# **Payson City Victim Services**

# **Governing Board Report**

June 4, 2025

Our Payson City Victim Services program provides comprehensive Victim Services from crisis response with our police department to victim assistance through prosecution and conviction of cases in the Payson Justice Court and class A misdemeanors in the Spanish Fork District Court.

The Payson City Victim Services Program is partially funded by a federal grant from the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). VOCA requires two semi-annual reports to the agencies governing body to create a culture of accountability and investment of financial support for victim services programs. This is the second report for year two of our current two-year grant. We are currently in the process of applying for a VOCA 2025-2027 grant and are awaiting a decision on the award status.

Ruthie Pedregon, the Victim Services Program Coordinator, has renewed her Utah Disaster Crisis Counseling Certification through the Utah Department of Health and Human Services. This certification is part of a statewide network of crisis counselors who provide critical support during emergencies such as natural disasters, acts of terrorism, pandemics, and other large-scale crises.

The quarterly report statistics below and the attached grant performance measures for January to March 2025 (3rd quarter of Year 2 of the grant). This report includes total crime victims served, but our grant performance measures are pro-rated based on the VOCA portion of funding and our city cash match. Our program is on target to meet or exceed program goals even with the pro-ration requirements.

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| **Criminal Victimizations** | |  | |
| Adult Physical Assault | | 4 | |
| Adult Sexual Assault | | 1 | |
| Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children | | 0 | |
| Arson | | 0 | |
| Bullying | | 0 | |
| Burglary | | 0 | |
| Child Physical Abuse or Neglect | | 12 | |
| Child Pornography | | 0 | |
| Child Sexual Abuse/Assault | | 7 | |
| Domestic and/or Family Violence | | 62 | |
| DUI/DWI Incidents | | 2 | |
| Elder Abuse or Neglect | | 2 | |
| Hate Crime | | 0 | |
| Human Trafficking: Labor | | 0 | |
| Human Trafficking: Sex | | 0 | |
| Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime | | 1 | |
| Kidnapping (non-custodial) | | 1 | |
| Kidnapping (custodial) | | 2 | |
| Mass Violence (Domestic/International) | | 0 | |
| Other Vehicular Victimization | | 0 | |
| Robbery | | 0 | |
| Stalking/Harassment | | 4 | |
| Survivors of Homicide Victims | | 0 | |
| Teen Dating Victimization | | 4 | |
| Terrorism (Domestic/International) | | 0 | |
| Violation of a Court (Protective) Order | | 3 | |
| Theft | | 0 | |
| Property Crimes/Damage or Destruction/Vandalism | | 4 | |
| All Criminal Victimizations | 93 | |
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| Examples of Direct Services | Victims |  |  |
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| **Number helped with Victim Comp Application** | 59 |  |
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| **a:  Information & Referral (# Clients)** | 69 |  |
| Information about the criminal justice process | 69 |  |
| Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc. | 63 |  |
| Referral to other victim service programs | 23 |  |
| Referral to other services, supports, and resources | 948 |  |
| **Total Services Provided** | 1103 |  |
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| **b:  Personal Advocacy/Accompaniment (# Clients)** | 61 |  |
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| Individual advocacy | 62 |  |
| Child or dependent care assistance (provided by agency) | 2 |  |
| Transportation assistance (provided by agency) | 2 |  |
| Interpreter services | 57 |  |
| **Total Services Provided** | 123 |  |
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| **c:  Emotional Support or Safety Services (# Clients)** | 23 |  |
| Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.) | 24 |  |
| On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response) | 4 |  |
| **Total Services Provided** | **28** |  |

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| **e:  Criminal/Civil Justice System Assistance (# Clients)** | 87 |
| Notification of criminal justice events | 155 |
| Victim impact statement assistance | 8 |
| Assistance with restitution | 1 |
| Civil legal attorney assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order | 25 |
| Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment | 14 |
| Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment | 1 |
| Criminal advocacy/accompaniment | 64 |
| Immigration Assistance | 3 |
| **Total Services Provided** | **315** |