



**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**OFFICE OF COUNCILMEMBER BROOKE PINTO**  
**THE JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING**  
**1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 106**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

# **OVSJG FY23 Performance Oversight Hearing Questions**

**ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS**

1. Please provide the agency's mission statement.

The mission of the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG) is to develop, fund, and coordinate programs that improve public safety; enhance the administration of justice; and create systems of care for crime victims, youth, and their families in the District.

2. Please provide a complete, up-to-date organizational chart for the agency and each division within the agency, including the names and titles of all senior personnel. Please include an explanation of the roles and responsibilities for each division and subdivision within the agency.
  - a. Please include a list of the employees (name and title) for each subdivision and the number of vacant, frozen, and filled positions. For vacant positions, please indicate how long the position has been vacant.

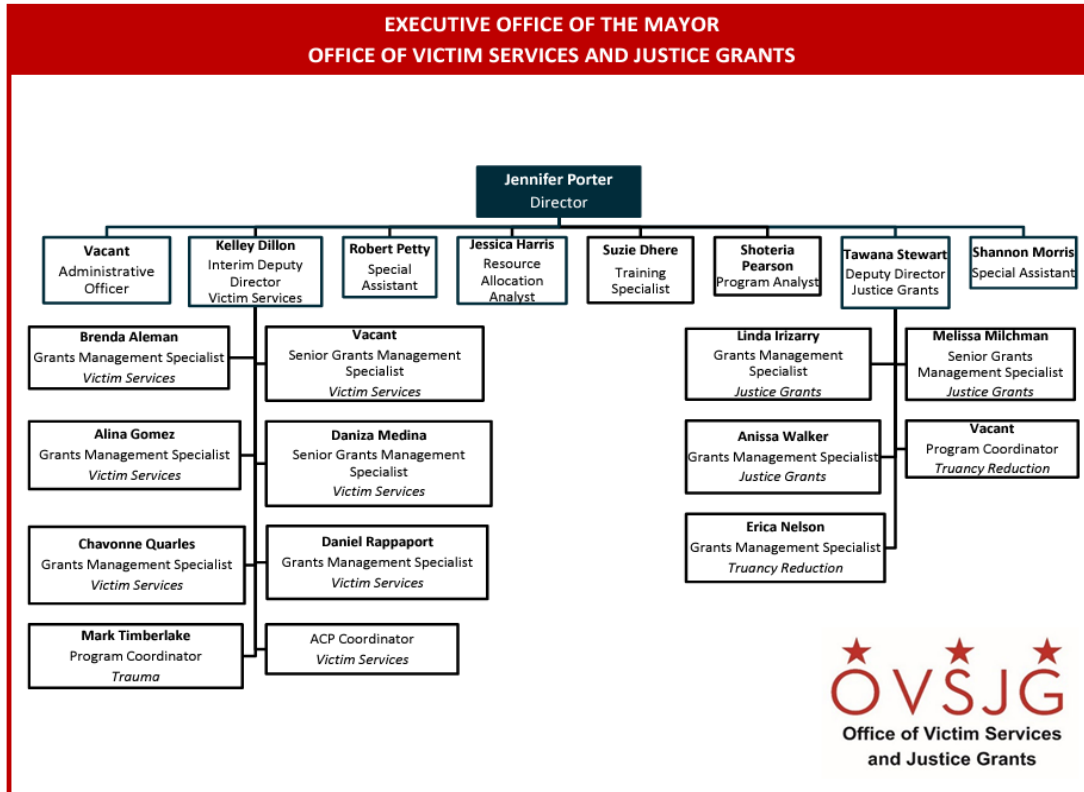
OVSJG is working with DCHR to hire for the current vacancies:

- Senior Grants Management Specialist, Admin Officer, vacant for 2 weeks.
- Show Up, Stand Out (SUSO) Program coordinator, vacant for 2 months.
- Staff Assistant, vacant for 3 months.

- b. Please provide a narrative explanation of any major changes to the organizational chart made during the previous year.

OVSJG had no major changes to the organizational chart during the previous year.

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3. Please list each new program implemented by the agency during FY 2023 and FY 2024, to date. For each initiative please provide:
- a. A description of the initiative, including when begun and when completed (or expected to be completed).

The Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants (OVSJG) Capacity Building Program advances OVSJG’s effort to support local initiatives that improve public safety; enhance the administration of justice; and create systems of care for crime victims, youth, and their families in the District.

The project aims to increase and strengthen the capacity of community and faith-based organizations to provide these services and achieve the following:

- Provide targeted technical assistance to community and faith-based organizations, selected by OVSJG, to strengthen their capacity to manage organizations and administer programs/services that improve public safety; enhance the administration of justice; and create systems of care for crime victims, youth, and their families.
- Develop a cohort of community and faith-based organizations, selected by OVSJG, where collaboration and partnerships are encouraged, best practices are shared, and evidence-based approaches are learned through monthly training sessions.

Selected FY23 participants attended a formal kick-off meeting on January 10, 2023, and FY24 participants will attend a kick-off meeting on January 30, 2024. Each program spans the duration of the fiscal year, so all activities run through September of the fiscal year.

- b. The funding required to implement the initiative:

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The program received \$500,000 in local funding in FY23 and \$500,000 in local funding in FY24.

- c. Any documented results of the initiative.

A capacity building consultant initiated a needs assessment to identify each organization's primary needs for technical assistance and training. Each organization identified four needs. Funding development, financial management, and board/leadership development were cited as the most common needs. At the end of the fiscal year, progress was reported in almost all categories that each organization identified. Some of the key improvements implemented include increased operational budget to secure essential staff roles, developed and implemented fundraising strategies with active application pending, attended grant writing workshops, and updated marketing materials.

4. Please provide a complete, up-to-date position listing for your agency, ordered by program and activity, and including the following information for each position:

- a. Title of position;
- b. Name of employee or statement that the position is vacant, unfunded, or proposed;
- c. Date employee began in position;
- d. Salary and fringe benefits (separately), including the specific grade, series, and step of position;
- e. Job status (continuing/term/temporary/contract);
- f. Whether the position must be filled to comply with federal or local law.

Please note the date that the information was collected.

*Information was collected on 1/19/24.*

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FY 2024 SCHEDULE A

Vacancy Status	FTE
Filled	18.00
Vacant	7.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>25.00</b>

Agency Code	Fiscal Year	Program Code	Cost Center Code	Filled, Vacant or Frozen	Position Number	Position Title	Employee Name	Hire Date	Grade	Step	Salary	Fringe	FTE	Reg/Temp/ Term	Filled by Local/Federal Law	
FOO	2024	100151	80184	F	24338	Director Justice Grants Admin	Porter,Jennifer Lori	02/04/19	9	0	185,813.06	39,763.99	1.00	Reg	Local	
FOO	2024	800144	80185	F	35815	Grants Management Specialist	Gomez,Alina R	10/17/16	13	7	110,967.00	23,746.94	1.00	Reg	Local	
FOO	2024	100151	80184	V	38408	Staff Assistant			11	0	65,285.00	13,970.99	1.00		Local	
FOO	2024	800141	80187	V	39139	Program Coordinator (SUSO)			13	0	93,069.00	19,916.77	1.00		Federal	
FOO	2024	800135	80186	F	40824	Grants Management Specialist	Irizarry,Linda	06/25/12	13	5	105,001.00	22,470.21	1.00	Term	Local	
FOO	2024	100151	80184	F	41110	Special Assistant	Morris,Shannon N	12/31/12	12	4	88,300.00	18,896.20	1.00	Reg	Local	
FOO	2024	800144	80185	F	42368	Senior Grants Management Speci	Medina,Daniza A	02/20/07	14	7	131,138.00	28,063.53	1.00	Reg	Local/Federal	
FOO	2024	800144	80185	F	42594	Grants Management Specialist	Rappaport,Daniel	07/13/15	13	7	110,967.00	23,746.94	1.00	Reg	Local/Federal	
FOO	2024	800141	80187	F	45993	Grants Management Specialist	Nelson,Erica Wachuka	08/02/21	13	7	109,999.00	23,539.79	1.00	Reg	Local	
FOO	2024	800135	80186	F	47283	Senior Grants Management Speci	Milchman,Melissa	08/25/14	14	5	124,091.00	26,555.47	1.00	Reg	Local	
FOO	2024	100151	80184	V	47371	Administrative Officer			14	0	95,816.29	20,504.69	1.00		Local	
FOO	2024	800135	80186	F	73531	Special Assistant	Petty,Robert B	04/22/19	6	0	95,816.00	20,504.62	1.00	Reg	Local	
FOO	2024	100151	80184	F	85460	Program Analyst	Pearson,Shoteria	03/14/22	12	7	107,984.00	23,108.58	1.00	Reg	Local	
FOO	2024	800144	80185	F	86148	Grants Management Specialist	Aleman,Brenda	09/08/15	13	6	109,999.00	23,539.79	1.00	Reg	Local/SPR	
FOO	2024	800144	80185	V	88440	Senior Grants Management Speci			14	0	96,052.00	20,555.13	1.00		Local/Federal	
FOO	2024	800144	80185	F	90685	Grants Management Specialist	Quarles-Stevenson,Chavonne	04/29/19	13	2	80,784.00	17,287.78	1.00	Reg	Local	
FOO	2024	800135	80186	F	97036	Resource Allocation Analyst	Harris,Jessica L.	11/09/20	13	9	116,933.00	25,023.66	1.00	Reg	Local	
FOO	2024	800135	80186	F	99479	Grants Management Specialist	Walker,Anissa	11/12/19	13	5	105,001.00	22,470.21	1.00	Reg	Local	
FOO	2024	800144	80185	F	99591	Program Coordinator (TRAUMA)	Timberlake,Mark	06/02/14	13	5	105,001.00	22,470.21	1.00	Reg	Local	
FOO	2024	800139	80191	V	104542	Grants Management Specialist			13	0	93,069.00	19,916.77	1.00		Local	
FOO	2024	800144	80185	V	105077	Grants Management Specialist			13	0	93,069.00	19,916.77	1.00		Local	
FOO	2024	800135	80186	V	105369	Grants Management Specialist			13	0	93,069.00	19,916.77	1.00		Local	
FOO	2024	800144	80185	F	106632	Deputy Director for Victim Ser	Dillon,Kelley Anne	04/13/09	15	0	150,000.00	32,100.00	1.00	Temp	Local/Federal	
FOO	2024	800135	80186	F	106633	Deputy Director for Justice Gr	Stewart,Tawana R	04/29/19	15	0	142,273.36	30,446.50	1.00	Reg	Local/Federal	
FOO	2024	800142	80189	F	106827	Program Coordinator (ACP/DVFRB)	Bouwkamp,Kate M.	07/20/20	13	4	102,018.00	21,831.85	1.00	Reg	Local	
<b>AGENCY GRAND TOTAL</b>											<b>\$ 2,711,514.71</b>	<b>\$ 580,264.16</b>	<b>25.00</b>			

5. Please provide a list of all memoranda of understanding (“MOU”) entered into by your agency during FY23 and FY24, to date, as well as any MOU currently in force. For each, indicate the date on which the MOU was entered and the termination date (if applicable).

See Question 11 for a list of MOUs entered with District agencies for funding awarded in FY23 and FY24, to date. Additionally, in FY23 and FY24, to date, OVSJG entered into MOUs with the following agencies:

Agency	Purpose	Effective Date	Termination Date
Executive Office of the Mayor (EOM)	Transport	2/21/23	Upon request
Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE)	Data sharing with the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board (DVFRB)	8/15/23	Upon request
Office of the Deputy Mayor of Public Safety and Justice (DMPSJ)	Grant execution	9/11/23	Upon request
Metropolitan Police Department (MPD)	Data sharing with Address Confidentiality Program (ACP)	5/1/23	May be terminated with 30-day notice
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME)	Data sharing	1/29/20	Upon request
Office of Unified Communications (OUC)	Data sharing DVFRB	9/7/18	May be terminated with 30-day notice

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Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	ACP implementation	10/1/20	May be terminated with 30-day notice
Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA)	Data sharing DVFRB	1/5/22	May be terminated with 60-day notice
DC Public Schools (DCPS)	ACP implementation	12/3/20	May be terminated with 30-day notice
Office of the Attorney General (OAG)	Attend program	8/23/23	May be terminated with 30-day notice

6. Please provide a list of each collective bargaining agreement that is currently in effect for agency employees.
- a. Please include the bargaining unit (name and local number), the duration of each agreement, and the number of employees covered.
  - b. Please provide, for each union, the union leader’s name, title, and his or her contact information, including e-mail, phone, and address if available.
- Please note if the agency is currently in bargaining and its anticipated completion date.*

OVSJG has no collective bargaining agreements.

7. Please provide the agency’s FY 2023 Performance Accountability Report.

The report can be found here: [OVSJG Performance Accountability Report](#)

**BUDGET AND FINANCE**

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8. Please provide a chart showing the agency’s approved budget and actual spending, by division, for FY23 and FY24, to date. In addition, please describe any variance between fiscal year appropriations and actual expenditures for each program and activity code.

Table 8A  
Agency Description: OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES AND JUSTICE GRANTS  
FY 2023 Approved Budget and Spending

**Unaudited**

Appropriated Fund Description	Program (Parent Level 2) Description	Program (Parent Level 1) Description	Data			Variance Description
			Approved Budget	Expenditures	Available Budget	
FEDERAL GRANT FUND - FPR	JUSTICE GRANTS	RE-ENTRY GRANTS	2,017,869	2,014,923	2,946	
	JUSTICE GRANTS Total		2,017,869	2,014,923	2,946	
	TRUANCY REDUCTION	TRUANCY REDUCTION GRANTS	-	6,214	(6,214)	
	TRUANCY REDUCTION Total		-	6,214	(6,214)	
	VICTIM SERVICES	VICTIM SERVICES GRANTS	4,632,449	4,629,181	3,268	
VICTIM SERVICES Total		4,632,449	4,629,181	3,268		
<b>FEDERAL GRANT FUND - FPR Total</b>			<b>6,650,318</b>	<b>6,650,318</b>	<b>0</b>	
FEDERAL PAYMENTS	ACCESS TO JUSTICE	ACCESS TO JUSTICE INITIATIVE	8,500,000	8,500,000	-	
	ACCESS TO JUSTICE Total		8,500,000	8,500,000	-	
	SAFE HOUSING – GUN VIOLENCE	EMERGENCY AND TRADITIONAL HOUSING	958,847	1,064,677	(105,830)	
	SAFE HOUSING – GUN VIOLENCE Total		958,847	1,064,677	(105,830)	
	TRAUMA RESPONSE	TRAUMA RESPONSE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM	71,708	125,084	(53,376)	
	TRAUMA RESPONSE Total		71,708	125,084	(53,376)	
	VICTIM SERVICES	VICTIM SERVICES GRANTS	692,725	365,569	327,156	
	VICTIM SERVICES Total		692,725	365,569	327,156	Mainly Unspent Sub-grants
<b>FEDERAL PAYMENTS Total</b>			<b>10,223,280</b>	<b>10,055,330</b>	<b>167,950</b>	
LOCAL FUND	ACCESS TO JUSTICE	ACCESS TO JUSTICE INITIATIVE	23,189,347	23,189,347	0	
	ACCESS TO JUSTICE Total		23,189,347	23,189,347	0	
	AGENCY FINANCIAL OPERATIONS	P-CARD CLEARING	-	34,642	(34,642)	
	AGENCY FINANCIAL OPERATIONS Total		-	34,642	(34,642)	
	AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION	618,896	640,588	(21,692)	
		INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	201,352	25,220	176,132	Procurement of Grants Management system delayed until FY 2024
	AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM Total		820,248	665,808	154,440	
	COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING	COMMUNITY CAPACITY GRANTS	500,000	-	500,000	
	COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING Total		500,000	-	500,000	Mainly Unspent Sub-grants
	JUSTICE GRANTS	RE-ENTRY GRANTS	15,356,289	15,563,983	(207,694)	
	JUSTICE GRANTS Total		15,356,289	15,563,983	(207,694)	
	PRIVATE SECURITY CAMERA PROGRAM	CAMERA REIMBURSEMENTS	500,000	228,245	271,755	
						Unspent Camera Funding. These funds are non-lapsing and should carryover into FY 2024.
	PRIVATE SECURITY CAMERA PROGRAM Total		500,000	228,245	271,755	
	SAFE HOUSING – GUN VIOLENCE	EMERGENCY AND TRADITIONAL HOUSING	4,858,661	4,061,430	797,231	
	SAFE HOUSING – GUN VIOLENCE Total		4,858,661	4,061,430	797,231	Mainly Unspent Sub-grants
	TRAUMA RESPONSE	TRAUMA RESPONSE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM	-	838	(838)	
TRAUMA RESPONSE Total		-	838	(838)		
TRUANCY REDUCTION	TRUANCY REDUCTION GRANTS	5,103,239	4,384,970	718,269		
					Mainly Unspent Sub-grants. These funds are non-lapsing and should carryover into FY 2024.	
TRUANCY REDUCTION Total		5,103,239	4,384,970	718,269		
VICTIM SERVICES	ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALLY	165,329	132,467	32,862		
	VICTIM SERVICES GRANTS	34,367,160	32,945,839	1,421,321		
VICTIM SERVICES Total		34,532,489	33,078,306	1,454,183	Mainly Unspent Sub-grants	
<b>LOCAL FUND Total</b>			<b>84,860,273</b>	<b>81,207,569</b>	<b>3,652,704</b>	
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS	VICTIM SERVICES	VICTIM SERVICES GRANTS	1,188,038	1,188,038	-	
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS Total			1,188,038	1,188,038	-	
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>102,921,909</b>	<b>99,101,254</b>	<b>3,820,654</b>	

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Table 8B

Agency Description OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES AND JUSTICE GRANTS  
FY 2024 Approved Budget and Spending - As of December 31, 2023

Unaudited

Appropriated Fund Description	Program Description	Program (Parent Level 1) Description	Data				
			Approved Budget	Commitments	Obligations	Expenditures	Available Budget
FEDERAL GRANT FUND - FPR	VICTIM SERVICES	VICTIM SERVICES GRANTS	5,318,201	-	3,860,587	498,933	958,681
	VICTIM SERVICES Total		5,318,201	-	3,860,587	498,933	958,681
	JUSTICE GRANTS	RE-ENTRY GRANTS	5,764,247	-	2,097,510	(92,919)	3,759,655
	JUSTICE GRANTS Total		5,764,247	-	2,097,510	(92,919)	3,759,655
<b>FEDERAL GRANT FUND - FPR Total</b>			<b>11,082,448</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,958,098</b>	<b>406,014</b>	<b>4,718,336</b>
FEDERAL PAYMENTS	VICTIM SERVICES	VICTIM SERVICES GRANTS	-	-	6,998	(6,998)	-
	VICTIM SERVICES Total		-	-	6,998	(6,998)	-
	TRAUMA RESPONSE	TRAUMA RESPONSE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM	1,200,210	-	1,034,138	43,482	122,590
	TRAUMA RESPONSE Total		1,200,210	-	1,034,138	43,482	122,590
	SAFE HOUSING - GUN VIOLENCE	EMERGENCY AND TRADITIONAL HOUSING	3,720,000	-	-	-	3,720,000
	SAFE HOUSING - GUN VIOLENCE Total		3,720,000	-	-	-	3,720,000
<b>FEDERAL PAYMENTS Total</b>			<b>4,920,210</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,041,136</b>	<b>36,484</b>	<b>3,842,590</b>
LOCAL FUND	VICTIM SERVICES	ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALLY	171,427	-	-	30,784	140,643
	VICTIM SERVICES Total	VICTIM SERVICES GRANTS	39,099,364	-	31,308,461	3,799,578	3,991,326
	JUSTICE GRANTS	RE-ENTRY GRANTS	12,627,189	-	10,541,185	(139,073)	2,225,077
	JUSTICE GRANTS Total		12,627,189	-	10,541,185	(139,073)	2,225,077
	AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION	89	-	-	-	(158,858)
		INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	1,222,593	2,725	560,604	-	659,264
	AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM Total		1,222,682	2,725	560,604	158,947	500,405
	ACCESS TO JUSTICE	ACCESS TO JUSTICE INITIATIVE	31,667,840	-	-	31,667,839	1
	ACCESS TO JUSTICE Total		31,667,840	-	-	31,667,839	1
	COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING	COMMUNITY CAPACITY GRANTS	500,000	-	497,500	-	2,500
	COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING Total		500,000	-	497,500	-	2,500
	TRUANCY REDUCTION	TRUANCY REDUCTION GRANTS	2,195,169	-	1,743,384	179,333	272,453
	TRUANCY REDUCTION Total		2,195,169	-	1,743,384	179,333	272,453
	PRIVATE SECURITY CAMERA PROGRAM	CAMERA REIMBURSEMENTS	500,000	-	-	11,039	488,961
	PRIVATE SECURITY CAMERA PROGRAM Total		500,000	-	-	11,039	488,961
	SAFE HOUSING - GUN VIOLENCE	EMERGENCY AND TRADITIONAL HOUSING	-	-	104,678	(104,678)	-
	SAFE HOUSING - GUN VIOLENCE Total		-	-	104,678	(104,678)	-
	AGENCY FINANCIAL OPERATIONS	P-CARD CLEARING	-	-	-	-	-
	AGENCY FINANCIAL OPERATIONS Total		-	-	-	-	-
<b>LOCAL FUND Total</b>			<b>87,983,670</b>	<b>2,725</b>	<b>44,755,812</b>	<b>35,603,769</b>	<b>7,621,365</b>
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS	VICTIM SERVICES	VICTIM SERVICES GRANTS	1,111,559	-	543,653	(118,545)	686,450
	VICTIM SERVICES Total		1,111,559	-	543,653	(118,545)	686,450
<b>SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS Total</b>			<b>1,111,559</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>543,653</b>	<b>(118,545)</b>	<b>686,450</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>105,097,887</b>	<b>2,725</b>	<b>52,298,699</b>	<b>35,927,722</b>	<b>16,868,741</b>

9. Please list any reprogrammings, in, out, or within, related to FY 2023 or FY 2024 funds. For each reprogramming, please list:
- The reprogramming number;
  - The total amount of the reprogramming and the funding source (i.e., local, federal, SPR);
  - The sending or receiving agency name, if applicable;
  - The original purposes for which the funds were dedicated;
  - The reprogrammed use of funds.

FOO - Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants				
FY 2023 Reprogrammings				
Reprogramming Number	Funding Source	Sending or Receiving Agency	Original Purpose	Reprogramming Use of Funds
REPROG-1023	Local	Internal	Grants Management System	Sub-Grants

10. Please provide a complete accounting for all intra-District transfers received by or transferred from the agency during FY23 and FY24, to date, including:
- Buyer agency and Seller agency;
  - The program and activity codes and names in the sending and receiving agencies' budgets;
  - Funding source (i.e. local, federal, SPR);
  - Description of MOU services;
  - Total MOU amount, including any modifications;
  - The date funds were transferred to the receiving agency.



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Buyer	Seller	Funding Source	Description of MOU Services	Total MOU Amount	Program Activity Code/Date
OVSJG	Criminal Justice Coordination Council (CJCC)	JJD18F = \$18,000 JJD19F = \$90,000	CJCC Compliance Monitoring and RED Coordination FY24	\$108,000	TBD, funding is not established
OVSJG	Department of Corrections (DOC)	RSAT22=\$118,594 RSAT23 = \$139,626	RSAT	\$271,918.65	Program – 800135 Project # - 200422
OVSJG	Department of Human Services (DHS)	JJV21F (total)	PASS ICM+	\$500,000	In process Program - 800135 Project # - 200411
OVSJG	Department of Forensic Sciences (DFS)	Local PS (total)	Physical Evidence Recovery Kit Initiative FY2024	\$549,932	In process Program - 800144 Project # - 400242
OVSJG	Office of the Attorney General (OAG)	VOW23F (\$219,750)	Vertical Prosecution & Representation for Domestic Violence and Stalking	\$219,750	In process Program - 800144 Project # - 200430
OVSJG	OAG	Local PS (\$210,309)	Vertical Prosecution & Representation for Domestic Violence and Stalking	\$210,309	In process Program - 800144 Project # - 0
OVSJG	Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME)	Local (\$84,710) Local PS (189,908)	Victim Report and Non-Report Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault Testing	\$274,618	In process Program - 800144 Project # - 400242
Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice	OVSJG	ARPA (\$5,120,929.31) Local (\$3,387,300)	Safe Passages Program Implementation	\$8,508,229	10/25/23 Program # - 800225 Project # - 401899

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Buyer	Seller	Funding Source	Description of MOU Services	Total MOU Amount	Program Activity Code
DC Department of Behavioral Health	OVSJG	SORII	Reentry and Recovery Housing Initiative	\$700,371.43	2000/2010 In DIFS, funds are available on 10/01/22.

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OVSJG	DOC (RSAT)	RSAT21F	Residential Substance Use Treatment Unit	No MOU was entered into with DOC in FY23	2000/2010 In DIFS, funds are available on 10/01/22.
OVSJG	DHS	JJV21F	PASS ICM+ Program Expansion (Title V)	\$500,000.00	2000/2010 In DIFS, funds are available on 10/01/22.
OVSJG	Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS)	BMA19F	DYRS Peace Room Furnishings	\$51,933.00	2000/2010 In DIFS, funds are available on 10/01/22.
OVSJG	OCME	PAU20F	Continuing Education and Quality Improvements	\$165,000.00	2000/2010 In DIFS, funds are available on 10/01/22.
OVSJG	DFS	Local	Sexual Assault Physical Evidence Recovery Kit Initiative	\$534,382	4000/4010 In DIFS, funds are available on 10/01/22.
OVSJG	OCME	Local	Victim Report and Non-Report Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault Testing	\$259,720	4000/4010 In DIFS, funds are available on 10/01/22.
OVSJG	OAG	VAWA (VOW22F)	Protection Order Enforcement and Representation with Specialized Focus on LGBTQ Survivors and the Use of Nonconsensual Pornography in Stalking	\$205,000	4000/4010 In DIFS, funds are available on 10/01/22.
OVSJG	MPD	VAWA (VOW 20F /VOW21F)	Offender Accountability Program – locate and serve domestic violence warrants, reduce backlog of outstanding warrants, successfully serve temporary protection orders.	\$104,821	4000/4010 In DIFS, funds are available on 10/01/22.
OVSJG	OAG	Local	Representation for Domestic Violence, Elder	\$294,510	4000/4010 In DIFS, funds are

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			Abuse, and Sex Offenses		available on 10/01/22.
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11. Please provide a list of all MOUs in place during FY23 and FY24, to date, that are not listed in response to the question above.

None.

12. Please identify any special purpose revenue accounts maintained by, used by, or available for use by your agency during FY23 and FY24, to date. For each account, please list the following:

a. The revenue source name and code;

Crime Assistance Victims Fund

b. The source of funding;

D.C. Courts

c. A description of the program that generates the funds;

D.C. Court Fees

d. The amount of funds generated by each source or program in FY23 and FY24, to date;

FY23 - \$637,290; FY24 to date - \$0

e. Expenditures of funds, including the purpose of each expenditure, for FY23 and FY 24, to date.

FY23 - \$1,188,038; FY24 to date - \$425,108

13. Please provide a list of all projects for which your agency currently has capital funds available. Please include the following:

a. A description of each project, including any projects to replace aging infrastructure (e.g., water mains and pipes);

b. The amount of capital funds available for each project;

c. A status report on each project, including a timeframe for completion;

d. Planned remaining spending on the project.

None, OVSJG does not have any capital projects.

14. Please provide a complete accounting of all federal grants received for FY23 and FY24, to date, including the amount, the purpose for which the funds were granted, whether those purposes were achieved and, for FY23, the amount of any unspent funds that did not carry over.

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<b>FY23 Federal Awards</b>			
Federal Award	Funding Amount	Funding Purpose	Funding Goals Achieved
2022 OJJDP Title II Formula Grant	\$603,532.00	Funds will be used for expanding and coordinating resources that meet the needs of youth, including youth at risk of criminal justice involvement, youthful offenders of delinquent acts, and youth engaged in status offense behaviors.	Fund goals not achieved; no grant funds obligated in FY23.
2022 Project Safe Neighborhood Grant	\$114,757.00	Funds will be used in collaboration with the U.S. Attorney’s Office (USAODC), as the Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) Task Force’s fiscal agent and pass-through entity for the District of Columbia to implement the District’s PSN strategy.	Fund goals not achieved; OVSJG competed these grant funds under two RFA cycles with no applicants.
2022 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Grant	\$293,954.00	Funds will be used to subaward grant funds to the District of Columbia’s Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME), which investigates and certifies all deaths in the District of Columbia.	Fund goals not achieved; no grant funds obligated in FY23.
2022 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Grant	\$139,626.00	Funds will be used to implement up to three types of programs: residential, jail-based, and aftercare.	Fund goals not achieved; no grant funds obligated in FY23.
2022 Edward M. Byrne – Justice Assistance Grant	\$1,521,591.00	JAG award funds will be used to support criminal justice initiatives may include multijurisdictional drug and gang task forces, crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment, justice information sharing initiatives, or other programs aimed us at reducing crime and/or enhancing public/officer safety.	In progress
2022 Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)	\$536,561	SASP funds will be used for providing direct services to victims of sexual assault. Services may include crisis intervention, advocacy, and hotline services.	Yes
2022 STOP Violence Against Women Act Grant	\$813,016	STOP formula grant funds are granted for direct victim services (30%), Courts (5%), Law Enforcement (25%), Prosecution (25%), Discretionary (15%).	Yes

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2022 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)	\$3,311,079	VOCA is to assist public and private non-profit organizations in providing services to victims of crime. VOCA victim assistance funding is also utilized to develop new programs in underserved victim populations and geographic areas and to enhance successful programs. Victim assistance includes services such as crisis intervention, counseling, emergency transportation to court, temporary housing, and criminal justice support and advocacy.	Yes
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<b>FY24 Federal Awards</b>			
<b>Federal Award</b>	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Funding Purpose</b>	<b>Funding Goals Achieved</b>
2023 SASP	\$772,709	SASP funds will be used for providing direct services to victims of sexual assault. Services may include crisis intervention, advocacy, and hotline services.	In progress
2023 VAWA STOP	\$874,752	STOP formula grant funds are granted for direct victim services (30%), Courts (5%), Law Enforcement (25%), Prosecution (25%), Discretionary (15%).	In progress
2023 VOCA	\$3,138,543	VOCA is to assist public and private non-profit organizations in providing services to victims of crime. VOCA victim assistance funding is also utilized to develop new programs in underserved victim populations and geographic areas and to enhance successful programs. Victim assistance includes services such as crisis intervention, counseling, emergency transportation to court, temporary housing, and criminal justice support and advocacy.	In progress
2023 Byrne JAG	\$1,663,208	OVSJG is the State Administering Agency (SAA) for Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) formula funding allocated to the District of Columbia (District). OVSJG will provide grant funding to community-based organizations and District agencies and will sub-award Byrne JAG funds in the following purpose areas: corrections and community corrections programs, specifically reentry services; and planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.	In progress
2023 Coverdell	\$312,708	OVSJG is the District of Columbia's State Administering Agency for the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program. OVSJG will subaward grant funds to the District of Columbia's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME), which investigates and certifies all deaths in the District of Columbia. OCME continues to be impacted by the volume and type of drug overdose deaths in the district. To adequately address the opioid epidemic, it is critical that staff stay abreast of new and emerging trends in forensic science. Training opportunities will provide requisite educational techniques, as well as assist in maintaining certifications/licenses. OVSJG requests support to subgrant for the costs to provide medical	In progress

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		education and trainings for OCME staff, support toxicology testing, and purchase supplies.	
2023 RSAT	\$157,505	The District of Columbia’s Department of Corrections (DOC) identifies and links inmates with needed resources during incarceration and upon release to the community, provides referrals to substance abuse outpatient treatment, mental health services, and housing. DOC provides on-site residential substance abuse treatment and education services to inmates identified as having a substance use disorder. Frequently, the charges that resulted in their incarcerations are related to their substance use. Approximately 90 male inmates and 15 women receive substance abuse treatment at any given time at the DOC Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF).	In-progress
2023 Title II	\$600,407	The District of Columbia remains focused on expanding and coordinating resources that meet the needs of all youth, including youth at risk of system involvement, youthful offenders of delinquent acts, and youth engaged in status offense behaviors. The District is also committed to advising city leadership on programs and local policy that prevent system involvement for young people and to identifying existing strategies and exploring new or enhanced strategies that reduce racial and ethnic disparities in our juvenile justice system. Thus, the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (DC’s State Advisory Group), on behalf of the District of Columbia, will continue to focus on delinquency prevention, compliance monitoring for the four core requirements, and racial and ethnic disparity reduction work in the 2021-2023 District of Columbia State Plan.	Agency received funding from federal government for FY24 within the Quarter; therefore, grant funds have not yet been obligated.

15. Please list each contract, procurement, lease, and grant (“contract”) awarded, entered into, extended and option years exercised, by your agency during FY23 and FY24, to date. For each contract, please provide the following information, where applicable:

- a. The name of the contracting party;
  - i. REI Systems, Inc
  - ii. All OVSJG grant recipients can be found on the [OVSJG website](#), including [FY23 grantees](#). OVSJG FY24 grantees will be finalized and posted to the website by the end of January 2024.
- b. The nature of the contract, including the end product or service;
  - Electronic Grants Management System
  - Sub-grant awards
- c. The dollar amount of the contract, including budgeted amount and actually spent;
  - \$536,622 – Contract Amount; \$0 – Current Spending

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- See link in response a.
- d. The term of the contract;  
  
One year.
- e. Whether the contract was competitively bid or not;
  - Yes, via Request for Task Order Proposal.
  - Yes, all OVSJG awarded grants are competitively bid.
- f. The name of the agency's contract monitor and the results of any monitoring activity;  
  
Jessica Harris, Resource Allocation Analyst. The award is in pre-implementation phase and no deliverables have been met. One contract evaluation has been completed indicating this.
- g. Funding source;
  - Local funds.
  - See link in response A.
- h. Whether the contract is available to the public online.  
  
It does not appear via search in the OCP contracting portal.

16. Please provide the details of any surplus in the agency's budget for FY23, including:

a. Total amount of the surplus;

Local Funds - \$3,652,704; Gross Funds - \$3,820,654

b. All projects and/or initiatives that contributed to the surplus.

The surplus is due to unspent obligated grant funding.

17. For FY23 and FY24 to date, please provide the number of contracts and procurements executed by your agency. Please indicate how many contracts and procurements were for an amount under \$250,000, how many were for an amount between \$250,000-\$999,999, and how many were for an amount over \$1 million.

OVSJG has not executed any additional contracts on behalf of the agency.

**LAWS, AUDITS, AND STUDIES**

18. Please list and describe any ongoing investigations, audits, or reports on your agency or any employee of your agency, or any investigations, studies, audits, or reports on your agency or any employee of your agency that were completed during FY23 or FY24, to date

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Completed: Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Complaint Referral 24-00002, regarding compensation for a service provided. OVSJG worked directly with the service provider to resolve the complaint. Based on the response provided by the agency, OIG closed this complaint with no further actions required.

19. Please list any reports the agency is required by Council legislation to prepare and whether the agency has met these requirements.

- Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board (DVFRB) Annual Report
- Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (JJAG) Bi-Annual Report
- Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) Annual Report
- Private Security Camera Incentive Program (PSCIP) Annual Report

All reports have been submitted to Council.

a. Are there any required regular reports that the agency believes are unduly burdensome and/or underutilized by the Council or the public? If so, please provide details on each such report and, to the extent feasible, an estimate of the budget and/or person-hours required to prepare each report.

There is no burden on the agency to satisfy the reporting requirements, as long as the programs maintain their current parameters.

20. Please list all lawsuits filed in FY23 or FY24, to date that name the agency as a party, and provide the case name, court where claim was filed, case docket number, and a brief description of the case.

None.

21. Please list all settlements entered into by the agency or by the District on behalf of the agency in FY23 or FY24, to date, including any covered by D.C. Code § 2-402(a)(3), and provide the parties' names, the amount of the settlement, and if related to litigation, the case name and a brief description of the case. If unrelated to litigation, please describe the underlying issue or reason for the settlement (e.g. administrative complaint, etc.).

None.

22. Please list any administrative complaints or grievances that the agency received in FY23 and FY24, to date, broken down by source. Please describe the process utilized to respond to any complaints and grievances received and any changes to agency policies or procedures that have resulted from complaints or grievances received. For any complaints or grievances that were resolved in FY23 or FY24, to date, describe the resolution.

One complaint was received in FY23. That matter is in mediation and resolution is pending. OVSJG works with the OGC to resolve any agency complaints or grievances that arise.

### **WORKPLACE ISSUES AND EQUITY**

23. Please describe the agency's procedures for investigating allegations of sexual harassment or misconduct committed by or against its employees. List and describe any allegations



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received by the agency in FY 2023 and FY 2024, to date, and whether and how those allegations were resolved.

OVSJG adheres to the procedures detailed in Mayor's Order 2023-131, the updated District Government Sexual Harassment Policy, Guidance, and Procedures issued on October 31, 2023. The agency had no allegations of sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, or discrimination on the basis of sex in FY23 or FY24, to date.

24. The District defines racial equity as “the elimination of racial disparities such that race no longer predicts opportunities, outcomes, or the distribution of resources for residents of the District, particularly for persons of color and Black residents.” What are three areas, programs, or initiatives within your agency where you see the most opportunity to make progress toward racial equity?

A significant portion, exceeding 95% of OVSJG's proposed budget, is allocated for grants to District agencies and community-based organizations, who serve residents of the District, in communities of color. These entities focus on providing services to victims of crime, justice-involved individuals, and youth who have experienced or are at risk of truancy or juvenile delinquency.

Additionally, OVSJG funds programs that seek to support residents impacted community violence, such as the Trauma Response Community Engagement Program (TRCEP), the Hospital Based Violence Intervention Program (HVIP), and Building Blocks DC (BBDC) program. Based on the data collected from grantees, a significant portion of the clients served by these programs are Black youth and men.

25. In FY23 and FY24, to date, what are two ways that your agency has addressed racial inequities internally or through the services you provide?

OVSJG extends support to various grantees and initiatives dedicated to serving marginalized community members. The data collected from these grantees consistently reveal that the grant funds continue to benefit low-income people of color. The outcomes of the funded services often have a profound impact on the most marginalized communities.

OVSJG also prioritizes equitable grant-making. The organization actively funds small, BIPOC led organizations, striving to maintain accessibility in its grant process for all organizations. In FY24, OVSJG will continue to provide capacity-building grants designed to break down barriers for smaller grassroots and historically underfunded community-based organizations. The overarching goal is to reduce barriers for organizations to secure and effectively manage larger sums of funding. The outcomes of this priority will be assessed through feedback from grantees and their ability to utilize the provided tools and training to secure funding, increase organizational capacity, and continue to meet the needs of the communities they serve.

### **AGENCY-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS**

#### ***Grantee Selection***

26. Please note any changes for determining which grantees are assigned certain funding sources (e.g., local funds, VAWA grants, VOCA grants)?

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- a. Has OVSJG updated its guidance to applicants if they amend their proposed funding stream?

Victim Services (VS) federal grants are formula grants that can only be used for the purposes outlined in the formula. Program purpose, award allocation, eligible applicants, eligible program areas and priorities are outlined for each funding stream in the RFA. This is also discussed in the pre-bidders' conference with potential applicants, and the rules and restrictions for a particular funding source are included in the grant award agreement for each grantee receiving federal funds. Applicants can choose to not accept an award, but they cannot amend their funding stream.

- b. How does the agency define "core services"?

Core victim services are those services which meet the immediate needs of victims of violent crime, as well as those that provide support for victims throughout their recovery process and assist them with all stages of the criminal justice process. Core services include advocacy, crisis counseling and intervention, case management, legal services, hotline and referral services, forensic services, medical services, safety planning, housing, and trauma-informed mental health services.

27. Please explain in detail the process by which grantees are notified that they will or will not receive funding from the agency, including the timeline. Please include in your response any changes to this process in FY23 and FY24, to date.

Grantees are notified via ZoomGrants, OVSJG's online grants management system, by a letter of intent to fund (if they have been chosen for funding) or a declination letter (if they are not chosen for funding).

- a. If a grantee receives reduced funding for the next fiscal year, how much notice are they given and how far in advance?

Grantees are notified of their award amounts in the letter of intent to fund, which is generally sent out in late August.

- b. If a grantee receives reduced funding for the next fiscal year, what is the process by which they can dispute the reduction in funds?

There is not a process to dispute grant award amounts.

- c. Does the agency provide detailed justifications for why changes are being made to contracts or budgets?

Changes are usually made to grantees' preliminary application budgets because the amount of funding available is less than the amount requested by the applicant. OVSJG generally asks grantees to update their budgets to fit the award amount. In cases where there are unallowable costs or miscalculations, OVSJG will ask a grantee to remove or correct those specific items. Applicants have also been asked to remove costs associated with program expansion when funding is very tight. Grant managers are always available to answer grantees' questions about changes and to address their concerns.

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- d. If a grantee is placed on a probationary status, please describe what steps the agency takes to support the grantee in reaching compliance.

An OVSJG Grants Manager provides the grantee's immediate technical assistance once performance deficiencies are identified. If deficiencies are not remedied with technical assistance and it continues to impact grantee performance, the grantee will be placed on a corrective action plan. The corrective action plan will include areas of deficiencies to be corrected, timeframe for completion, and a schedule that includes frequency of monitoring and progress review. However, if grantee fails to comply with the corrective action and make satisfactory progress towards remedy of deficiencies; then OVSJG can either temporarily suspend or terminate the grant award agreement based on the executed grant award terms and conditions.

- e. What is the specific legal basis/citation OVSJG relied on for the no-cause termination clause K(6) ?

The updates to our FY24 agreement were an effort to bring all the agency's agreements, awards, and contracts in line with standard District practice. Upon review, the updates made were identified as areas to be clarified legally and for update in standardization. As an agency we want to ensure that agreements, grants, contracts with the District, in any capacity are transparent and updated with District regulations and best practices inclusive of the DC Regulations, Chapter 27-37, Termination of Contracts.

### ***Budget Priority and Transparency***

28. Pursuant to D.C. Code § 4-571.01, Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants transparency, for the FY24 budget year, what were the grant making priorities within the Victim Services division? How were those priorities communicated to the Council and grantees?

FY24 OVSJG Victim Services prioritized existing funded programs that received FY23 grant awards to maintaining community services provided by existing OVSJG Victim Services Grantees. Program activities were outlined in the RFA.

- a. Specifically, what priority and how much funding was prioritized in the budget for “[t]he housing continuum of care for victims of crime, including emergency shelters, short-term housing, and transitional housing, broken down by whether the funding or housing is tied to”:

The priorities were published in the FY24 Consolidated Request for Applications for Crime Victim Services, which was released on May 15, 2023, published to the agency website, District Clearinghouse, and Funding Alert. OVSJG did not assign priority rankings to types of victimization.

- i. domestic violence, and

Domestic violence housing grants (grants where housing was the main service provided) received \$10,241,178 in grant dollars in FY24.

- ii. Vulnerable populations, such as LGBTQ individuals?

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There were no LGBTQ housing-specific awards made in FY24.

- What priority and how much funding was prioritized for “[n]on-residential direct services for victims of crime”:

OVSJG did not assign priority rankings to types of victimization.

a. for domestic violence; and

Many of the programs funded by OVSJG to provide services for victims of domestic violence also serve victims of other types of crime within the same grant program. It is not easy to isolate the exact dollar amount spent exclusively on domestic violence; however, we can provide the funding amount given to organizations that provide direct services to victims of domestic violence within their OVSJG funded programs. That amount in FY24 is \$22,783,708.

b. Vulnerable populations, such as LGBTQ individuals;

\$1,342,861 was awarded in LGBTQ-specific victim services grant awards.

- How does the agency see its role as a funder for housing services in relation to the other agencies in the District that are also funding housing?

OVSJG funds emergency housing and shelter, short-term housing, and transitional housing for domestic violence victims. OVSJG also provides emergency housing through flex funding for victims of sexual assault and victims of gun violence.

29. What was the process to create OVSJG’s FY24 funding priorities? Was anyone outside the administration involved in the process? If so, who was involved and how were their contributions received?

OVSJG works closely with current grantees, sister agencies, advocacy organizations and community stakeholders in the victim services community to identify gaps in services and funding needs. OVSJG communicates these priorities to administration leadership who determine priorities for the agency. OVSJG always prioritizes maintaining core victim services.

30. Were all victim services grant funds allocated in the FY23 budget year awarded out in grants? If not, how much was not awarded and why was it not spent as allocated in the budget?

Yes.

31. For FY24, have all victim services grant funds allocated in the budget been awarded out as grants? If not, how much was not awarded and why was it not spent as allocated in the budget?

So far in FY24, all but \$139,804 of victim services local grant funds allocated in the budget have been awarded as grants. The remaining funds are planned for special project grants in the PSJ cluster.

32. What is OVSJG’s position on using victim services funding for prevention? If it is allowable to fund prevention under victim services, how much is spent on prevention services specifically for domestic violence?

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In the CDC's Intimate Partner Violence Prevention Resource for Action, one of the main prevention strategies to support survivors is to increase safety and lessen harm. Their recommended approach to achieving this prevention strategy is victim-centered services, housing programs, first responder and civil legal protections, patient centered approaches, and treatment and support for survivors of intimate partner violence, including teen dating violence. OVSJG funds this prevention strategy with approximately \$30,000,000 in grant funds in FY24.

### *Support for Grantees*

33. In its FY22 responses, the agency reported that it “provide[s] online, telephonic, and in-person individualized and/or small group training, and technical assistance for all OVSGJ required reporting systems.” Please explain in detail the substance of this training and assistance.

In FY23, OVSJG provided grantees with training courses to support required grants management activities. These resources are available on the OVSJG website and include:

- ZoomGrants tutorial: This recorded webinar guides grantees through the process of using the ZoomGrants grants management platform to submit invoices and store and access critical grant-related documents.
- Grantee Reimbursement Process Guide: This guide provides step by step directions for submitting reimbursement requests to OVSJG.
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Flex Funding Invoice Submission Guide: This webinar recording and accompanying PowerPoint presentation provide detailed instructions for grantees submitting invoices through ARPA funding.
- Grant Adjustment Notice (GAN) Completion Guide: This guide assists OVSJG grantees in completing the GAN form to notify grants managers of proposed changes to their grants.
- Pre-bidder webinars: Provide a detailed overview of OVSJG funding opportunities.
- District Integrated Financial System (DIFS) training: Provides training for grantees during new grantee orientation.

OVSJG staff also conducted individualized technical assistance with grantees. In FY23, staff conducted 865 technical assistance sessions for grantees on a range of topics.

Additionally, OVSJG provides numerous training opportunities to support grantee organizations in building staff and organizational capacity, grant compliance, and relevant topics to the services provided. Some of these trainings include:

- The Sexual Assault Victim Rights Act (SAVRA) overview training for campus advocates.
- Show Up, Stand Up Academy: This biannual training presented by OVSJG, supports the professional and programmatic development of SUSO organizations. Some of the topics include successful program framework fidelity, evaluation best practices, data reporting guidelines, program invoicing instruction for strong operational practices, and bolstering strategies in the areas of family engagement, self-care, and strategic partnership for programmatic support of successful truancy reduction interventions.
- Financial Management Training: This training, presented by the Office of Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center, addresses the benefits of conducting

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a financial health assessment and explains how to use a financial health assessment as a tool to achieve improved financial health. The training also supports participants in identifying potential strengths, weaknesses, and gaps based on the results of the financial health assessment completed following part 1 of the series.

- Address Confidentiality Program Application Assistant training: These trainings provide application assistants with knowledge about the ACP program so they can support applicants through determining eligibility and applying to the program. Nine trainings were conducted in FY23.

34. It has been brought to the Committee's attention that there are delays in payment at the beginning of each year that can cause cash flow and service delays for grantees. What steps, if any, has OVSJG taken to reduce these delays?

OVSJG has been working with OCFO through this year in the new financial management system to expedite establishing and modifying all federal funding sources. OVSJG is working with OFCO to ensure we have proper approvals for our budget loading in the new District Integrated Financial System (DIFS). In FY24, OVSJG implemented and OCFO led DIFS training for end users to support troubleshooting in efforts to minimize user error caused delays when submitting invoicing.

35. Please provide an update on the Capacity Building Project OVSJG initiated in FY23.

OVSJG received funding to continue the Capacity Building Program in FY24. The focus of this year's program is on building out capacity and internal support for reentry service providers. Ten organizations were selected to participate in the FY24 cohort, and a formal kickoff will take place in late January 2024.

36. Has OVSJG expanded the venues through which it notifies grantees about trainings available through the Victim Assistance Academy or state action plans?

The Victim Assistance Academy was funded when OVSJG received a particular federal funding award to implement it. While the agency has no longer receives this federal funding, OVSJG provides trainings with local funds. All grantees are notified about trainings available through their grant managers, OVSJG Training lead and federal partners.

### ***Post-Award Requirements and Compliance***

37. Please describe any changes OVSJG made to the agency's risk assessment process or use of Corrective Action Plans in FY23 or FY24, to date. If "no changes have been made," please describe the rationale for this.

- a. What does assigning risk levels to grantees accomplish and how does the agency use this to make decisions on funding?

No changes have been made to OVSJG's risk assessment process or Corrective Action Plans. Risk assessments are made during the awarding process and do not inform the funding decision or level of funding for the fiscal year in which they are made. Risk assessment levels are used to determine the appropriate level of monitoring for each grantee.



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38. Has the agency revoked any grants in FY23 or FY24, to date? If so, please provide the name of the grantee(s) and the reason(s) for revocation.

Victim Services has not revoked any grants in FY23 or FY24, to date. Under the Justice Grants division, the SUSO program did terminate grants with four of its six grantees for SY22-23, due to the reduction in program funding. Each grantee was given 60-day notice of the intent to terminate their FY23 grant awards on August 30, 2023, instead of the original grant award date of September 30, 2023.

- a. If you do not provide a grantee a grant or if you only provide a portion of the grant, what is the process and timeline for communicating to the grantee why they did not receive funding?

When an application is not chosen for funding, this is communicated through a letter of declination, which is uploaded and sent to the applicant through Zoom Grants, OVSJG's electronic grants management system. Declination letters are sent prior to letters of intent to fund, once funding decisions have been finalized. This usually occurs early to mid-August. Declination letters detail who the applicant may contact if they have any questions about the decision or would like to receive feedback and reviewer comments on their application.

39. Please describe any audits, desk reviews, or site visits OVSJG conducted of its grantees in FY23 or FY24, to date.

In FY23 and FY24, to date, Victim Services conducted site visits to the following grantees:

- Children's National Medical Center
- District Alliance for Safe Housing
- Give an Hour Nonprofit Corporation
- Network for Victim Recovery of DC
- Safe Shores – The DC Children's Advocacy Center
- Survivors and Advocates for Empowerment
- Collaborative Solutions for Communities
- Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative – Trauma Recovery Center
- Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative – GWU Hospital
- Howard University Hospital
- University of Maryland PG Hospital Center
- Empowerment Justice Center
- DC Volunteer Lawyers Project
- The Women's Center
- So Others Might Eat
- One Common Unity
- Metropolitan Police Department
- Office of the Attorney General
- Ayuda
- DC Courts
- CASA for the Children of DC

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- Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington
- Clean Decisions
- Collaborative Solutions for Communities
- Community Family Life Services (IRAA Flex Funding ARPA)
- The Campaign for the Fair Sentencing of Youth
- Jubilee Housing
- Jubilee Jobs
- Lorton Arts Program
- Open City Advocates
- University Legal Services
- Youth Advocate Programs
- Georgia Avenue
- Latin American Youth Center

***Measuring Impact***

40. Please describe any changes OVSJG made to the agency's use of the Performance Measures Initiative in FY23 or FY24, to date.

In FY23, OVSJG added two new Hospital-based, Violence Intervention Program (HVIP) performance measures to capture better client engagement with services and the program's reach within the administering hospitals. Additionally, in FY23 OVSJG added measures to track the racial/ethnic demographics of clients served by grantees.

In FY24, OVSJG added new measures for the private security camera program to track the processing of program applications. The newly added measures are listed below.

FY23

- Percentage of BIPOC identifying clients being served by OVSJG funded Truancy programs
- Percentage of BIPOC identifying clients being served by OVSJG funded Victim Service programs
- Percentage of BIPOC identifying clients being served by OVSJG funded Reentry programs
- Percent of new patients that were contacted by a hospital-based violence intervention program who received services from a program
- Percent of new patients eligible for hospital-based violence intervention program services that were contacted by a program

FY24

- Average number of days for private security camera rebate application processing



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- Number of residential applications accepted for the private security camera rebate program
- Number of non-residential applications accepted for the private security camera rebate program
- Total number of private security camera rebate program application

41. The last Victim Services PMI Initiative Annual Report was released on February 28, 2023. What were some of the major takeaways of the report?

Based on the last published PMI report, OVSJG saw increases in reported client victimization, with the greatest reported increases in intimate partner violence, stalking, sexual assault, identity theft, and human trafficking. Information and referrals and hotline services continue to be the highest utilized service, due to the volume of calls that the DC Victim Hotline receives. Lastly, service levels in the report are returning to pre-pandemic levels, with slight decreases in the number of clients seeking services in most of the service categories.

42. How many residents did projects, programs, or initiatives funded by OVSJG in FY23 or FY24, to date, serve?

OVSJG currently has the FY23 data, while FY24 can be provided after Q1 grantee reporting concludes. Please note these numbers contain duplicate clients who are served by multiple programs, and clients that may have been reported multiple times across quarters.

- Victim Services
  - 48,522 (new and continuing and primary and secondary victims served)
  - 79 (participants in the Address Confidentiality Program)
- Reentry Services
  - 2,151 (new and continuing returning citizens)
- Truancy
  - 1,790 (students participating in agency sponsored truancy reduction programs)
- Building Blocks DC (BBDC) Gun Violence Programs
  - 589 (primary and secondary victims of gun violence provided with housing)
  - 2,579 (primary and secondary victims provided with mental health services)
- Private Security Camera Incentive Program (PSCIP)
  - 769 (vouchers and rebates awarded in FY23 and FY24 to date)

*Services for Youth*

43. Please discuss the agency’s work on, funding for, and outcomes for Show Up, Stand Out (“SUSO”) in FY23 and FY24, to date.

OVSJG provides grants and program coordination support to community-based organizations that provide direct services to students and families to reduce truancy. We do this through two initiatives, Show Up Stand Out (SUSO), which services elementary and middle school students, and the High School Truancy Prevention Program, that serves high schools and feeder middle schools. Both programs work toward three key objectives:

- To identify and remove barriers to school attendance;
- To improve the student and family’s commitment to education; and
- To connect students to services and resources that will improve their lives.

In FY23, OVSJG Truancy Reduction Initiatives served 72 schools. In SY22-SY23, 3,710 students and families were offered SUSO services, and 1,206 direct services were provided. Common support services include tutoring, school uniforms, transportation support, and meeting basic needs.

OVSJG is also committed to performance improvement and effectiveness of our Truancy Reduction Initiatives. As such, we provide comprehensive oversight to ensure these initiatives are best meeting the needs of students and families through high quality program delivery. OVSJG staff has made great strides in several significant areas including improving referrals, enhancing training, development of standard program procedures, and enhancing program monitoring and technical assistance.

Based on current projections and grantee capacity for FY24, OVSJG anticipates serving approximately 1,290 students across 25 schools this school year (2023-2024). As of November 27, 2023, there were 681 students engaged across our SUSO and High School program providers.

a. What is the status of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to enhance coordination between the SUSO and ATTEND programs?

The MOU between OVSJG and the District’s Office of the Attorney General was fully executed on December 13, 2023.

b. How does OVSJG coordinate with education agencies to ensure grantees are serving all of those in need of support?

OVSJG facilitates regular coordination meetings with DCPS, OSSE, OAG ATTEND, grantee partners, participating schools, and other community partners to ensure program effectiveness. Examples include monthly managers meeting with all CBO partners and sister agency partners; school visits to partnered schools to learn more about the partnership and program implementation progress; quarterly meetings with DCPS attendance leaders and staff; regular attendance at DCPS roundtables to solicit feedback from school leaders; and quarterly Every Day Counts! Taskforce meetings, facilitated by the Deputy Mayor for Education.

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44. Please describe any other initiatives the agency has supported aimed at reducing truancy among District youth in FY23 and FY24, to date.

OVSJG serves as a federal grants financial partner and the DC Department of Human Services (DHS) serves as the programmatic implementation partner on a pilot project funded with federal dollars to expand the Parent and Adolescent Support Intensive Case Management (PASS ICM) by integrating PASS ICM inside schools with high rates of truancy and complex needs. Currently, PASS ICM is operating this pilot at Kramer Middle School. Focusing on truancy behaviors, which the District found to be a key risk factor for juvenile justice system involvement, the partners seek to expand the PASS ICM program to scale existing programs with a track record of successfully reducing truancy. PASS ICM helps youth avoid court-involvement or system penetration by removing barriers to school attendance and academic achievement through case management, providing coordination and navigation support across government agencies, supporting engagement and education of parents, and providing youth and families with linkages to community-based partners and services in the school building.

45. Please provide a detailed description of the programs, recommendations, and initiatives of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group (“JJAG”) during FY23 and FY24, to date.

- a. How many youth members participate in the JJAG?
- b. JJAG has 5 appointed youth members. These members also serve on the JJAG youth sub-committee called Youth Leaders in Action (YLA). The YLA includes the JJAG appointed youth members, as well as other volunteer youth leaders (not appointed to JJAG) that work together to elevate the voices of youth and the community into the work of the JJAG. JJAG advises several executive agencies on juvenile justice matters. Please share the feedback from those agencies and improvements in juvenile justice outcomes as a result of JJAG’s efforts during FY23 and FY24, to date.

Consistent with Title II, Part B, Section 223(a)(3) of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA), the JJAG:

- Spearheads the development and adoption of the District’s application for Title II federal formula funds, which includes developing a three-year plan for Delinquency Prevention.
- Advises the Mayor and District Government agencies on compliance with the Core Requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA).
- Engages in authentic youth engagement and obtains input for youth with experience navigating the juvenile justice system.
- Reviews and makes recommendations on funding juvenile justice grant proposals.
- Supports the monitoring of all juvenile holding, detention, and correction facilities as well as grant-funded community programs to ensure compliance with the JJDPA.

JJAG Grant Making (Title II Funding) FY23 and FY24 to date

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JJAG members serve as reviewers of all OVSJG juvenile justice grant proposals for funding annually. With their recommendations, OVSJG made the following awards with Title II federal fund in FY23 and FY24 to date:

- FY23 Access Youth Restorative Justice in School Program – \$ 391,283
- FY24 Access Youth Restorative Justice in Schools Program - \$475,000
- FY23 Multicultural Career Intern Program Delinquency Prevention at the Columbia Heights Education Campus Initiative - \$200,000
- FY23 Multicultural Career Intern Program Delinquency Prevention at the Columbia Heights Education Campus Initiative - \$230,000
- FY23 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Compliance Monitoring and Racial and Ethnic Disparity Coordination - \$90,000
- FY24 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Compliance Monitoring and Racial and Ethnic Disparity Coordination - \$108,000
- FY24 CASA for the Children of DC Building BRIDGES Program - \$150,000

### JJAG Compliance Monitoring

The JJAG annually funds a Compliance Monitor and Racial Ethnic Disparities Coordinator to support the District’s efforts in maintaining compliance with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDA), the federal law under which Title II funds and JJAG operate. These grant funds support a full-time staff person employed by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC). During FY23, the Compliance Monitor conducted site visits for 11 sites, including police precincts and DYRS facilities that securely detain youth in the District. The Compliance Monitor also works with agencies to streamline the data collection and data verification processes among system partners to enable effective reporting on the core requirements of the JJDA. Moreover, CJCC prepared and submitted the FY22 and FY23 Compliance Monitoring Reports and updated the District’s Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) Evaluation Plans to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) in accordance with Title II requirements. Through this work, the District proudly reported that there were no violations of the four core requirements during FY22. We will report FY23 data in FY24.

Based on these submissions, OJJDP found that the District’s compliance monitoring manual and the data shared in the agency’s most recent compliance and RED reports demonstrated that “the District of Columbia has provided for an effective system of monitoring.” Further, OJJDP determined the District is in compliance with each of the four core requirements of the JJDA, which meant the District was eligible to receive 100% of its Title II funding for FY23 and FY24.

### JJAG Initiatives and Recommendations

During FY23, the JJAG adopted the following reports, recommendations, resolutions, and issue briefs that were transmitted to the Bowser Administration through the Deputy Mayor of Public Safety and Justice.

1. [Ensure Equitable Resource Alignment to Improve Student Success](#) (Adopted 2023)

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2. [Supporting Enhanced Mentoring Efforts and Non-punitive Forms of Engagement](#) (Adopted Jan 10, 2023)
3. [Recommendations to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Arrests of District Youth](#) (2023)
4. JJAG Bi-Annual Report FY21-22 (to be published in FY24)
5. Issue Brief: Proven Alternatives to Detention and Secure Placement of DC's Youth (to be published in FY24)

JJAG reports, resolutions, meeting calendar, membership, and ongoing efforts are available for public review at <https://ovsjg.dc.gov/service/juvenile-justice-advisory-group>.

The JJAG also made a compliance inquiry and provided recommendations to DYRS and DMPSJ related to the [Juvenile Curfew Enforcement Pilot Program](#) implemented at the Youth Services Center in September 2023. Through this effort, JJAG members met with DYRS leadership to discuss program implementation and determine if there were risks of compliance violations with the JJDPa core requirement on deinstitutionalization of status offenders and DC Law 21-238, the "Comprehensive Youth Justice Amendment Act of 2016," which prohibits detention of status offenders. JJAG, in partnership with the CJCC Juvenile Compliance Monitor and DYRS leadership, and with support from federal technical assistance partners, determined that the program does not violate the JJDPa or District law as currently implemented. Moreover, the JJAG made recommendations to DYRS on data collection, program evaluation, service referrals and connections, parent engagement, and related ways to improve outcomes for youth impacted by the Curfew Enforcement Pilot Program. These recommendations were guided by national and local research and best practices and by the principles adopted by JJAG in its 2020 recommendations to reduce system involvement for status offenders available here: [Create New Opportunities for "Persons in Need of Supervision" \(PINS\) to Succeed Without Legal System Intervention](#) (2019-2020).

#### JJAG Youth Leaders in Action

- a. How many youth members participate in the JJAG?

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- b. JJAG advises several executive agencies on juvenile justice matters. Please share the feedback from those agencies and improvements in juvenile justice outcomes as a result of JJAG's efforts during FY23 and FY24, to date?

One of JJAG's key roles is to advise the Mayor and District agencies on compliance with the Core Requirements of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPa). Two instances where JJAG has supported system improvements related to this role include: (1) Supporting the District in seeking federal funds to improve delinquency prevention; and (2) Providing recommendations on system policies or programs that serve at risk youth.

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- JJAG supported OVSJG in developing the federal grant application that led to the District winning a multi-year \$1.5 million award that launched the PASS ICM expansion as a school-based pilot at Kramer Middle School to combat truancy.
- JJAG's efforts to advise DYRS on the implementation of Curfew Pilot Program is an example of JJAG's proactive engagement with agencies to ensure positive outcomes for youth engaged in the juvenile justice system.

As noted and linked above, all JJAG recent reports, resolutions, and issue briefs make key recommendations that support system improvements aimed at preventing system involvement or improving outcomes for youth and families that become system involved.

JJAG is also sought out by cross-system partners to advise or support other convened bodies or youth-serving agencies to improve coordination across systems, leverage the expertise of the members, or leverage cross-sector resources to meet the needs of young people. Most recently, JJAG was asked to advise and support DHS, DC Doors, and the InterCity Council on Homelessness (ICH), as these groups work collaboratively to support recovery of a key resource for transition age youth in the District. DC Doors was temporarily closed after being impacted by a gun violence incident this past December.

As part of after action supports, JJAG members from DHS, DBH, and our Youth Leaders in Action committee activated quickly with partners at the JJAG table to support recovery efforts at the programmatic and systemic level. JJAG's unique structure and dedicated members allow it to nimbly activate youth leaders, community members, caregivers and parent advocates, District youth-serving agencies, and community-based providers to offer guidance and resource connections that support youth across the District. This ability to activate and engage cross system partners to better coordinate support is a great example of how JJAG fulfills its core goal around delinquency prevention.

JJAG's core goal is to support comprehensive juvenile justice and prevention programs that meet the needs of youth through collaboration of the many local systems before which a youth may appear, including schools, courts, law enforcement agencies, child protection agencies, mental health agencies, welfare services, health care agencies, and private nonprofit agencies offering youth services. You can learn more about JJAG's goals and vision for delinquency prevention here: JJAG [2021-2023 Three-Year Plan](#).

### *Services for Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault*

46. Please provide an update on the Address Confidentiality Program, especially in light of the "training," "enhanced application," and other materials.

In FY22, an enhanced application was provided to Application Assistant's (AA), which created a fillable pdf with some aspects locked and improved for ease of use and allowing for easier submission. The ten training sessions were held and attended by 38 Application Assistants, and featured application assistant training and certification.

In FY23, nine training courses were held and attended by 31 Application Assistants (AAs) who were also certified as AAs.



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To date the program has received 118 applications and has accepted 109 applicants.

47. Please provide an update on the funding the agency provided for the construction of two new housing properties for survivors of domestic violence.

Calvary's New Foundations: housing program provides 15 units of transitional housing to serve at least 35 unaccompanied homeless women who are fleeing domestic violence. The new building was completed before the start of FY23 and began serving clients right away. Calvary had a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the new building on December 19, 2022. Calvary provides on-site case management and mental health services for clients.

My Sister's Place-Sanctuary II provides six units of transitional housing for families fleeing domestic violence, including a unit specifically designed to accommodate larger families. The new building was completed by the start of FY23 and began serving clients right away. My Sister's Place had a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the new building on October 13, 2022. My Sister's Place provides on-site case management for clients. Additionally, the new building serves as the administrative offices for My Sister's Place.

48. Please provide an update on the work of the Sexual Assault Response Team ("SART").

- a. Who are the current representatives from each agency?

OVSJG - Jennifer Porter & (non-voting) SART Coordinator, Kelley Dillon  
Office of the Attorney General – Janese Bechtol  
MPD Sexual Assault Unit – Commander John Haines  
MPD Youth and Family Services Division – Commander Daniel Godin  
MPD Victim Services Branch – Carla Okinawa  
Department of Forensic Sciences – Kristy Hopkinson  
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner – Dr. Samantha Tolliver  
Child and Family Services Agency – Elizabeth Muffoletto  
DC Forensic Nurse Examiners – Erin Pollitt  
Children's National Medical Center – Dr. Adrienne Artis  
Safe Shores – Twana Sherrod  
DC Rape Crisis Center – Tammi Hogan  
Network for Victim Recovery of DC – Lindsey Silverberg  
Howard University – Shakira Jarvis  
US Attorney's Office for DC – Sharon Marcus-Kurn  
USAO Victims Witness – Nicholas Miranda  
Wendt Center for Loss and Healing – Tracie Doherty  
DC Coalition to End Sexual Violence – Rachel Friedman  
MedStar Washington Hospital Center – Dr. Lindsey White  
DC Victim Hotline – Belen Gonzalez Munera  
US Park Police – Frank Hilsher

- b. When did the SART meet in FY23 and FY24, to date?

10/20/22

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11/17/22  
12/15/22  
1/19/23  
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5/18/23  
6/15/23  
7/19/23  
8/17/23  
9/21/23  
10/19/23  
11/16/23  
12/11/23

- c. Who are the current representatives for the SART Case Review Subcommittee?

Kristy Hopkinson, Dr. Samantha Tolliver, Erin Pollitt, Tammi Hogan, Tracie Doherty, Sharon Marcus-Kurn, Lindsey Silverberg, Kelley Dillon, Commander John Haines, and Dr. Lindsey White.

- d. Has the SART Case Review Subcommittee identified any trends in sexual assault complaints it has reviewed? In its FY22 responses, the agency said that the “quantity of information received...was not large enough to lead to the identification of a systematic trend.” Has enough data been retrieved to identify trends?

No. There are still not enough data points to identify a trend and the cases we are not legally restricted from reviewing are not an accurate representation of the universe of cases in DC.

49. Please describe the activities of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board in FY23 and FY24, to date.

The Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board (DVFRB) met ten times in 2023, 11 times in the calendar year. The DVFRB had the first annual retreat to discuss aspects of the board, board management, policies, scheduling, and sub-committees. The activities of the board included reviewing homicide cases, providing recommendations to agencies where improvements and recommendations could be made, writing the annual report and the five-year trends report. The annual report was submitted for approval and review in May 2023 and is still pending.

The activities in 2024 thus far include an intensive case review and recommendations will be forthcoming.

*Services for Victims of Gun Violence*

50. Please provide an update on the District’s network of Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs.



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- a. How much funding was allocated for the Program in FY23 and FY24, to date, by hospital, and by source?

Children’s National Medical Center – FY23: Local \$287,592, FY24: Local \$340,207.11

Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative GWUH FY23: \$375,998.41

Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative Trauma Recovery Center FY23: Local \$171,100

Howard University Hospital – FY23: Local \$531,992, FY24: \$617,171

MedStar Health Research Institute CVIP – FY23: Local \$8,504, VAF \$734,051, FY24: Local \$748,473

MedStar Health Research Institute Medical Legal Partnership FY23: Local 487,000, FY24: Local \$327,000

UMD PG Hospital Center – FY23: Local \$60,000, FY24: Local \$60,000

- b. How many victims were served on a monthly basis, by hospital?

OVSJG tracks the number of victims served quarterly. Those numbers are below.

<b>FY23</b>	<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>
CNMC	15	24	15	39
GWUH	13	7	8	14
TRC	0	1	0	0
MWHC	74	92	90	106
HUH	118	95	121	135
CAPVIP	1	4	8	2
	221	223	242	296

- c. Please provide any updates on the relationship between the HVIPs and the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (“ONSE”).

There are no updates. HVIPS members maintain a relationship with ONSE.

- d. Are there any plans for expansion of the Program in the remainder of FY23 or FY24?

There are no current plans for expansion in FY24, but OVSJG will explore a potential future partnership for an HVIP at Cedar Hill Regional Medical Center for FY25.

- e. The Committee has received reports of constituent concerns that constituents are being turned away from the agency’s victim hotline if the matter they are calling about does not concern a homicide. Please describe the policies surrounding the victim hotline.

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The DC Victim Hotline (DCVH) is a 24-Hour phone, chat, and text-based resource and crisis line for all victims of crime in the District of Columbia. It is not a policy of the hotline to turn away anyone.

- f. The D.C. Auditor has recommended that OVSJG “modify the existing key performance indicator on client enrollment to reflect the number of victims who accept hospital-based violence intervention services divided by the number of patients treated at the hospital for community-based violence.” Would the agency be open to modifying its existing key performance indicator on client enrollment based on this recommendation? Why or why not?

In FY23 OVSJG added two new measures based on data that all HVIPs can report on. OVSJG substituted “treated” with “eligible” because treatment at the hospital would be difficult to uniformly collect amongst hospitals.

The performance indicators are:

- 1) The percent of new patients that were contacted by a hospital-based violence intervention program who received services from a program; and
- 2) The percent of new patients eligible for hospital-based violence intervention program services that were contacted by a program

- g. The D.C. auditor also recommended that the agency “supplement the client enrollment key performance indicator by including results of key program activities in its annual performance plans reports such as (i) percentage of clients demonstrating improvements in mental health, (ii) percentage of clients who were awarded crime victims’ compensation benefits, or (iii) percentage of clients enrolled in health insurance.”

OVSJG has not collected or published data on any additional program activities. The burden on HVIPs and OVSJG has been too great right now, and HVIPs and OVSJG have been short-staffed. As capacity increases, OVSJG will consider options for additional data measures that would not overburden HVIPs, while also providing the public with meaningful and useful insight to HVIP performance. Once OVSJG's new grant system is live (slated for FY25), the agency will be able to collect and publish new HVIP data.

51. Please describe the agency’s restorative justice grants in the District and the grantees selected in FY23 and FY24, to date.

In FY23 the Network for Victim Recovery of DC received an award of \$200,000 for their restorative justice project “Second Look Restorative Justice.” NVRDC was also awarded funding for restorative justice programming in FY24.

- a. What are the performance metrics by which each grantee is assessed?

NVRDC is assessed on restorative justice advocacy and case management, awareness and outreach events, community education, and number of victims served.

### ***Services for Returning Citizens:***

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52. Please provide an update on the activities of the Reentry Action Network in FY23 and FY24, to date.

The Reentry Action Network (DC RAN) held four meetings in FY23; however, their FY24 schedule is not available at this time and will be forthcoming.

The meetings are general membership meetings for which the DC RAN leadership and its members determine speakers and topics of discussion.

53. Please provide an update on the disbursement of Reentry Flex Funding in FY23 and FY24, to date.

In FY23, OVSJG awarded ARPA reentry flex funding to sixteen community-based organizations for assessed client need(s) such as: housing assistance (rental security deposits, first/last month rents), delinquent rental payments, utilities, food costs, transportation costs (Metro SMARTrip, Uber/Lyft), technology (purchase of cellphones, data plans, laptops, internet services), medical costs (copays, prescriptions), one-time family assistance, clothing, and childcare costs.

Also, in FY23 several grantees did not receive their full ARPA funding, due to mid-year reductions and challenges that OVSJG was not aware of post-grant award execution; as a result, this caused significant hardships to the awarded grantees for which they were unable to fully utilize grant funds as intended to support District citizens.

- a. Has all of the available funding been disbursed to grantees?

Yes, all available funds have been obligated due to the cost reimbursement funding cycle the disbursement is ongoing and grantee specific.

In FY24 OVSJG awarded ARPA reentry flex funding to sixteen community-based organizations for assessed client need(s) such as: housing assistance (rental security deposits, first/last month rents), delinquent rental payments, utilities, food costs, transportation costs (Metro SMARTrip, Uber/Lyft), technology (purchase of cellphones, data plans, laptops, internet services), medical costs (copays, prescriptions), one-time family assistance, clothing, childcare costs.

54. How has the agency supported justice-involved individuals, returning citizens, and the reentry process in FY23 or FY24, to date?

As a grant-making agency, OVSJG's primary support of returning citizens and the reentry process is through grant funding to District agencies and community-based organizations that work directly with incarcerated individuals, returning citizens, and their families. OVSJG also works to increase collaboration among reentry providers and enhance the capacity to provide services through support of the Reentry Action Network (RAN).

In FY23 and FY24, OVSJG continues to work with DOC, MORCA and other community-based partners to coordinate services for returning citizens pre-and post-release incarceration back to the community.

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For FY23 and FY24, OVSJG was able to sustain services and funding for incarcerated and returning citizens in several ways:

- Provided ARPA reentry flex funding to meet the needs of returning citizens who had been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; funding went to 16 community-based organizations that serve this population totaling \$8,680,070.81.
- Maintain the number of grantees providing reentry housing, including funding appropriated by the Committee for men and women returning citizens.
- Lastly, OVSJG continues to emphasize the intersections of the populations it touches, specifically attempting to dismantle the victim/offender false dichotomy. For several years, OVSJG has been encouraging reentry providers to identify the victimization histories and needs of the returning citizens they serve and enhance victim services funding to address the victimization needs of returning citizens.

55. Please provide an update on the agency's grantmaking for reentry housing services in FY23 and FY24, to date.

In FY23, OVSJG funded six community service providers for a total \$3,966,479.33 to provide reentry housing to men and women.

- Catholic Charities -\$1,259,552
- Community Family Life Services -\$700,371.43
- House of Ruth - \$129,204
- Jubilee Housing-\$797,726
- National Reentry Network for Returning Citizens - \$568,260
- Thrive DC - \$511,365

In FY24, OVSJG funded six community service providers for a total \$2,624,335 to provide reentry housing to men and women.

- Catholic Charities - \$1,075,400
- Clean Decisions - \$187,209
- Community Family Life Services - \$219,000
- House of Ruth - \$160,000
- Jubilee Housing - \$657,726
- National Reentry Network for Returning Citizens - \$325,000

56. Please provide any updates on the agency's grantmaking to support individuals petitioning under or released pursuant to the Incarceration Reduction Amendment Act of 2016.

Starting with the Incarceration Reduction Amendment Act (IRAA) of 2016, and a subsequent expansion of IRAA in the Omnibus Public Safety and Justice Act of 2020, which included a reform called the Second Look Amendment Act (SLAA), OVSJG continued to administer grant funds for the following (as legislated by DC Council):

- \$200,000 for a grant for a social work school and returning citizen "peer navigator" partnership to provide reentry support to returning citizens sentenced as teenagers and young adults and released after decades of incarceration.

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- \$150,000 for a grant for a criminal, young adult, or juvenile justice policy-focused non-profit organization to support implementation, coordination, and analysis of the Incarceration Reduction Amendment Act of 2016 (“IRAA”).
- \$100,000 for a grant for a law school clinic to represent and provide legal coordination for individuals seeking to petition for sentence review pursuant to IRAA.
- \$350,000 for a grant to provide advocacy and legal support for individuals serving extreme sentences and seeking sentence review.
- \$200,000 for a grant to support District youth incarcerated as adults through creative writing and peer support for reentry services for sentence review petitioners and recipients.

The FY23 grantees awarded to operationalize these efforts included:

- Changing Perceptions (in Partnership with Gallaudet School of Social Work)
- The Justice Policy Institute
- The Second Look Project
- Free Minds Book Club & Writing Workshop

Changing Perceptions delivered peer mentorship, case management, career development, and community-based service connections to 30 newly returning citizens in FY23. Notable outcomes included 85% of participants were actively engaged in mentoring and peer navigation supports; 90% of mentee participants reported improvements in positive family relationships to support their reentry success; and no participants (0) recidivated during the grant period.

The Justice Policy Institute supports continued implementation, coordination, and analysis of the Incarceration Reduction Amendment Act of 2016 (IRAA) and Second Look Amendment Act of 2020 (SLAA). As of September 30, 2023, JPI determined that 182 individuals returned home under the IRAA/SLAA and related reforms. JPI also reported that as of the end of FY23, of the 182 releasees, only seven had been rearrested (a 3.8% recidivism rate). JPI also convenes an IRAA/SLAA Reentry Coordinating Council and facilitated four community conversations with reentry providers and returning citizens in FY23 to support coordination and service connections for the IRAA/SLAA community.

The Second Look Project (SLP) provides direct legal representation, advocacy, and litigation support to IRAA/SLAA act eligible individuals and the legal community representing eligible individuals. They consistently maintained an active caseload of approximately 30 cases at a time (serving approximately 75 clients over the course of the fiscal year). Notable outcomes in FY23 included that SLP secured the release of ten eligible individuals through IRAA/SLAA petitions or compassionate release petitions; provided direct consultation, training, and advice related to IRAA and Compassionate Release cases to over 70 court appointed and pro bono attorneys; and supported legal counsel representation matching for an additional 100 eligible individuals through a partnership with Georgetown Juvenile Justice Clinic, the Public Defender Service, court-panel attorneys, and the pro bono community.

Free Minds Book Club & Writing Workshop provides IRAA/SLAA recipients with pre-and post-reentry supports that include reentry book club and creative writing engagement,

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wraparound support through one-on-one case management services, job placement, vocational and educational placements, trauma therapy, peer-to-peer support, and referrals for housing, substance use disorder, and legal support. Free Minds supported 132 IRAA/SLAA recipients through their reentry book club and support services in FY23.

### *Other Victim Services*

57. Please provide an update on the activities of the Victim Assistance Network (VAN) in FY23 and FY24, to date.

VAN utilizes a cooperative/advisory governance model. OVSJG provides administrative support and works in collaboration with VAN subcommittee leaders and members to establish overall goals and priorities. Subcommittees select their own leadership structure and may have standing co-chairs or rotate members to serve in the position(s). Priorities and activities of the subcommittees are established by their members. Subcommittee leadership reports back to VAN and keeps OVSJG apprised of their priorities and activities during the year.

VAN is comprised of 70 victim service providers in the District of Columbia. Any victim service provider may participate in the VAN. VAN meetings are generally held quarterly at 10 a.m. on the second Friday in October, January, April, and July. All meetings are held virtually unless noted otherwise. All meetings and participation in subcommittees are open to all stakeholders.

VAN subcommittees include Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Mental Health Community Outreach; and the VAN Policy and Advisory Committee.

The VAN met four times in FY23 and twice so far in FY24.

58. Please provide an update on the Violence Prevention and Response Team, per Section 3023 of D.C. Law 25-50.

The Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs hired a consultant to coordinate the VPART.

59. How has the agency worked to meet the needs of victims specifically from historically-underserved and/or marginalized communities (e.g. immigrants, low-English-proficiency, LGBTQ+, etc.) in FY23 and FY24, to date? What new efforts or initiatives since its FY22 responses has the agency undertaken to engage these communities?

OVSJG funds programs that serve clients from marginalized communities. OVSJG grantees are funded to specifically serve the LGBTQ+, Jewish, Black, Asian/Pacific-Islander, African immigrant, Hispanic and Latino immigrant, limited English proficient, Deaf, and other marginalized communities.

Additionally, in FY23, OVSJG awarded ARPA funds to support LBGTQ+ victim service providers. In FY24, OVSJG continues to fund programs that intentionally provide culturally responsive services and care to clients who have been historically marginalized.

60. Please describe the Crime Victims Assistance Fund ("CVAF"), detail its permitted uses, and for FY23 and FY24, to date, provide an itemization, by category, of how funds were awarded



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from the CVAF. Please also include the fund balance, which was not included in its FY22 responses. What is the amount of the last transfer from the Courts into the CVAF? On what date was that transfer made?

CVAF is a non-lapsing, interest-bearing fund that is administered by the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants. The fund may be used for outreach and activities designed to:

(1) Increase the number of crime victims who apply for compensation to defray the costs of abuse counseling, health and mental health services, child advocacy centers, emergency housing, emergency childcare, transportation, hospital-based informational and referral services, and family support; and

(2) Improve the intake, assessment, screening, and investigation of reports of child abuse and neglect and domestic violence. No more than five percent of the money in the fund any fiscal year may be used to pay administrative costs.

***In FY23 and FY24***

MedStar Washington Hospital Center DC SANE Program - \$101,805

Children's National Medical Center, Child and Adolescent Protection Center - \$295,523

MedStar Washington Hospital Center Community Violence Intervention Program - \$610,914

Admin: \$13,987 for a portion of one VS FTE's salary and fringe.

***FY24 Obligations:***

MedStar Washington Hospital Center DC SANE Program - \$500,000

Children's National Medical Center, Child and Adolescent Protection Center - \$417,251

The amount of the last transfer was \$637,290 in FY23. The balance of the fund is \$1,625,825.

61. What was the balance of the Shelter Fund at the end of FY23 and in FY24, to date?

The balance of the Shelter Fund at the end of FY23 and FY24 is \$0.

a. What was spent from the Shelter Fund in FY23 and FY24, to date? What spending is planned for the remainder of FY24?

Zero dollars were spent from the Shelter Fund in FY23 and FY24. The Shelter Fund was completely spent in FY20 and no new funds were added.

62. What was the balance of Victims of Crime Act ("VOCA") funding received by the District at the end of FY23 and in FY24, to date?

At the end of FY23 the balance was \$96,728.15. In FY24, to date, the balance is \$2,862,341.66.

63. How many vouchers and rebates have been awarded through the Private Security Camera Incentive Program in FY23 and FY24, to date?

In FY23 and FY24 to date, there have been 769 vouchers and rebates awarded through the Private Security Camera Incentive Program.

a. *For how many cameras, and in which PSAs?*

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In FY23 and FY24 to date, there have been 1,807 cameras funded.

**Number of cameras in each police service area (PSA) funded for FY23 and FY24**

	Number of Cameras	PSA	Number of Cameras	PSA	Number of Cameras	PSA	Number of Cameras
101	0	208	13	405	58	603	24
102	0	209	0	406	65	604	15
103	12	301	16	407	58	605	31
104	46	302	35	408	23	606	16
105	3	303	29	409	29	607	20
106	49	304	26	501	30	608	21
107	69	305	24	502	69	701	16
108	64	306	36	503	66	702	12
201	56	307	4	504	81	703	16
202	36	308	43	505	8	704	7
203	28	401	61	506	27	705	3
204	48	402	28	507	49	706	16
205	70	403	34	601	14	707	26
206	27	404	45	602	56	708	20
207	29						

- b. To the agency’s knowledge, how many times has the footage captured by these cameras been used by MPD?

In FY23, there were 22 requests resulting in successful extraction for footage by MPD from the program. MPD detectives may also be in direct contact with a program recipient without that information being specifically tracked.

- c. Has OVSJG expanded the way it publicizes this program to the public?

In FY23, the program expanded its method in publicizing by revamping its brand. This included creating a logo, refreshing the look of OVSJG marketing material (i.e. palm cards, door hangers, “freebies”), and creating a promotional video for social media.

64. Has the agency considered permitting community-based organizations to use local funds to make mortgage payments, rather than requiring community-based organizations to establish LLCs? The OVSJG does not require CBO’s to establish LLCs.

OVSJG has considered this policy, and at this time, does not permit mortgage payments nor does it require CBO’s to establish LLCs.

65. Please provide citations to the laws or regulations that form the basis for the agency’s policy of not providing assistance for mortgage payments/indebted services.  
Our policy is consistent with our braided funding model, which is to follow the federal regulations for this grant program, 2 CFR § 200.311, to ensure consistency.



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Mortgage payments are not allowable costs under our federal funding program regulations (except through indirect cost recovery) although it is not illegal with local funding, assuming responsibility for mortgages and recouping payments from possible future sales of any grantee's real property is a liability for the agency, not in the best interest of taxpayers, and not within OVSJG's mission.