



Iowa Department of Justice
Victim Assistance Section
Annual Grants Report
Federal Fiscal Year 2025

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13.32 Victim assistance grant programs — annual report.

1. a. The department of justice shall compile an annual report relating to the victim assistance grant programs administered under section 13.31, subsections 1, 3, 4, and 6, which shall include all of the following:

(1) A mission statement and table of organization of the department of justice relating to the victim assistance grant programs, a program summary, and statistics, including but not limited to sources and uses of funds and the numbers of victims served.

(2) An itemization of out-of-state travel expenses incurred by an employee of the department of justice and an itemization of travel expenses paid to a contractor.

(3) An itemization of overtime paid to an employee of the department or a contractor.

(4) An itemization of any bonuses paid to an employee of the department or a contractor.

(5) A summary of expenditures reimbursed through the programs, including but not limited to compensation paid to nonprofit organizations for travel and training expenses, utilities, payroll, benefits, equipment repairs and maintenance, rent, communications, advertising, supplies, insurance, and other direct expenses.

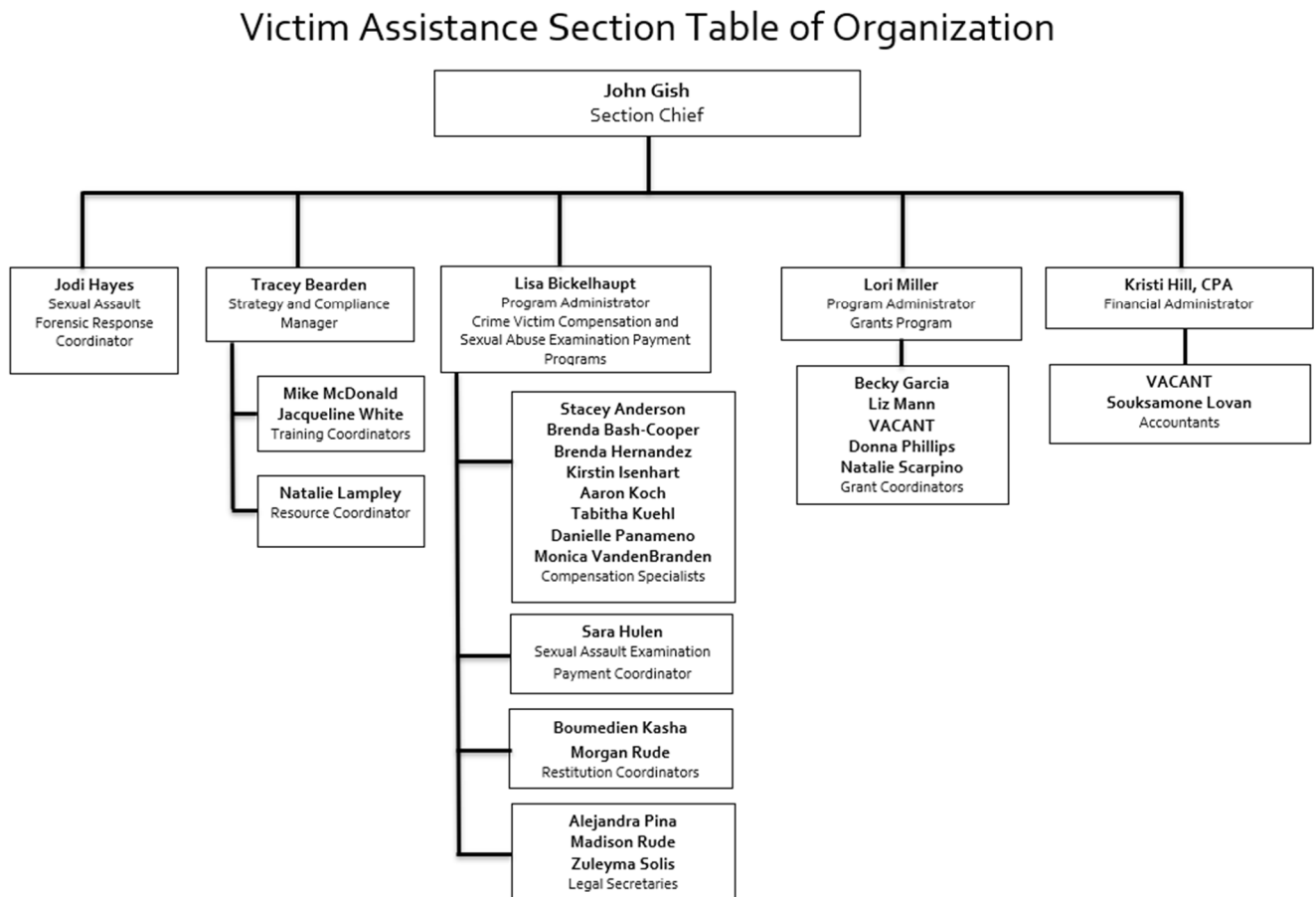
b. The report shall be provided to the co-chairpersons and ranking members of the joint appropriations subcommittee on the justice system, the governor, and the legislative services agency by January 15, 2015, and each January 15 thereafter.

2. The department of justice shall adopt rules to administer claims for victim assistance grants described in subsection 1. The rules shall standardize the claim forms for contractors, including designating a place on the form for an itemization of services provided, mileage incurred, and expenses incurred. The rules shall further specify that the department of justice shall process the claims through the grants enterprise management office.

I. MISSION STATEMENT.

The Victim Assistance Section delivers essential funding and victim-centered training to support Iowa’s survivors of violent crime.

II. TABLE OF ORGANIZATION.



III. GRANT PROGRAM SUMMARY, STATISTICS, AND SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS.

The Victim Assistance Section’s grant program (the “Program”) focuses on effective stewardship of state and federal funds for victim services, law enforcement, and prosecution. The Program’s funding also focuses on the provision of technical assistance to crime victim programs on program development, fiscal management and services. Each federal grant program has its own specific purpose and priority areas, as well as designated uses for its funds. Grant funds support organizations and projects that connect crime victims to advocacy services, improve investigations, increase prosecution, and improve medical and court response to Iowa victims. The dollars received are distributed in accordance with the Program’s application process to victim service programs and

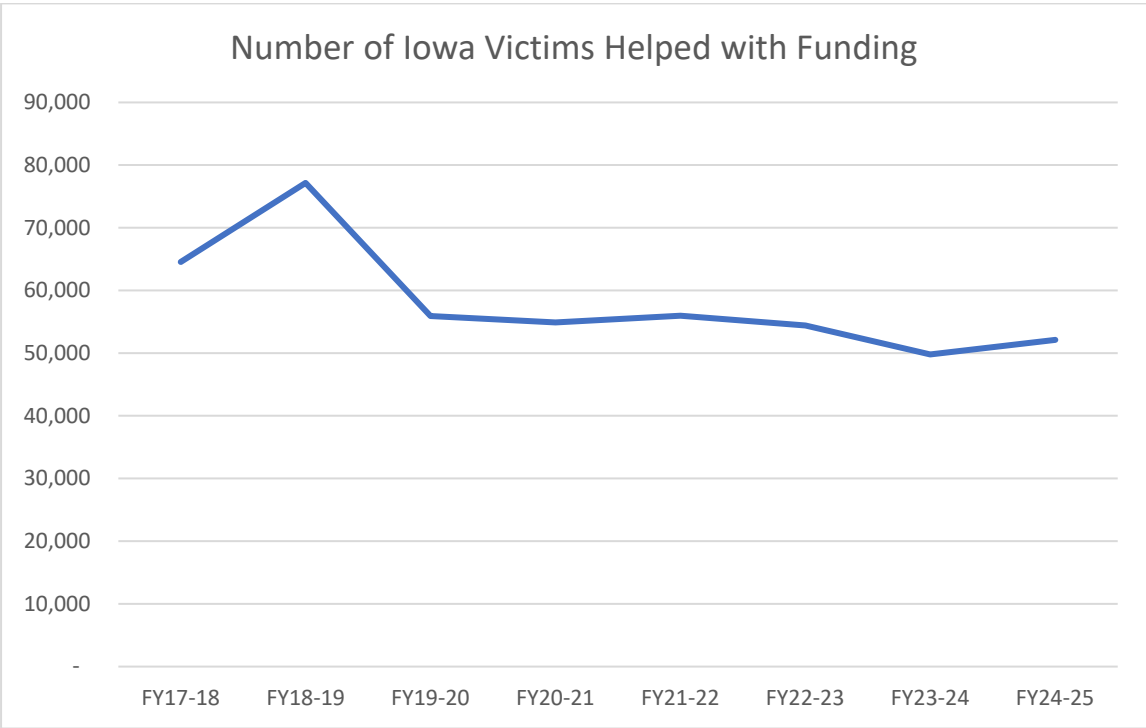
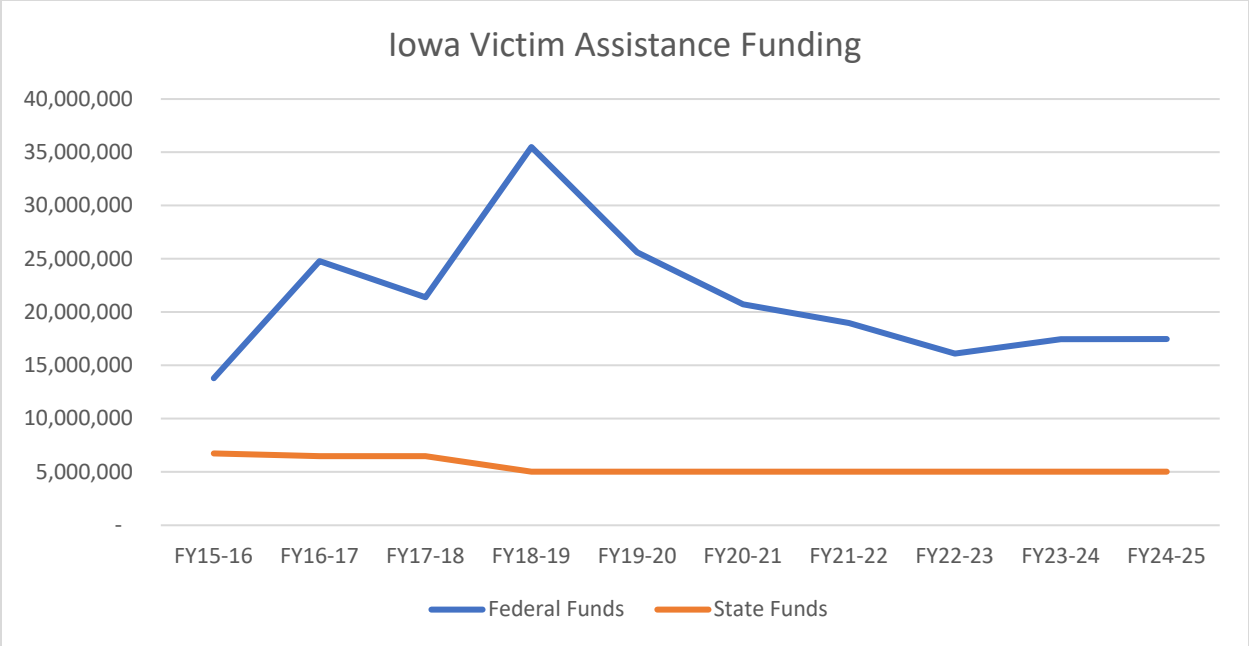
public agencies across the state, including domestic and sexual abuse programs, community anti-violence centers, culturally specific service agencies, as well as law enforcement departments and prosecutor offices. A very small percentage of money from federal grants is used to cover some administrative costs for the Victim Assistance Section.

During fiscal year 2025, the Program funded 117 different projects across Iowa, helping 52,113 victims.

State and Federal Award Amounts	FY 2025
State Appropriation	\$5,016,708 ¹
Federal State and Local Fiscal Recovery Program (SLFRP)	\$5,500,000 ²
Federal Sexual Abuse Services Program (SASP)	\$854,696
Federal STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)	\$1,882,990
Federal Victims of Crime Act Assistance (VOCA)	\$7,625,910
Federal Violence Prevention & Services Act (FVPSA)	\$1,607,282
Total State and Federal Funding	\$22,487,586

¹ In 2025, the state appropriation increased its appropriation to the Victim Assistance Section by \$150,000, an amount that was specifically earmarked for victims of human trafficking. That funding increase, along with the victims helped by it, will be reflected in the 2026 report.

² Special thank you to Governor Kim Reynolds for her decision to award the department with \$5.5 million in SLFRP funding, which covered the gaps caused by a 42% cut in VOCA funding for 2025.



Crime Type	Number of Victims Receiving Assistance
Domestic Abuse, female victim	20,719
Domestic Abuse, male victim	2,292
Domestic Abuse, child victim	2,437
Teen Dating Violence	169
Sexual Abuse, female adult victim	4,144
Sexual Abuse, male adult victim	503
Sexual Abuse, adolescent victim	1,849
Sexual Abuse, child victim	1,973
Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse, female victim	403
Adult Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse, male victim	68
Arson	75
Assault	3,246
Bullying	1,032
Burglary	911
Child Physical Abuse/Neglect	1,047
Child Pornography	108
Drunk / Intoxicated Driving	293
Elder Abuse	171
Hate Crime	771
Human Trafficking, adolescent victim	30
Human Trafficking, child victim	18
Human Trafficking, adult female victim	394
Human Trafficking, adult male victim	61
Identity Theft and Fraud	982
Kidnapping	85
Mass Violence	1,386
Robbery	259
Stalking, Harassment, and Cyber-Stalking	1,466
Survivors of Homicide, adult	1,939
Survivors of Homicide, child	134
Terrorism	8
Violation of Protective Order	766
Other	2,374
TOTAL	52,113

IV. GRANT-FUNDED OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR FY25.

The Victim Assistance Section expended \$2,147.91 on out-of-state travel. Grantees spent \$18,634.31 on out-of-state travel for training.

V. GRANT-FUNDED OVERTIME FOR FY25

Grant funding was not used to pay overtime to an employee of the Department of Justice. Grant funding was used to pay 2,257.94 overtime hours, totaling \$104,974.14 for grantees to cover 24-7 shelter and emergency on-call shifts as needed to serve crime victims.

VI. GRANT-FUNDED BONUSES FOR FY25.

Grant funding was not used to pay bonuses to an employee of the Department of Justice or contractors.

VII. SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES REIMBURSED THROUGH THE PROGRAM FOR FY25.

Below is a summary of expenditures from projects funded by grants through the Program for fiscal year 2025:

Cost Category	Total FY25 Expenses
Advertising	\$24,839.85
Benefits	\$3,242,670.50
Client Assistance	\$1,049,147.28
Communications	\$244,332.38
Contractual Services	\$1,443,862.60
Equipment	\$160,664.31
Indirect Costs	\$430,470.14
In-State Training	\$29,200.71
In-State Travel for Services	\$322,493.37
Insurance	\$208,922.65
Other Expenses	\$32,418.69
Out of State Travel for Services	\$18,634.31
Payroll	\$16,133,048.82
Rent	\$595,927.34
Repairs and Maintenance	\$301,166.32
Supplies	\$349,473.36
Utilities	\$100,782.49
Grand Total	\$24,688,055.12

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