOCA funded equipment (list and inventory properly tagged). The list must include:
 - Asset number
 - Original value of the asset

- Purchase date
- Location of the property
- Condition of the property (good, fair or poor)
- Was the asset disposed
- Is the property tagged
- Grant File Review including grant application, correspondence, award documents, budgets, budget adjustments, budget narratives, invoicing forms, and performance reports.
- Personnel file reviews to include but not limited to: application, resume, background checks, licensures or certificates, certifications, reference checks, signed confidentiality statement, record of trainings and activity timesheets.
- Review of service standards to verify services provided. (i.e. case management, advocacy, shelter, support groups, counseling, etc.) This document must include date and time of service provision, staff member providing service, what type of service or referral provided, case notes, provisions for future ongoing interactions, and all records are secure.
- Programmatic performance review for a three month period to verify performance data to include but not limited to: number of victims served, new victims served, number of hours spent on VOCA (paid and volunteers), reporting categories (child abuse, domestic violence, sexual abuse, and underserved), any approved trainings listed.
- Performance Measurement Tool (PMT) Validation and Reporting Verification to include but not limited to: quarterly reports, annual reports and annual narrative. Verify that report is submitted by due date. Back up documentation for the report that must show the total number of individuals who received services, new individuals who receive services, and must track race, gender identity and age, number of victims who received services by victimization type, number of victims who presented with more than one type of victimization, special classifications (i.e. deaf, hard of hearing, homeless), number of individuals who were assisted with the victims compensation, and the total number of individuals who received service by service type and number of times said service was provided.
- Responsible for sending notification 30 days prior to onsite monitoring.
- Responsible for sending CAP letter and report within 60 days after onsite monitoring is complete to monitored agency and DSS Staff.

Subrecipient Program Guidance:

As a sub recipient, they must have a designated file to include:

- Monthly Invoices
- Quarterly Reports
- Annual Report and Annual Narrative
- Correspondence
- Contracts
- Budgets, Budget Narratives
- SAR
- Workbook for expenditures
- Trainings
- Lobby forms
- Monitoring for Onsite and Fiscal

They must also provide DSS Staff quarterly for each agency with:

- Expenditures by line item (i.e. personnel, benefits, etc.)
- Victims Served
- New Victims Served
- Paid Staff Hours
- Volunteer Hours
- Expenditures by reporting category (i.e. child abuse, Domestic violence, etc.)

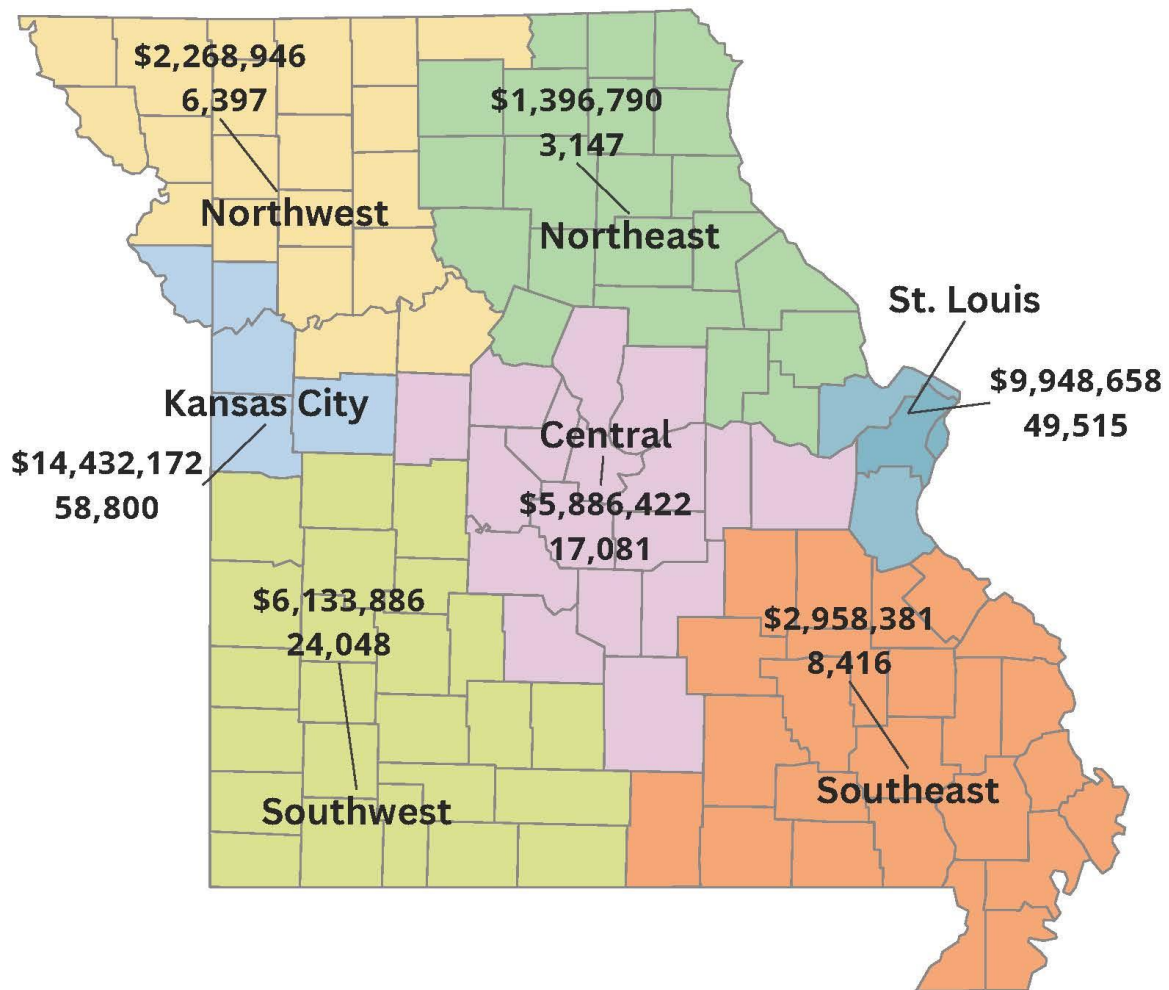
The following DOJ and State Guidelines must be followed for compliance:

- **2 C.F.R., Subtitle A, Chapter II, Part 200:** <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200>
- **28 C.F.R. Chapter 1, Part 94:** <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-28/chapter-I/part-94>
- **Financial Guide (2022):** <https://dss.mo.gov/dfas/victims-of-crime-act/files/doj-grants-financial-guide-2022.pdf>
- **Procurement Guide:** <https://dss.mo.gov/dfas/victims-of-crime-act/files/doj-procurement-guide.pdf>
- **Program Standards and Guidelines** <https://dss.mo.gov/dfas/victims-of-crime-act/files/DSS-Service-Standards.pdf>

- **Code of Professional Ethics**
<https://dss.mo.gov/dfas/victims-of-crime-act/files/DSS-Code-of-Ethics.pdf>
- **Financial and Administrative Guide**
<https://dss.mo.gov/dfas/victims-of-crime-act/files/DSS-Financial-Guide.pdf>
- **Travel Guideline**
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Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Regions

VOCA Funding & Participants Served with VOCA Funding



For FFY24, VOCA is funded with \$15.8M of the federal VOCA awards; \$18.1M of the American Rescue Plan, and \$144.55M of State General Revenue. DSS tracks participants for all funding sources, but only the participants funded with federal VOCA grant are report to the Department of Justice.

VOCA Region Agency List

Region	Agency	Award	Total Served	Location County	Counties Served
Central	Boone County Prosecutor's Office	\$156,154	4,725	Boone	Boone
	Captial City CASA	\$115,296	533	Cole	Cole
	CASA of South Central Missouri (DSS)	\$219,096	1,255	Phelps	Maries, Phelps, Pulaski, Texas
	Central Missouri Foster Care and Adoption Association	\$425,000	565	Cole	Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Camden, Cole, Laclede, Maries, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Osage, Phelps, Pulaski
	Central MO Stop Human Trafficking Coalition	\$194,872	224	Boone	Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Camden, Chariton, Cole, Cooper, Gasconade, Howard, Osage
	Rainbow house- Child Abuse and Neglect Emergency Shelter	\$148,624	997	Boone	Adair, Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Cole, Cooper, Howard, Macon, Monroe, Randolph, Shelby
	Child Safe of Central Missouri, Inc. (DSS)- CENTRAL	\$573,124	968	Pettis	Benton, Carroll, Chariton, Cooper, Henry, Hickory, Johnson, Lafayette,

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				Linn, Moniteau, Morgan, Pettis, Saline
Citizens Against Domestic Violence (DSS)	\$402,032	708	Camden	Benton, Camden, Miller, Morgan
Citizens Against Spouse Abuse, Inc. (CASA)	\$35,882	666	Pettis	Benton, Pettis, Saline
Coalition Against Rape & Domestic Violence	\$251,186	395	Callaway	Callaway
COPE, Inc.	\$294,042	453	Laclede	Dallas, Laclede, Texas, Wright
Cornerstones of Care	\$68,522	64	Boone	Clay, Jackson, Platte
DeafLEAD - Central	\$837,622	233	Boone	STATEWIDE
Franklin County CASA (DSS)	\$90,916	378	Franklin	Franklin, Gasconade
Genesis: A Place of New Beginnings	\$362,164	164	Pulaski	Camden, Laclede, Pulaski, Texas
Heart of Missouri CASA	\$109,604	295	Boone	Boone, Callaway
Jefferson City Rape and Abuse Crisis Service	\$403,882	1,047	Cole	Boone, Callaway, Cole, Gasconade, Maries, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Osage
Kid's Harbor, Inc.	\$690,116	1,942	Camden	Camden, Dent, Hickory, Laclede, Maries, Miller, Morgan, Phelps, Pulaski, Texas
Mid-Missouri Legal Services Corporation (Central)	\$100,940	132	Boone	Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Chariton, Howard, Randolph
Missouri Alliance for Children and Families - Central	\$192,766	991	Cole	STATEWIDE
Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys - Central	\$3,401,846	82,751	Cole	STATEWIDE
Phelps County Family Crisis Services, Inc./ Russell House (Central)	\$613,030	379	Phelps	Maries, Phelps , Crawford, Dent
True North of Columbia, Inc. (DSS)	\$631,940	1,191	Boone	Boone

KC	AdHoc Group Against Crime	\$88,480	170	Jackson	Jackson
	Cass County Prosecutor's Office	\$193,518	2,947	Cass	Cass
	Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA)	\$724,568	1,041	Jackson	Cass, Clay, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Platte, Ray
	Child Protection Center, Inc.	\$267,220	1,135	Jackson	Carroll, Cass, Jackson, Lafayette
	Foster Adopt Connect, Inc. BI (Kansas City)	\$1,326,000	131	Jackson	STATEWIDE
	Foster Adopt Connect, Inc. Kinship (Kansas City)	\$476,000	1,922	Jackson	Jackson
	Grain Valley Police Department	\$55,532	551	Jackson	Jackson
	Hope Haven of Cass County (DSS)	\$348,068	366	Cass	Cass
	Hope House, Inc. (DSS)	\$1,831,074	2,521	Jackson	Jackson
	Jackson County CASA (DSS)	\$392,664	2,891	Jackson	Jackson
	Jackson County Prosecutor's Office	\$277,378	5,026	Jackson	Jackson
	Kansas City Law Department	\$42,740	1,268	Jackson	Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte
	Kansas City Public Schools	\$1,376,086	9,984	Jackson	Jackson
	KC Mothers in Charge	\$225,000	8,383	Jackson	Jackson
KC	Legal Aid of Western Missouri - Kansas City	\$328,012	2,613	Jackson	Andrew, Atchison, Barton, Bates, Benton, Buchanan, Caldwell, Camden, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Clinton, Daviess, Dekalb, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Hickory, Holt, Jackson, Jasper, Johnson, Lafayette, Linn, Livingston, Mcdonald,

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					Mercer, Morgan, Newton, Nodaway, Pettis, Platte, Putnam, Ray, St Clair, Sullivan, Worth
	MOCSA	\$1,258,098	2,502	Jackson	Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte
	Newhouse, Inc.	\$492,024	6,059	Jackson	Clay, Jackson, Platte
	Rose Brooks Center	\$2,450,838	3,271	Jackson	Jackson
	Survival Adult Abuse Center, Inc. (Kansas City)	\$415,776	558	Jackson	Johnson, Henry
	Synergy Services, Inc. (DSS)	\$1,463,084	5,273	Jackson	Clay, Jackson, Platte, Ray
	The Children's Place	\$400,012	188	Jackson	Jackson
NE	Audrain County Crisis Intervention Services	\$342,138	1,301	Audrain	Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph
	AVENUES, Inc	\$436,828	956	Marion	Adair, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Marion, Pike, Ralls, Scotland, Shelby
	Douglass Community Services	\$70,802	128	Marion	Marion, Monroe, Ralls
	Preferred Family Healthcare-dv shelter	\$157,408	94	Adair	Franklin, Lincoln, Montgomery, Pike, St Charles, St Louis, St Louis City, Warren
	Randolph County Prosecuting Attorney	\$42,988	455	Randolph	Randolph
	Safe Passage (DSS)	\$319,626	213	Randolph	Audrain, Boone, Chariton, Howard, Linn, Macon, Monroe

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NW	15th Judicial Circuit CASA (DSS)	\$34,168	140	Lafayette	Saline County, Lafayette County
	C.A.R.E of Atchison County, Inc.	\$72,160	158	Atchison	Atchison
	Green Hills Women's Shelter (DSS)	\$684,658	164	Clinton	Caldwell, Clinton, Daviess, Dekalb, Grundy, Harrison, Livingston, Mercer, Putnam, Sullivan
	House of Hope, Inc. (DSS)	\$270,786	628	Lafayette	Carroll, Lafayette, Ray, Saline
	Livingston County Prosecutor's Office	\$33,528	410	Livingston	Livingston
	North Central Missouri Children's Advocacy Center Northwest	\$109,504	1,360	Grundy	Caldwell, Carroll, Clinton, Daviess, Dekalb, Grundy, Harrison, Linn
	North Star Advocacy Center formerly Children and Family Center of NW MO	\$147,472	465	Nodaway	Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, Worth
	Northwest MO Children's Advocacy Center (DSS)	\$250,090	1,691	Buchanan	Andrew, Atchison, Buchanan, Clinton, Dekalb, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, Worth
	YWCA St. Joseph (DSS)	\$666,580	1,381	Buchanan	Buchanan
	SE	36th Judicial CASA - Butler County Community Resource Council	\$30,790	234	Butler
37th Judicial CASA		\$43,200	178	Howell	Howell
CASA of Dunklin County		\$72,676	97	Dunklin	Dunklin
Christos House, Inc. (Southeast)		\$206,120	721	Howell	Douglas, Ozark, Wright, Carter, Howell, Oregon, Shannon

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	Court Appointed Special Advocate of Southeast Missouri, Inc.	\$192,450	438	Cape Girardeau	Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Perry, Scott
	Court Appointed Special Advocates of the Parkland	\$51,884	125	St. Francois	Madison, St Francois, Ste Genevieve, Washington
	Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corporation	\$109,446	101	Scott	Dunklin, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Stoddard
	Haven House, Inc. (DSS)	\$360,800	1,775	Butler	Butler, Carter, Ripley, Stoddard, Wayne
	House of Refuge for Abused and Battered Women	\$145,580	95	Scott	New Madrid, Scott
	Mid Ozark CASA Program	\$66,426	261	Crawford	Crawford, Dent, Iron, Reynolds, Wayne
	Regional Family Crisis Center (DSS)	\$236,318	258	Reynolds	Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Madison, Perry, St Francois, Ste Genevieve
	Reynolds County Sheriff's Office	\$38,160	241	Reynolds	Reynolds
	Safe House for Women, Inc. (DSS)	\$305,362	537	Cape Girardeau	Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Scott
SE	Selah Place of Oregon Co, Inc	\$200,000	147	Oregon	Oregon
	Southeast Missouri Family Violence Council (DSS)	\$314,540	481	St. Francois	Iron, Madison, St Francois, Ste Genevieve, Washington
	Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence (DSS)	\$129,952	1,657	Cape Girardeau	Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Perry, Scott, Stoddard
	Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center (DSS)	\$326,146	297	Mississippi	Mississippi, New Madrid, Scott
	Wayne County Sherrif's Office	\$18,400	760	Wayne	Wayne

	Whole Health Outreach (DSS)	\$110,131	13	Reynolds	Carter, Iron, Reynolds, Shannon, Wayne
STL	ALIVE, Inc. (Central)	\$971,540	6,779	St Louis City	Jefferson, St Charles St Louis, St Louis City, Franklin
	ARCHS	\$100,000	1,039	St Louis City	St Louis , St Louis city
	CASA of St. Louis (Voices for Children)	\$203,122	1,180	St Louis City	St Louis , St Louis city
	Children's Home Society of Missouri dba Family Forward (DSS)	\$311,551	3,791	St Louis City	Jefferson, St Charles, St Louis, St Louis City
	Community Treatment, Inc. dba Compass Health (CAC) Festus	\$85,156	267	Jefferson	Franklin, Jefferson, St Francois, St Louis, St Louis City, Ste Genevieve
	Community Treatment, Inc. dba Comtrea Shelter (CAC) Farmington	\$57,028	302	Jefferson	St Francois
	Community Treatment, Inc. dba Comtrea Shelter (CAC) Union	\$60,432	256	Jefferson	Franklin
	Compass Health - A Safe Place	\$164,866	1,938	Jefferson	Crawford, Franklin, Gasconade, Iron, Jefferson, Madison, Osage, St Francois, Ste Genevieve, Washington
	Court Appointed Special Advocate of Jefferson County	\$90,514	451	Jefferson	Jefferson
	Crime Victim Advocacy Center (DSS)	\$401,038	3,223	St Louis City	Franklin, Jefferson, St Charles, St Louis
	Curators of the University of Missouri St. Louis UMSL	\$308,708	897	St Louis City	Jefferson, St Charles, St Louis, St Louis City
Diamond Diva Empowerment Foundation	\$263,120	1,225	St Louis City	St Louis, St Louis City	
STL	Employment Connection	\$250,000	595	St Louis City	St. Louis City
	Foster Care Coalition of Greater St. Louis, Inc.	\$386,848	6,652	St. Louis County	St Louis, St Louis City

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Healing Action Network, Inc.	\$263,120	313	St Louis City	St. Louis
JADASA	\$140,000	397	St Louis City	St. Louis
Legal Services of Eastern MO St Louis	\$177,636	384	St. Louis city	Adair, Clark, Franklin, Jefferson, Knox, Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Maries, Monroe, Montgomery, Pike, Ralls, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, St Charles, St Louis City, Warren, Washington
Life Source Consultants (DSS)	\$204,130	784	St. Louis city	St. Louis, St. Louis City
Lydia's House, Inc.	\$254,124	335	St Louis County	Franklin, Jefferson, St Charles, St Louis, St Louis City
Migrant and Immigrant Community Action (MICA) Project	\$56,882	258	St. Louis City	St. Louis
Mothers Against Drunk Drivers- Kansas City	\$239,876	1,046	St Louis County	STATEWIDE
Preferred Family Healthcares dv shelter	\$183,666	135	St Charles County	Franklin, Lincoln, Montgomery, Pike, St Charles, St Louis, St Louis City, Warren
Safe Connections (DSS)	\$744,630	1,465	St Louis City	Jefferson, Lincoln, St Charles, St Louis, St Louis City, Warren
SAWERAA	\$82,224	60	St Louis County	Franklin, Jefferson, St Charles, St Louis, St Louis City
St. Charles County Family Court - Juvenile Division	\$67,062	971	St Charles County	St Charles
St. Charles County, Prosecutor's Office	\$77,200	6,706	St Charles County	St. Charles
St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Victim Services	\$425,750	4,877	St Louis City	St. Louis City

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	St. Louis County, Department of Human Services (DSS)- kathy J wyman shelter	\$324,622	123	St Louis County	Jefferson, St Charles, St Louis, St Louis City
	St. Martha's Hall (DSS)	\$524,556	205	St Louis City	Jefferson, St Charles, St Louis, St Louis City
	The Child Center, Inc. (St. Louis)	\$403,072	1,856	St Charles County	Clark, Knox, Lewis, Lincoln, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Pike, Ralls, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, Warren
STL	The Women's Safe House	\$785,922	545	St Louis City	St. Louis, St. Louis City
	Turning Point Advocacy Services	\$435,124	543	St Charles County	Audrain, Montgomery, Warren, st Louis, St. Louis City, Franklin, Gasconade, Lincoln, St. Charles
	Women of Grace/GIA Community Development Corporation	\$105,520	75	St Louis City	St. Louis
	Young Women's Christian Association of Metropolitan St. Louis	\$589,495	888	St Louis City	St Charles, St Louis, St Louis City
SW	AGAPE House Inc. of Mountain View- SOUTHEAST	\$216,324	468	Lawerance	Carter, Douglas, Howell, Oregon, Reynolds, Shannon, Texas, Webster, Wright
	CASA of Southwest Missouri (DSS)	\$114,916	1,387	Greene	Christian, Greene
	Children's Center of Southwest Missouri	\$597,906	1,135	Jasper	Barry, Barton, Bates, Cedar, Dade, Henry, Jasper, Lawrence, Mcdonald, Newton, St Clair, Vernon

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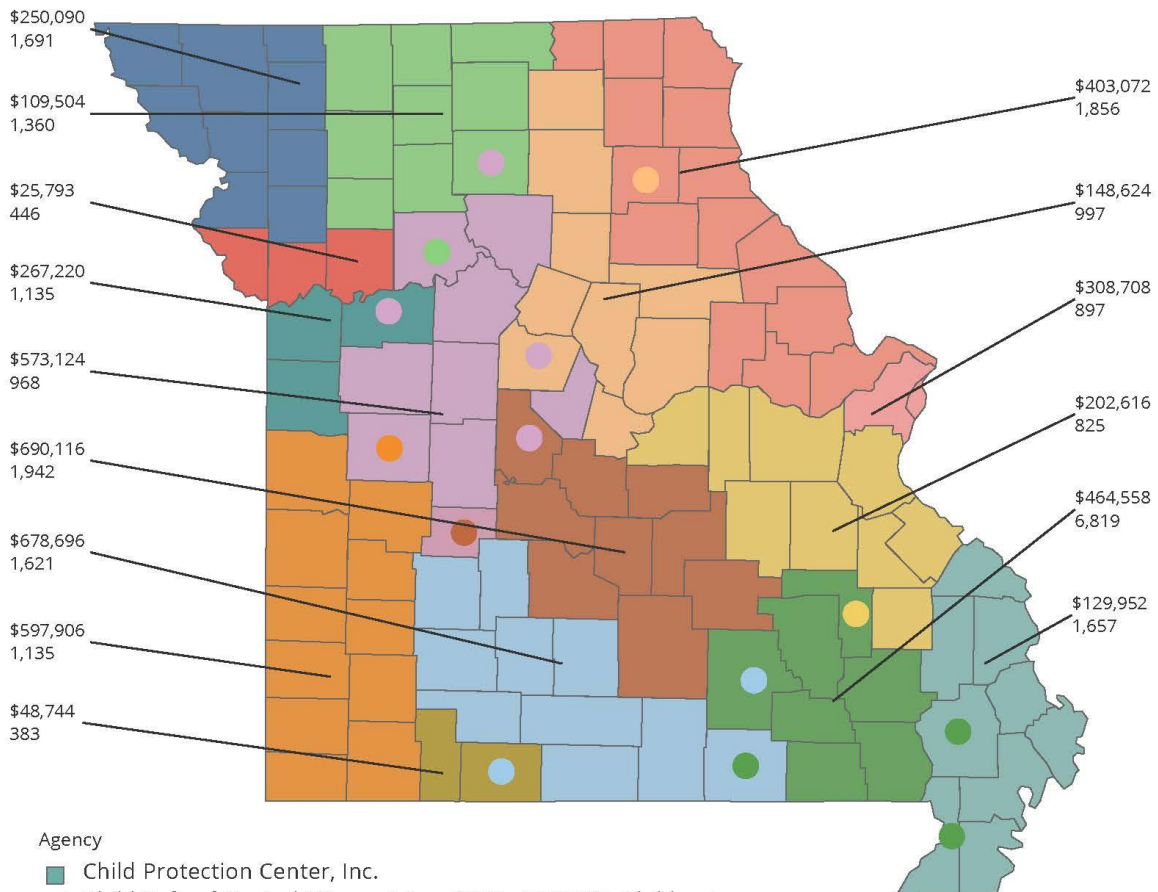
Council on Families in Crisis	\$341,204	210	Vernon	Barton, Bates, Cedar, Dade, St Clair, Vernon
County of Greene (Greene County Family Justice Center)	\$123,924	1,115	Greene	Greene
Family Self Help Center dba Lafayette House	\$248,532	276	Jasper	Barry, Barton, Dade, Jasper, Lawrence, Mcdonald, Newton
Family Violence Center inc., dba Harmony House	\$689,812	723	Greene	Barry, Christian, Cole, Crawford, Dent, Howell, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, Mcdonald, Newton, Polk, Stone, Taney
Great Circle dba KVC	\$464,558	6,819	Greene	Butler, Carter, Iron, Oregon, Reynolds, Ripley, Shannon, Stoddard, Wayne
Harbor House Domestic Violence	\$256,898	229	Stone	Barry, Christian, Stone, Taney
I Pour Life	\$252,668	366	Greene	Greene
Jasper County CASA	\$149,380	742	Jasper	Jasper
Legal Aid of Southern MO- Southeast	\$412,110	1,361	Greene	Bates, Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Crawford, Dent, Dunklin, Gasconade, Madison, Maries, Phelps, Pulaski, Texas, Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Perry, Ripley, Scott, Stoddard

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Lester E. Cox Medical Center dba CoxHealth	\$114,396	551	Greene	Barry, Barton, Lawrence, Greene
McDonald County, Circuit Court (DSS)	\$24,462	338	McDonald	McDonald
NewMac CASA	\$44,024	271	Newton	Newton, McDonald
Polk County House of Hope	\$413,942	444	Polk	Cedar, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Henry, Hickory, Polk, St Clair
Stone County Assistance Team - Lakes Area CAC	\$48,744	383	Stone	Stone, Taney
The Child Advocacy Center (Southwest)	\$678,696	1,621	Greene	Douglas, Howell, Oregon, Ozark, Shannon, Texas, Wright, arter, Christian, Dallas, Greene, Hickory, Laclede, Polk, Taney, Webster, Wright
The Victim Center	\$534,156	2,875	Greene	Barry, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Laclede, Lawrence, Polk, Stone, Taney, Webster, Wright
Webster County Victim Assistance Program (DSS)	\$74,795	323	Webster	Christian, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Laclede, Webster, Wright
Women's Crisis Center (DSS)	\$332,439	2,411	Taney	Christian, Douglas, Greene, Ozark, Stone, Taney

Child Advocacy Centers (CAC)

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Agency

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- Child Safe of Central Missouri, Inc. (DSS)- CENTRAL Children's
- Center of Southwest Missouri
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- Curators of the University of Missouri St. Louis UMSL Great
- Circle dba KVC
- Kid's Harbor, Inc.
- North Central Missouri Children's Advocacy Center
- Northwest Northwest MO Children's Advocacy Center (DSS)
- Rainbow house - Child Abuse and Neglect Emergency Shelter
- Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence (DSS)
- Stone County Assistance Team - Lakes Area CAC Synergy
- Services
- The Child Advocacy Center (Southwest)
- The Child Center, Inc. (St. Louis)

- Counties with a dot receive services from 2 Child Advocacy Centers (CAC). The color of the dot indicates the other CAC providing services.

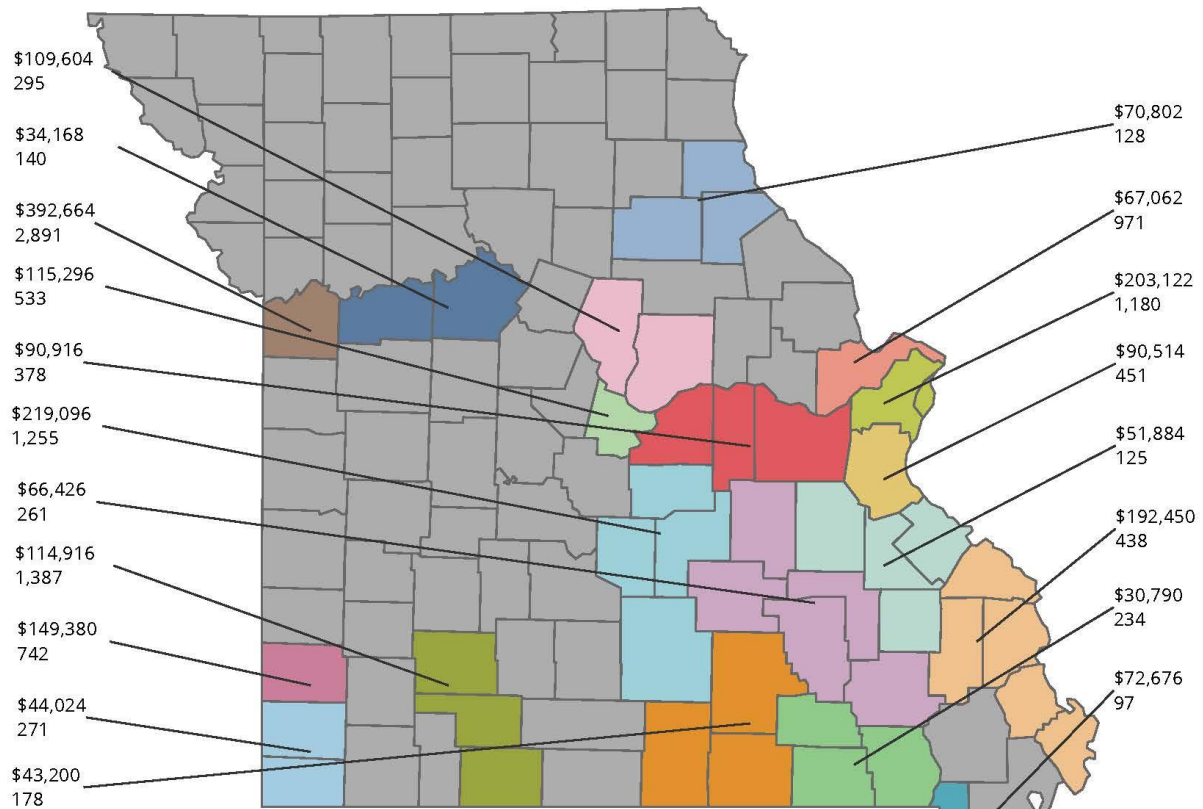
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Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence (DSS)	\$129,952	1,657	Cape Girardeau	Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Perry, Scott, Stoddard
Great Circle dba KVC	\$464,558	6,819	Greene	Butler, Carter, Iron, Oregon, Reynolds, Ripley, Shannon, Stoddard, Wayne
The Child Advocacy Center (Southwest)	\$678,696	1,621	Greene	Douglas, Howell, Oregon, Ozark, Shannon, Texas, Wright,arter, Christian, Dallas, Greene, Hickory, Laclede, Polk, Taney, Webster, Wright
North Central Missouri Children's Advocacy Center Northwest	\$109,504	1,360	Grundy	Caldwell, Carroll, Clinton, Daviess, Dekalb, Grundy, Harrison, Linn
Child Protection Center, Inc.	\$267,220	1,135	Jackson	Carroll, Cass, Jackson, Lafayette
Children's Center of Southwest Missouri	\$597,906	1,135	Jasper	Barry, Barton, Bates, Cedar, Dade, Henry, Jasper, Lawrence, Mcdonald, Newton, St Clair, Vernon
Community Treatment, Inc. dba Compass Health (CAC)	\$85,156	267	Jefferson	Franklin, Jefferson, St Francois, St Louis, St Louis City, St Genevieve

Community Treatment, Inc. dba Compass Health (CAC)	\$57,028	302	Jefferson	St Francois
Community Treatment, Inc. dba Compass Health (CAC)	\$60,432	256	Jefferson	Franklin
Child Safe of Central Missouri, Inc. (DSS)-CENTRAL	\$573,124	968	Pettis	Benton, Carroll, Chariton, Cooper, Henry, Hickory, Johnson, Lafayette, Linn, Moniteau, Morgan, Pettis, Saline
The Child Center, Inc. (St Louis)	\$403,072	1,856	St Charles County	Clark, Knox, Lewis, Lincoln, Marion, Monroe, Montgomery, Pike, Ralls, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, Warren
Children's Home Society of Missouri dba Family Forward (DSS)	\$311,551	3,791	St Louis City	Jefferson, St Charles, St Louis, St Louis City
Curators of the University of Missouri St Louis UMSL	\$308,708	897	St Louis City	Jefferson, St Charles, St Louis, St Louis City
Stone County Assistance Team - Lakes Area CAC	\$48,744	383	Stone	Stone, Taney

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

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Agency

- 15th Judicial Circuit CASA
- 36th Judicial CASA - Butler County Community Resource Council 37th Judicial CASA
- Capitol City CASA
- CASA of Dunklin County
- CASA of South Central Missouri
- CASA of Southwest Missouri
- CASA of St. Louis (Voices for Children)
- Court Appointed Special Advocate of Jefferson County Court Appointed Special Advocate of Southeast
- Missouri, Inc. Court Appointed Special Advocates of the Parkland Douglass Community Services
- Franklin County CASA
- Heart of Missouri CASA
- Jackson County CASA
- Jasper County CASA
- Mid Ozark CASA Program
- NewMac CASA
- St. Charles County Family Court - Juvenile Division

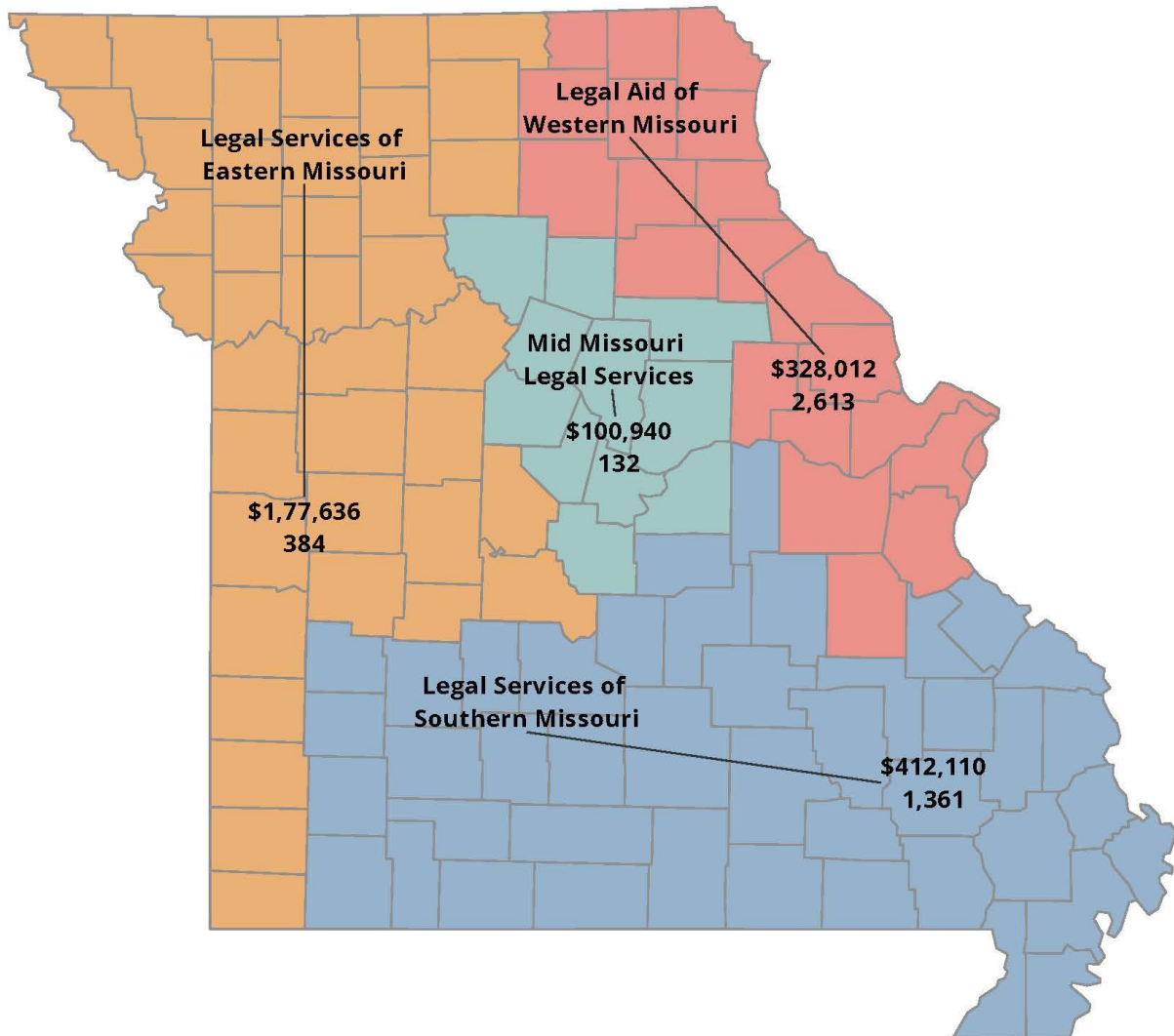
VOCA Court Appointed Special Advocates Agency List

Agency	Award	Total Served	Location County	Counties Served
Heart of Missouri CASA	\$109,604	295	Boone	Boone, Callaway
36th Judicial CASA - Butler County Community Resource Council	\$30,790	234	Butler	Butler, Ripley
Court Appointed Special Advocate of Southeast Missouri, Inc.	\$192,450	438	Cape Girardeau	Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Perry, Scott
Captial City CASA	\$115,296	533	Cole	Cole
Mid Ozark CASA Program	\$66,426	261	Crawford	Crawford, Dent, Iron, Reynolds, Wayne
CASA of Dunklin County	\$72,676	97	Dunklin	Dunklin
Franklin County CASA (DSS)	\$90,916	378	Franklin	Franklin, Gasconade
CASA of Southwest Missouri (DSS)	\$114,916	1,387	Greene	Christian, Greene
37th Judicial CASA	\$43,200	178	Howell	Howell
Jackson County CASA (DSS)	\$392,664	2,891	Jackson	Jackson
Jasper County CASA	\$149,380	742	Jasper	Jasper
Court Appointed Special Advocate of Jefferson County	\$90,514	451	Jefferson	Jefferson
15th Judicial Circuit CASA (DSS)	\$34,168	140	Lafayette	Saline County, Lafayette County
Douglass Community Services	\$70,802	128	Marion	Marion, Monroe, Ralls

NewMac CASA	\$44,024	271	Newton	Newton, McDonald
CASA of South Central Missouri (DSS)	\$219,096	1,255	Phelps	Maries, Phelps, Pulaski, Texas
St Charles County Family Court - Juvenile Division	\$67,062	971	St Charles County	St Charles
CASA of St Louis (Voices for Children)	\$203,122	1,180	St Louis City	St Louis , St louis city
Court Appointed Special Advocates of the Parkland	\$51,884	125	St Francois	Madison, St Francois, Ste Genevieve, Washington

Legal Services

VOCA Funding & Participants Served with VOCA Funding



Agency	Award	Total Served	Location County	Counties Served
Legal Aid of Southern MO- Southeast	\$412,110	1,361	Greene	Bates, Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Crawford, Dent, Dunklin, Gasconade, Madison, Maries, Phelps, Pulaski, Texas, Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Perry, Ripley, Scott, Stoddard
Legal Aid of Western Missouri - Kansas City	\$328,012	2,613	Jackson	Andrew, Atchison, Barton, Bates, Benton, Buchanan, Caldwell, Camden, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Clinton, Daviess, Dekalb, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Henry, Hickory, Holt, Jackson, Jasper, Johnson, Lafayette, Linn, Livingston, McDonald, Mercer, Morgan, Newton, Nodaway, Pettis, Platte, Putnam, Ray, St Clair, Sullivan, Worth
Legal Services of Eastern MO St Louis	\$177,636	384	St Louis city	Adair, Clark, Franklin, Jefferson, Knox, Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Maries, Monroe, Montgomery, Pike, Ralls, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, St Charles, St Louis, Warren, Washington
Mid-Missouri Legal Services Corporation (Central)	\$100,940	132	Boone	Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Chariton, Howard, Randolph
Kansas City Law Department	\$42,740	1,268	Jackson	Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte

VOCA Prosecuting Attorney & Missouri Prosecuting Attorney Association Agency List

Agency	Award	Total Served	Location County
Nodaway County PA	\$45,767	236	Atchison
Barry County PA	\$44,865	391	Barry
Bates County PA	\$246,668	115	Bates
Benton County PA	\$37,200	107	Benton
Buchanan County PA	\$78,565	849	Buchanan
Caldwell County PA	\$45,695	255	Caldwell
Callaway County PA	\$46,649	1,013	Callaway
Camden County PA	\$86,059	914	Camden
Cape Girardeau County PA	\$52,075	766	Cape Girardeau
Ray / Carroll County PA	\$40,419	196	Carrol
Carter County PA	\$46,766	63	Carter
Cedar/ Vernon PA	\$47,976	191	Cedar
Christian County PA	\$148,366	1,783	Christian
Clinton County PA	\$55,213	449	Clinton
Cole County PA	\$107,944	711	Cole
Dade County PA	\$38,743	129	Dade
Dallas/ Hickory County PA	\$46,376	183	Dallas
Daviess County PA	\$37,881	189	Daviess
Dekalb County PA	\$46,492	221	Dekalb
Dent County PA	\$9,765	379	Dent
Douglas/ Ozark County PA	\$44,793	359	Douglas
Dunklin County PA	\$52,603	425	Dunklin
Franklin County PA	\$60,065	1,829	Franklin

Gas/Osage PA Office	\$27,566	131	Gasconade
Nodaway County PA	\$45,767	236	Gentry
Henry/ St Clair County PA	\$76,756	783	Henry
Dallas/ Hickory County PA	\$46,376	183	Hickory
Howell County PA	\$57,428	788	Howell
Iron County PA	\$49,586	324	Iron
Jasper County PA	\$46,021	477	Jasper
Jefferson County PA	\$48,714	1,591	Jefferson
Johnson County PA	\$52,719	653	Johnson
Laclede County PA	\$46,084	694	Laclede
Lawrence County PA	\$44,525	1,027	Lawrence
Scotland,Schuyler, Lincoln County PA	\$14,002	277	Lincoln
Linn / Sullivan County PA	\$45,874	557	Linn
Marion County PA	\$59,207	577	Marion
Miller County PA	\$48,536	545	Miller
Scott/ Mississippi	\$39,620	175	Mississippi
Morgan/ Moniteau PA	\$8,741	52	Moniteau
Montgomery County PA	\$51,523	420	Montgomery
Morgan/ Moniteau PA	\$31,100	185	Morgan
New Madrid County PA	\$62,169	265	New Madrid
Nodaway County PA	\$45,767	236	Nodaway
Gas/Osage PA Office	\$27,566	128	Osage
Douglas/ Ozark County PA	\$44,793	359	Ozark
Pettis County PA	\$44,739	396	Pettis
Phelps County PA	\$67,713	1,531	Phelps
Pike County PA	\$46,588	106	Pike
Platte County PA	\$107,873	1,376	Platte
Polk County PA	\$45,296	344	Polk
Pulaski County PA	\$42,415	905	Pulaski

Ray / Carroll County PA	\$40,419	196	Ray
Ripley County PA	\$38,172	320	Ripley
Saline County PA	\$43,730	246	Saline
Scotland,Schuyler, Lincoln County PA	\$14,002	48	Schuyler
Scotland,Schuyler, Lincoln County PA	\$14,002	27	Scotland
Scott/ Mississippi	\$58,186	565	Scott
Shannon County PA	\$47,275	150	Shannon
Shelby County PA	\$40,058	152	Shelby
Henry/ St Clair County PA	\$76,756	783	St Clair
St Francois County PA	\$65,843	1,193	St Francois
Stoddard County PA	\$56,223	790	Stoddard
Stone County PA	\$75,735	886	Stone
Linn / Sullivan County PA	\$45,874	104	Sullivan
Texas County	\$57,725	595	Texas
Cedar/ Vernon PA	\$47,976	191	Vernon
Warren County PA	\$45,995	651	Warren
Webster County PA	\$72,089	827	Webster
Wright County PA	\$48,752	391	Wright
Boone County Prosecutor's Office	\$156,154	4,725	Boone
Cass County Prosecutor's Office	\$193,518	2,947	Cass
Jackson County Prosecutor's Office	\$277,378	5,026	Jackson
Livingston County Prosecutor's Office	\$33,528	410	Livingston
McDonald County, Circuit Court (DSS)	\$24,462	338	McDonald
Randolph County Prosecuting Attorney	\$42,988	455	Randolph
St Charles County, Prosecutor's Office	\$77,200	6,706	St Charles County
St Louis Circuit Attorney's Victim Services	\$425,750	4,877	St Louis City
County of Greene (Greene County Family Justice Center)	\$123,924	1,115	Greene
Greene County PA	\$141,534	1,943	Greene

VOCA DSVS Agency List

Agency	Award	Total Served	Location County	Counties Served
Preferred Family Healthcare-dv shelter	\$157,408	94	Adair	Franklin, Lincoln, Montgomery, Pike, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Louis City, Warren
C.A.R.E of Atchison County, Inc.	\$72,160	158	Atchison	Atchison
Audrain County Crisis Intervention Services	\$342,138	1,301	Audrain	Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Monroe, Monetgomery, Randolph
True North of Columbia, Inc. (DSS)	\$631,940	1,191	Boone	Boone, Callaway, Cole, Gasconade, Maries, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Osage
YWCA St. Joseph (DSS)	\$666,580	1,381	Buchanan	Buchanan
Haven House, Inc. (DSS)	\$360,800	1,775	Butler	Butler, Carter, Ripley, Stoddard, Wayne
Coalition Against Rape & Domestic Violence- CARDV	\$251,186	395	Callaway	Callaway
Citizens Against Domestic Violence (DSS)	\$402,032	708	Camden	Benton, Camden, Miller, Morgan
Safe House for Women, Inc. (DSS)	\$305,362	537	Cape Girardeau	Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Scott
Hope Haven of Cass County (DSS)	\$348,068	366	Cass	Cass
Green Hills Women's Shelter (DSS)	\$684,658	164	Clinton	Caldwell, Clinton, Daviess, Dekalb, Grundy, Harrison, Livingston, Mercer, Putnam, Sullivan
Jefferson City Rape and Abuse Crisis Service	\$403,882	1,047	Cole	Boone, Callaway, Cole, Gasconade, Maries, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Osage
Family Violence Center inc., dba Harmony House	\$689,812	723	Greene	Barry, Christian, Cole, Crawford, Dent, Howell, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, Mcdonald, Newton, Polk, Stone, Taney

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Lester E. Cox Medical Center dba CoxHealth	\$114,396	551	Greene	Barry, Barton, Lawrence, greene
Christos House, Inc. (Southeast)	\$206,120	721	Howell	Douglas, Ozark, Wright, Carter, Howell, Oregon, Shannon
Hope House, Inc. (DSS)	\$1,831,074	2,521	Jackson	Jackson
Newhouse, Inc.	\$492,024	6,059	Jackson	Clay, Jackson, Platte
Rose Brooks Center	\$2,450,838	3,271	Jackson	Jackson
Survival Adult Abuse Center, Inc. (Kansas City)	\$415,776	558	Jackson	Johnson, Henry
Synergy Services, Inc. (DSS)	\$1,463,084	5,273	Jackson	Clay, Jackson, Platte, Ray
MOCSA	\$1,258,098	2,502	Jackson	Clay, Jackson, Platte, Ray
Family Self Help Center dba Lafayette House	\$248,532	276	Jasper	Barry, Barton, Dade, Jasper, Lawrence, Mcdonald, Newton
Compass Health - A Safe Place	\$164,866	1,938	Jefferson	Crawford, Franklin, Gasconade, Iron, Jefferson, Madison, Osage, St. Francois, Ste Genevieve, Washington
COPE, Inc.	\$294,042	453	Laclede	Dallas, Laclede, Texas, Wright
House of Hope, Inc. (DSS)	\$270,786	628	Lafayette	Carroll, Lafayette, Ray, Saline
AGAPE House Inc. of Mountain View-SOUTHEAST	\$216,324	468	Lawerance	Carter, Douglas, Howell, Oregon, Reynolds, Shannon, Texas, Webster, Wright
AVENUES, Inc	\$436,828	956	Marion	Adair, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Marion, Pike, Ralls, Scotland, Shelby
Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center (DSS)	\$326,146	297	Mississippi	Mississippi, New Madrid, Scott
North Star	\$147,472	465	Nodaway	Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway, Worth
Selah Place of Oregon Co, Inc	\$200,000	147	Oregon	Oregon
Citizens Against Spouse Abuse, Inc. (CASA)	\$35,882	666	Pettis	Benton, Pettis, Saline
Phelps County Family Crisis Services, Inc./ Russell House (Central)	\$613,030	379	Phelps	Maries, Phelps , crawford, dent

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Polk County House of Hope	\$413,942	444	Polk	Cedar, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Henry, Hickory, Polk, St. Clair
Genesis: A Place of New Beginnings	\$362,164	164	Pulaski	Camden, Laclede, Pulaski, Texas
Safe Passage (DSS)	\$319,626	213	Randolph	Audrain, Boone, Chariton, Howard, Linn, Macon, Monroe
Regional Family Crisis Center (DSS)	\$236,318	258	Reynolds	Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Madison, Perry, St Francois, Ste Genevieve
Whole Health Outreach (DSS)	\$110,131	13	Reynolds	Carter, Iron, Reynolds, Shannon, Wayne
House of Refuge for Abused and Battered Women	\$145,580	95	Scott	New Madrid, Scott
Preferred Family Healthcares dv shelter	\$183,666	135	St Charles County	Franklin, Lincoln, Montgomery, Pike, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Louis City, Warren
Turning Point Advocacy Services	\$435,124	543	St Charles County	Audrain, Montgomery, Warren, St. Louis, St. Louis City, Franklin, Gasconade, Lincoln, St. Charles
St. Martha's Hall (DSS)	\$524,556	205	St Louis City	Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Louis City
The Women's Safe House	\$785,922	545	St Louis City	St. Louis, St. Louis City
Women of Grace/GIA Community Development Corporation	\$105,520	75	St Louis City	St. Louis
ALIVE, Inc. (Central)	\$971,540	6,779	St Louis City	Jefferson, St. Charles St. Louis, St. Louis City, Franklin
Diamond Diva Empowerment Foundation	\$263,120	1,225	St Louis City	St. Louis, St. Louis City
JADASA	\$140,000	397	St Louis City	St. Louis
Young Women's Christian Association of Metropolitan St. Louis	\$589,495	888	St Louis City	St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Louis City
Lydia's House, Inc.	\$254,124	335	St Louis County	Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Louis City
St. Louis County, Department of Human Services (DSS)- kathy J wyman shelter	\$324,622	123	St Louis County	Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Louis City
Southeast Missouri Family Violence Council (DSS)	\$314,540	481	St. Francois	Iron, Madison, St. Francois, Ste Genevieve, Washington

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Life Source Consultants (DSS)	\$204,130	784	St. Louis city	St. Louis, St. Louis City
Harbor House Domestic Violence	\$256,898	229	Stone	Barry, Christian, Stone, Taney
Women's Crisis Center (DSS)	\$332,439	2,411	Taney	Christian, Douglas, Greene, Ozark, Stone, Taney
Council on Families in Crisis	\$341,204	210	Vernon	Barton, Bates, Cedar, Dade, St. Clair, Vernon
Webster County Victim Assistance Program (DSS)	\$74,795	323	Webster	Christian, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Laclede, Webster, Wright

VOCA Multiple Victim Services Agency List

Agency	Award	Total Served	Location County	Counties Served
Central MO Stop Human Trafficking Coalition	\$194,872	224	Boone	Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Camden, Chariton, Cole, Cooper, Gasconade, Howard, Osage
Cornerstones of Care	\$68,522	64	Boone	Clay, Jackson, Platte
Central Missouri Foster Care and Adoption Association	\$425,000	565	Cole	Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Camden, Cole, Laclede, Maries, Miller, Moniteau, Morgan, Osage, Phelps, Pulaski
I Pour Life	\$252,668	366	Greene	Greene
The Victim Center	\$534,156	2,875	Greene	Barry, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Laclede, Lawrence, Polk, Stone, Taney, Webster, Wright
AdHoc Group Against Crime	\$88,480	170	Jackson	Jackson
Child Abuse Prevention Association (CAPA)	\$724,568	1,041	Jackson	Cass, Clay, Jackson, Johnson, Lafayette, Platte, Ray
Foster Adopt Connect, Inc. Kinship (Kansas City)	\$476,000	1,922	Jackson	Jackson
Grain Valley Police Department	\$55,532	551	Jackson	Jackson
Kansas City Public Schools	\$1,376,086	9,984	Jackson	Jackson
KC Mothers in Charge	\$225,000	8,383	Jackson	Jackson
The Children's Place	\$400,012	188	Jackson	Jackson
Reynolds County Sheriff's Office	\$38,160	241	Reynolds	Reynolds

Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corporation	\$109,446	101	Scott	Dunklin, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Stoddard
ARCHS	\$100,000	1,039	St Louis City	St Louis , St Louis city
Employment Connection	\$250,000	595	St Louis City	St Louis City
Healing Action Network, Inc.	\$263,120	313	St Louis City	St Louis
Migrant and Immigrant Community Action (MICA) Project	\$56,882	258	St Louis City	St Louis
Crime Victim Advocacy Center (DSS)	\$401,038	3,223	St Louis City	Franklin, Jefferson, St Charles, St Louis
Safe Connections (DSS)	\$744,630	1,465	St Louis City	Jefferson, Lincoln, St Charles, St Louis, St Louis City, Warren
Foster Care Coalition of Greater St Louis, Inc.	\$386,848	6,652	St Louis County	St Louis, St Louis City
SAWERRA	\$82,224	60	St Louis County	Franklin, Jefferson, St Charles, St Louis, St Louis City
Wayne County Sherrif's Office	\$18,400	760	Wayne	Wayne