

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Missouri Department of Public Safety, Office of the Director

HB Section(s): 8.040

Program Name: Office for Victims of Crime-Violence Against Women Grant Program (VAWA)

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Violence Against Women (VAWA)

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

The OVC administers federal VAWA funding to protect and support Missouri citizens who have been victims of violent crime.

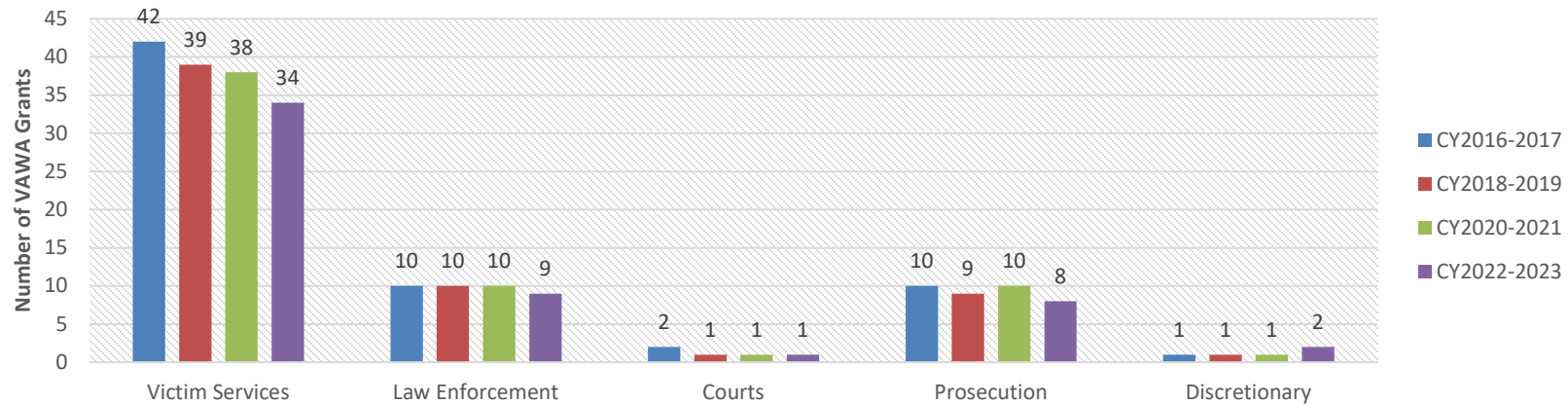
1b. What does this program do?

The federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) program encourages the development and implementation of effective, victim-centered strategies for law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, and courts to address violent crimes against women. Additionally, the VAWA program encourages the development and enhancement of victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women. VAWA funding is passed through to local and statewide entities to increase intervention, advocacy, accompaniment, support services, related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault; family and household members of victims; and those collaterally affected by the victimization, except for the perpetrator of such victimization.

2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.

VAWA funding is passed through to agencies within the following four (4) domains to ensure victims are served from a comprehensive system of service providers: victim services providers/culturally specific, law enforcement, courts, and prosecution. Additionally, up to 15% of VAWA funds are discretionary. To ensure the state meets the needs of its citizens, additional funding may be allocated to any of the four domains or toward a project that would not otherwise be funded.

Program Types Funded through VAWA



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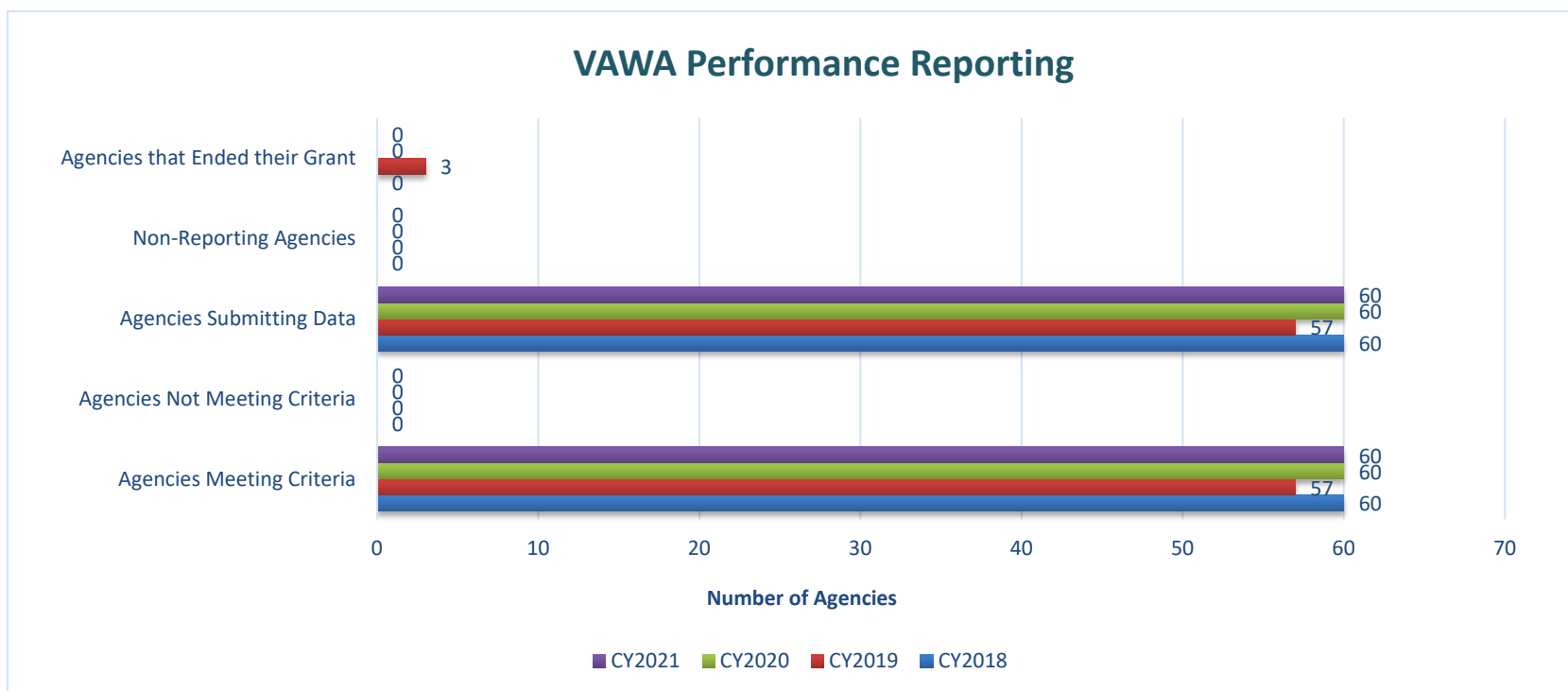
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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.

Agencies funded by VAWA are mandated by the federal award to submit detailed records/data related to their awards. Data, as determined by the federal program, is collected from each subrecipient. The reports are reviewed and validated by OVC, then submitted to the federal funding agency. For the years below, Performance Reports were received, reviewed, and forwarded to the federal funding agency.



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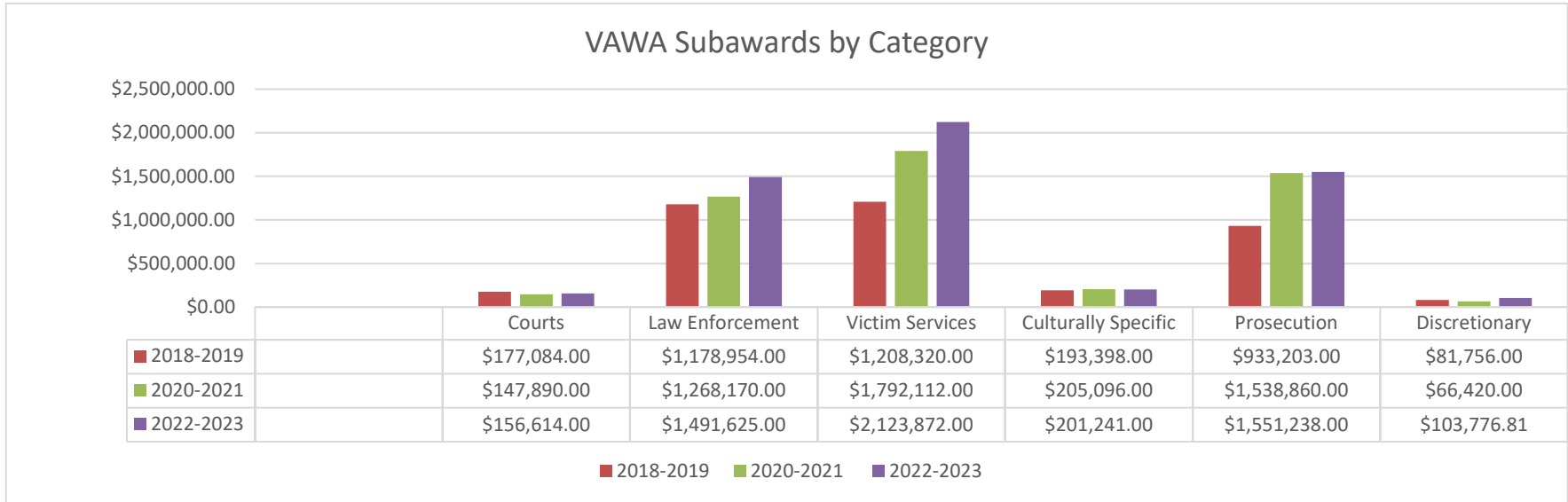
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2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program’s impact.

The VAWA funds increase state and local capacity to serve victims of crime, including vulnerable and underserved populations, through a network of sub-recipients who form a comprehensive system of care that includes safety, advocacy, prosecution, and law enforcement services. Benefits of the VAWA supported programs reach beyond just the recipient for whom we receive data. Also benefitting from VAWA programs are the immediate family members of the victims (i.e., children, caregivers, other family members) who share the trauma. The chart below illustrates the financial impact these funds add to the state’s ability to provide services to our citizens.



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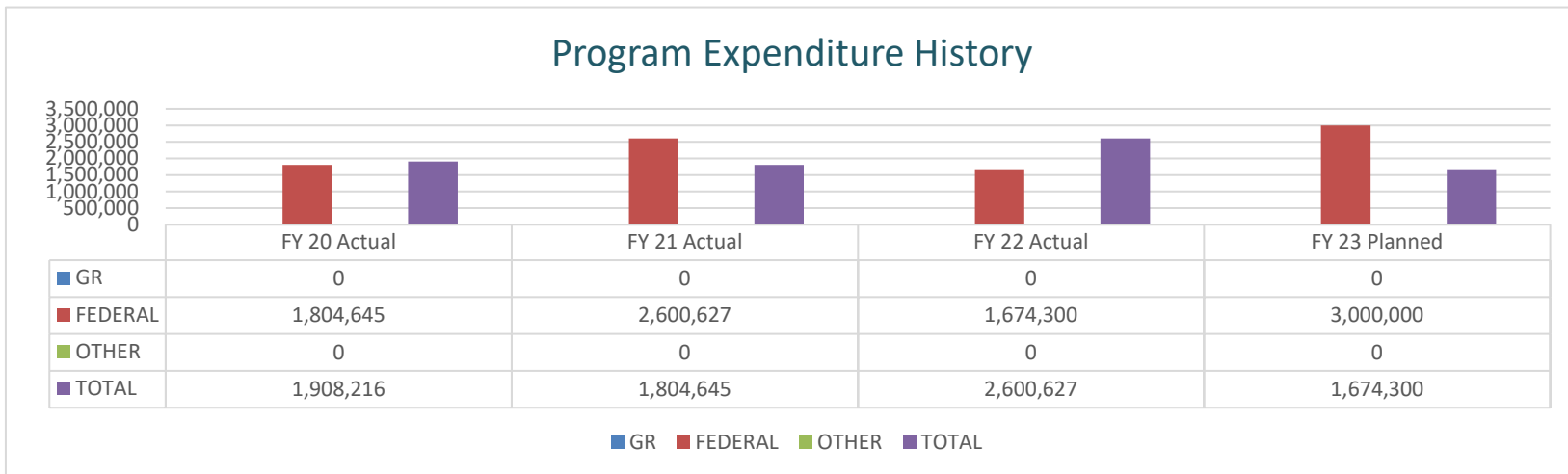
2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program’s efficiency.

The OVC ensures a full 100% of VAWA funds are distributed to local courts, units of local government, law enforcement, and service providers. Through the VAWA Grant the state has been able to assist and support victims in Missouri. Those funds distributed, per federal requirements, in the following manner: 25% to law enforcement; 25% to prosecution; 30% to victim services, 10% of which must be culturally specific; and not less than 5% to state and local courts. Sub-recipients receiving VAWA funds must provide services within one or more of the 20 allowable purpose areas. These include:

- developing and strengthening effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat violent crimes against women
- developing and strengthening victim services in cases involving crimes against women

The OVC monitors each sub-recipient to ensure agencies are providing services to victims within the specified purpose area(s) and remains compliant with applicable federal guidelines for which they are receiving funds.

3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



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4. What are the sources of the "Other" funds?

None

5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.)

Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, Public Law 90-351, as added by the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, Public Law 103-322, 42 U.S.C. 3796gg et seq., as amended by Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013; P.L. No. 113-4., as amended by Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005; P.L. No. 109-162, as amended by Violence Against Women Act of 2000; P.L. No. 106-386. CFDA 16.588
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6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain.

Yes, there is a twenty-five percent (25%) cash or in-kind match required

7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain.

No