# Semi-Annual Performance Reporting: Reporting your grant-funded activities

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# Who We Are

## We are your partners in performance reporting.

#### Our mission:

- Support OVW and grantees with data reporting.
- Give grantees the skills, tools, knowledge, and resources to demonstrate the impact, effectiveness, and value of VAWAfunded programs.

# What we will cover today

- > Overview of the data reporting cycle
- How to access, fill out, and submit a performance report
- General tips for accurate data reporting
- Where to go for support with your performance report

# The Reporting Cycle



# **Reporting in the VAWA IMPACT Tool**

- Grantees fill out their performance reports in the VAWA IMPACT Tool
  - This is a new web-based reporting tool for all OVW grantees
  - Grantees will be able to access the tool March 3, 2025
- The July to Dec 2024 reporting deadline has been pushed back 2 months!
  - Normal due date for Jul-Dec performance reports: January 30
  - Due date for Jul-Dec 2024 reports: March 31, 2025

# **Performance Reporting for Grantees**

#### **URL for reporting form**

via email from OVW or on MEI website

Fill out performance report in the IMPACT Tool

Download pdf file

## How to Access Your Performance Report

#### **URL for reporting form**

via email from OVW or on MEI website

#### Fill out performance report in the **IMPACT Tool**

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- Use a URL link to access a blank reporting form, available in March 2025
- Once a performance report is started in a blank reporting form, the system will generate a new, unique URL to use to return to the started report
- The unique URL link is sharable

## How to Fill Out Your Performance Report

### **URL for reporting form**

via email from OVW or on MEI website

#### Fill out performance report in the **IMPACT Tool**

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- The reporting form consists of multiple sections covering various areas of grant-funded activities
- Save entered data and return later to continue
- Jump back and forth between sections
- Built-in data validation notifications if there are issues with the entered data
- Important: When completed, download a pdf file of the report!

# **IMPACT Tool Example**

#### SASP Progress Report

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## How to Submit Your Performance Report

#### **URL for reporting form**

via email from OVW or on MEI website

Fill out performance report in the IMPACT Tool

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- To submit the report, upload the pdf file as an attachment in JustGrants
- The final pdf file for the Jul-Dec 2024 performance report must be submitted in JustGrants by 11:59PM EST on March 31, 2025

# How to Prepare for Reporting

- Review the sample forms and reporting instructions, available on the VAWA MEI website
- Access trainings and online resources, coming to the MEI website in early 2025
  - "How to report in the IMPACT Tool" training video and guide
  - Webinars on performance reporting

Contact us with any questions about accessing or reporting in the IMPACT Tool!

## www.vawamei.org



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# **Tips for Successful Data Reporting**

- Only report on <u>OVW grant-funded</u> activities and staff
   no more, no less
- Report only numerical data for which source documentation is available
- Use narrative questions to provide more detail or explain data as well as discuss successes and challenges
- As a new grantee you may not have many grant funded activities to report yet – that is okay!

## Performance Reporting as a New Grantee



# **How to Report: Staff Information**

- Report all staff time that was funded with your OVW program grant in the 6-month reporting period
- Include part-time staff, partially funded staff, temporary staff, overtime, contractors, and consultants if they were paid with grant funds
- Put staff time into FTE terms (FTE = Full-time equivalent)
- Prorate staff FTE, if necessary
- Report by activity performed rather than by job title
- Divide staff FTE into multiple staff categories, if appropriate

## Information needed for FTE Calculations

## **Before calculating staff FTE:**

- Determine what is considered full time in your organization
- Determine if the staff person was grant-funded to work for the entire 6-month reporting period or only part of it
- Determine number of grant-funded hours worked OR percentage of salary that was grant-funded
  - Determine how many hours per week the staff person was grant-funded to work
  - Determine if the staff person's salary was 100% grantfunded or partially grant-funded



# How to Calculate FTEs

- Assuming full time means 40 hours per week:
  40 hours per week for the 26 weeks in the reporting period =
  1,040 hours total = 1.00 FTE
- FTE = total grant-funded hours worked by staff in the 6-month reporting period, divided by 1,040

### Examples:

- Staff A worked 20 grant-funded hours per week for 26 weeks which equals 520 total hours. FTE = 520/1,040 = 0.50 FTE
- Staff B worked for 10 grant-funded hours per week for 16 weeks which equals 160 total hours. FTE = 160/1,040 = ~ 0.15 FTE
- Staff C worked full-time for entire 26 weeks but was only 75% grant funded. FTE = 75% of 1.00 FTE = 0.75 FTE

# How to Report Victim Services (I)

- Complete the Victim Services section if OVW grant funds were used to support victim services and/or legal services during the current reporting period
- Report all grant-funded victim services provided, whether by a victim services organization or criminal justice agency
- Most of the data requested in the Victim Services section is congressionally mandated

# How to Report Victim Services (2)

## To report a victim/survivor:

- They must have requested or accepted a service(s)
- That service(s) must be funded with your OVW grant funds
- The victim/survivor must be a primary victim of one of the victimizations within the scope of your grant program

# How to Report Victim Services (3)

- Served: Received all the OVW grant-funded services they requested
- Partially served: Received some but not all the OVW grant-funded services they requested
- Not served: Received none of the OVW grant-funded services they requested

# Tips for Writing Narrative (I)

## Why is narrative information important?

- Provides context for the numbers in the report numbers do not tell the entire story of your grant-funded work
- Provides information on the impact your work has on the communities you serve
- Identifies emerging trends, promising practices, and unmet needs

# Tips for Writing Narrative (2)

- You will find narrative questions throughout the reporting form
  - Use the narrative text boxes to describe grant funded activities and provide additional context
  - Help your OVW Program Specialist better understand your data!
- The last section of your report focuses on narrative questions only:
  - Status of your grant goals (always mandatory)
  - Areas of remaining need (mandatory in Jan-June reporting period)
  - What grant funding allowed you to do (mandatory Jan-June reporting period)
  - Additional information on effectiveness of your program
  - Any additional relevant information about your data

# Who do I call for help? (I of 3)

If you have questions or need technical support with your JustGrants account

> JustGrants OVW Support phone and email: 1-866-655-4482 OVW.JustGrantsSupport@usdoj.gov

JustGrants Support website: https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/user-support

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# Who do I call for help? (2 of 3)

- If you need to verify grant-supported activities
- If you need approval for products
- If you cannot submit your performance report by the deadline

Please contact your OVW Grant Specialist!



Office on Violence Against Women 202-307-6026 <u>https://www.justice.gov/ovw</u>

# Who do I call for help? (3 of 3)

- For technical and logistical support using the IMPACT tool to fill out your performance report
- If you have questions on the content of the reporting form
- If you would like to receive technical assistance directly from staff via email, phone, or Zoom



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# Your Turn! Any Questions?



# Thank you!

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