

U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women

Semi-Annual Performance Report for the Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program

Brief Instructions

This reporting tool details the Semi-Annual Performance Report questions for the Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program (LAV Program). A report must be completed for each grant received. Grant partners may complete sections relevant to their portion of the grant. Grant administrators and coordinators are responsible for compiling and submitting a single report that reflects all information collected from grant partners.

All grantees must complete the required sections. Required questions are marked with an asterisk (*). For all other sections, grantees must answer an initial question about whether they used LAV Program funds to support certain activities during the current reporting period. If the response is yes, then the grantee must complete that section. If the response is no, the rest of that section is skipped.

The activities of volunteers or interns should be reported if they were coordinated or supervised by LAV Program-funded staff or if LAV Program funds substantially supported their activities.

For further information on filling out this report, refer to the separate instructions, which contain detailed definitions and examples.

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General Information

All grantees must complete the General Information section.

1. Date of report

2. Current reporting period

3. Reporting Year

4. Grantee name

5. Grant number

The federal grant number assigned to your LAV Program grant.

6. Point of Contact

Provide information for the person responsible for the day-to-day coordination of the grant.

- First name
- Last name
- Agency/organization name
- Address
- City
- State
- Zip code
- Telephone
- Email

7. Type of funded organization

Check the one answer that best describes the organization receiving the LAV Program grant.

- Community-based organization
- Court
- Government agency
- Law enforcement
- Legal services organization
- Probation, parole, or other correctional agency
- Prosecution
- State coalition (domestic violence)
- State coalition (dual - domestic violence/sexual assault)
- State coalition (sexual assault)
- Tribal coalition
- Tribal government
- Tribal sexual assault and/or domestic violence program
- Unit of local government
- University/school
- Victim services (domestic violence)
- Victim services (dual - domestic violence/sexual assault)
- Victim services (sexual assault)
- Other (specify): _____

8. Is this a faith-based organization?

- Yes
- No

9. Is this a culturally-specific community-based organization?

- Yes
- No

10. Does this grant specifically address and focus on tribal populations?

- Yes
 - If yes, which tribes/nations?
- No

11. Does your grant support the creation of products in languages other than English or provide services in languages other than English?

- Yes
 - If yes, what languages?
- No

12. What percentage of your LAV Program grant was directed to each of these areas?

Estimate the approximate percentage of funds (or resources) used to address each area with your LAV Program grant during the current reporting period. The grantee may choose how to make the determination of how to calculate this. Grantees should consider training, staff time, victims services, etc. when making this determination.

*Throughout this form, the term **sexual assault** means any nonconsensual sexual act proscribed by Federal, tribal, or State law, including when the victim lacks the capacity to consent. The term **domestic violence/dating violence** applies to any pattern of abusive behavior that is used by one person to gain power and control over a current or former intimate partner or dating partner. **Stalking** is defined as engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for his or her safety or the safety of others, or suffer substantial emotional distress. See separate instructions for more complete definitions.*

| | Percentage of grant funds |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sexual assault | |
| Domestic violence/dating violence | |
| Stalking | |
| Total (must equal 100%) | |

Staff Information

1. Were LAV Program grant funds used to fund staff time (at your agency, at a partner agency, contractors, or stipends) during the current reporting period?

- Yes
- No

2. Staff

Report the total number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff funded by the LAV Program grant during the current reporting period.

- *Reporting 1.00 FTEs means a staff person worked full-time and was 100% funded by the grant for the entire reporting period. Typically, one FTE is equal to 1,040 hours (40 hours per week multiplied by 26 weeks).*
- *FTEs should be prorated to reflect when a staff person did not work-full time and/or when was not 100% funded by the LAV Program grant for the entire reporting period.*
- *Report staff by the function(s) they performed, not by title.*
- *Round and report FTEs to the second decimal place. For example, if you calculate an FTE to be 0.66667, then rounding to the second decimal would mean this FTE would be reported as 0.67 FTE.*

| Staff Function | FTE(s) |
|--|--------|
| Administrator | |
| Attorney <i>(does not include prosecutor)</i> | |
| Counselor | |
| Information technology staff | |
| Legal advocate <i>(does not include attorney or paralegal)</i> | |
| Outreach worker | |
| Paralegal | |
| Program coordinator | |
| Support staff | |
| Translator/interpreter | |
| Victim advocate <i>(non-governmental)</i> | |
| Other <i>(specify):</i> | |
| Total | |

Technical Assistance

1. **Were LAV Program funds used to provide technical assistance during the current reporting period?**

Select yes if LAV Program-funded staff provided technical assistance or if LAV Program funds directly supported the provision of technical assistance.

2. **Discuss the technical assistance activities funded or supported by LAV Program funds, including the topics of the technical assistance activities. Provide any additional information you would like to share about your technical assistance activities.**

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Coordinated Community Response

1. Coordinated community response activities

This question is required. Select all agencies/organizations that you provided referrals to/received referrals from, met with, or engaged in consultation with during the current reporting period. Also indicate if the agency/organization is an MOU partner. If LAV Program-funded staff participated in a task force or work group, check all attendees.

| Agency/organization | Provided referrals to/received referrals from, met with, or engaged in consultation with | MOU Partner |
|---|--|-------------|
| Advocacy organization | | |
| Abuser intervention program | | |
| Corrections (<i>probation, parole, and correctional facility staff</i>) | | |
| Court | | |
| Domestic violence organization | | |
| Educational institutions/organizations | | |
| Faith-based organization | | |
| Governmental agency | | |
| Health/mental health organization | | |
| Law enforcement | | |
| Legal organization | | |
| Prosecutor's office | | |
| Sex offender management/sex offender treatment provider | | |
| Sexual assault organization | | |
| Social service organization (<i>non-governmental</i>) | | |
| Tribal government/Tribal governmental agency | | |
| Other (specify): _____ | | |

- 2. Discuss the effectiveness of CCR activities funded or supported by your LAV Program grant and provide any additional information you would like to share about your CCR activities.**

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Products

1. Were LAV Program funds used to develop or substantially revise products during the current reporting period?

Select yes if LAV Program-funded staff developed or revised products or if LAV Program funds directly supported the development or revision of products.

- Yes
- No

2. Describe the products developed or substantially revised with LAV Program funds during the current reporting period.

Describe what type of product it was, the title/topic of the product, as well as its intended audience. Also provide information on if the product was translated into a language other than English (including Braille).

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Data Collection & Communication Systems

1. Were LAV Program funds used to develop, install, or expand data collection and/or communication systems during the current reporting period?

Select yes if LAV Program funds or LAV Program-funded staff were used to develop, install, or expand data collection and/or communication systems.

- Yes
- No

2. Indicate the use of LAV Program funds for data collection and/or communication systems:

- Develop new data collection/communication systems
- Install data collection/communication systems
- Expand existing data collection/communication systems
- Link existing data collection/communication systems
- Share information with other community partners
- Manage data collection and communication
- Purchase computers and other equipment

3. Describe the purpose of the LAV Program funded data collection and/or communication systems.

Victim Services

1. **Were LAV Program funds used to provide victim services (including legal services provided by an attorney or paralegal) during the current reporting period?**

Select yes if LAV Program funds were used to support victim services during the current reporting period. Report all victims served and victim services provided with LAV Program funds, whether by a victim services agency or victim services within law enforcement, prosecution, or the court system in this section. If the grantee is funding a victim assistant or victim-witness coordinator within law enforcement, prosecution, or the court system, they should complete the victim services section to capture that staff's grant-funded work.

- Yes
- No

2. **Number of victims/survivors who were fully served, partially served, and not served**

Report the following, to the best of your ability, as an unduplicated count for each category during the current reporting period. This means that each victim/survivor who requested or accepted LAV Program-funded services during the current reporting period should be counted only once in that reporting period. If the victim/survivor experienced more than one victimization, that person should be counted only once under the presenting victimization. Do not report secondary victims here.

Served: A victim/survivor should be reported as served if they requested and/or accepted grant-funded services and the program was able to provide all of those services.

Partially Served: A victim/survivor should be reported as partially served if they accepted and/or requested grant-funded services and the program was able to provide some, but not all, of those services.

Not Served: A victim/survivor should be reported as not served if the program could not provide any of the grant-funded services that the victim accepted and/or requested.

| | Sexual assault | Domestic violence/ dating violence | Stalking | Total |
|--|----------------|---------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Served | | | | |
| Partially served | | | | |
| Total Served & Partially Served | | | | |
| Not served | | | | |

3. Number of victims/survivors who received LAV Program-funded services for multiple victimizations

Report an unduplicated count of victims/survivors reported in the previous question who received LAV Program-funded support for more than one victimization.

4. Select all the additional victimizations types, including specific forms of abuse, for which these victims/survivors received LAV Program-funded services:

- Sexual assault
- Domestic/dating violence
- Stalking
- Female genital mutilation/cutting
- Adult survivor of child sexual abuse
- Sex trafficking
- Labor trafficking
- Economic abuse
- Technological abuse
- Forced marriage

5. Describe how LAV Program funds were used to serve victims/survivors who received grant-funded services for multiple victimizations.

6. Select all of the reasons primary victims/survivors who requested LAV Program-funded services were partially or not served:

- Conflict of interest
- Did not meet statutory requirements
- Hours of operation
- Insufficient or lack of culturally appropriate services
- Insufficient or lack of agency capacity to provide language access (including sign language or assistive communication devices)
- Insufficient or lack of services for people with disabilities
- Insufficient or lack of services for people who are D/deaf or hard of hearing
- Lack of childcare
- Program reached capacity
- Program rules not acceptable to victim/survivor
- Program unable to provide service due to limited resources/priority-setting
- Services inappropriate or inadequate for victims/survivors with mental health issues
- Services inappropriate or inadequate for victims/survivors with substance abuse issues
- Services otherwise not appropriate for victim/survivor
- Transportation
- Other (specify)

7. Describe why grant-funded services were not provided, including barriers/challenges your agency faced when providing LAV Program-funded services, and how those barriers impacted victims/survivors.

8. Race/ethnicity

Report the demographic information for the victims/survivors reported as served and partially served with LAV Program funds. Do not report demographics for secondary victims.

Report victims/survivors in each category they identify as. At least one race/ethnicity must be reported for each victim/survivor reported as fully served and partially served. Those victims for whom the race/ethnicity is not known should be reported in the “unknown” category.

| Race/ethnicity | Number of victims/survivors |
|--|------------------------------------|
| American Indian or Alaska Native | |
| Asian | |
| Black or African American | |
| Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin | |
| Middle Eastern or North African | |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | |
| White | |
| People of a race, ethnicity, or origin not listed (<i>specify</i>): | |
| Unknown | |
| Total | |

9. Gender

Report victims/survivors in each category they identify as. At least one gender identity must be reported for each victim/survivor reported as fully and partially served. Those victims for whom the gender identity is not known should be reported in the “unknown” category.

| Gender Identity | Number of victims/survivors |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Women or girls | |
| Men or boys | |
| Transgender | |
| Non-binary or non-conforming | |
| Two-spirit | |
| A gender not listed (<i>specify</i>): | |
| Unknown | |
| Total | |

10. Age

Report the age of each victim/survivor reported as fully and partially served. Exactly one age must be reported for each victim/survivor reported as fully and partially served. Those victims for whom the age is not known should be reported in the “unknown” category.

| Age | Number of victims/survivors |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| 11-17 | |
| 18-24 | |
| 25-59 | |
| 60+ | |
| Unknown | |
| Total | |

11. Additional demographics

Report the number of victims/survivors who were served and partially served who identify with these additional demographics if they were willingly disclosed/identified by the victims/survivors. These additional demographics are not required.

| Additional demographics | Number of victims/survivors |
|--|-----------------------------|
| People who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer (LGBTQ) | |
| People with disabilities | |
| People whose primary language is not English | |
| People who are D/deaf or hard of hearing | |
| People who are immigrants/refugees/asylum seekers | |
| People who live in rural areas | |

12. Victim services

Report the LAV Program-funded services provided to the victims/survivors reported fully and partially served. Do not capture legal assistance provided by grant-funded attorneys or paralegals in this question, as that information will be asked for in future questions. Refer to the separate instructions document for service definitions.

The first column “Number of victims/survivors served” is an unduplicated count of the number of victims/survivors who received each type of grant-funded service. No individual service category should have a number of victims served greater than the total number of victims served and partially served.

The second column “Number of times service was provided” is a total of the number of times each victim in the first column received that services type during the 6-month reporting period.

| Type of Service | Number of victims/survivors served | Number of times service was provided |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Civil legal advocacy/court accompaniment | | |
| Counseling/support group | | |
| Criminal justice advocacy/court accompaniment | | |
| Crisis intervention | | |
| Language services | | |
| Victim/survivor advocacy | | |
| Other (specify): | | |

13. Discuss the effectiveness of victim services and legal services supported by your LAV Program grant and provide any additional information you would like to share.

SAMPLE

Legal Services

1. **Were LAV Program funds used to provide legal services to victims/survivors during the current reporting period?**

Select yes if LAV Program-funded staff (i.e., attorneys or paralegals) provided these services or LAV Program funds were used to support these services during the current reporting period. If you select yes, be sure you also fill out the Victim Services section.

- Yes
- No

2. **Number of victims/survivors who received assistance with legal issues**

Report an unduplicated count of victims/survivors who received assistance with at least one legal issue.

3. **Number of victims who received assistance with multiple legal issues**

Of the victims/survivors who received assistance with legal issues, report the number of victims/survivors who received assistance with more than one type of legal issue during the current reporting period.

4. **Legal issues**

Under “Number of victims/survivors receiving legal assistance,” report the number of primary victims/survivors who received legal assistance from LAV-funded attorneys or paralegals during the current reporting period. Count a victim/survivor once in each legal issue category for which they received assistance with LAV Program grant funds.

Under “Number of cases closed or issues resolved,” report each case that was closed and each legal issue that was resolved during the current reporting period for which services were provided by LAV Program-funded attorneys or paralegals. Do not include cases that are pending or were not yet closed during the reporting period. It is okay if “Number of cases closed or issues resolved” is less than “Number of victims/survivors receiving legal assistance.”

| Legal Issues | Number of victims/survivors receiving legal assistance | Number of cases closed or issues resolved |
|----------------------------|--|---|
| Protection orders | | |
| Divorce | | |
| Custody/visitation | | |
| Establishment of paternity | | |
| Child/spousal support | | |

| Legal Issues | Number of victims/survivors receiving legal assistance | Number of cases closed or issues resolved |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| Other family law matters | | |
| Consumer/finance | | |
| Employment | | |
| Income maintenance | | |
| Housing | | |
| VAWA self-petition | | |
| Cancellation of removal | | |
| U visa | | |
| T visa | | |
| Other immigration matters | | |
| Criminal issues | | |
| Educational issues | | |
| Other (specify): | | |

Narrative

- 1. Report on the status of your LAV Program grant goals and objectives as of the end of the current reporting period.**

This question is required. Report on the status of the goals and objectives as they were identified in your grant proposal or as they have been added or revised.

- 2. What do you see as the most significant areas of remaining need, with regard to improving services to victims/survivors, increasing victims/survivors' safety, and enhancing community response?**

This question is required for the January-June reporting period. Consider geographic regions, underserved populations, service delivery systems, types of victimization, and challenges and barriers unique to your jurisdiction.

- 3. What has LAV Program funding allowed you to do that you could not do prior to receiving this funding?**

This question is required for the January-June reporting period.

- 4. Provide additional information regarding the effectiveness of your grant-funded program.**

If you have any other data or information that you have not already reported that demonstrate the effectiveness of your LAV Program grant, please provide it below.

- 5. Provide additional information to explain the data submitted on this form.**

If you have any information that could be helpful in understanding the data you have submitted in this report, please answer this question. For example, if you submitted two different performance reports for the same reporting period, you may explain how the data was apportioned to each report; if you reported staff but did not report any corresponding activities, you may explain why; or if you did not use LAV Program funds to support either staff or activities during the reporting period, please explain how program funds were used.