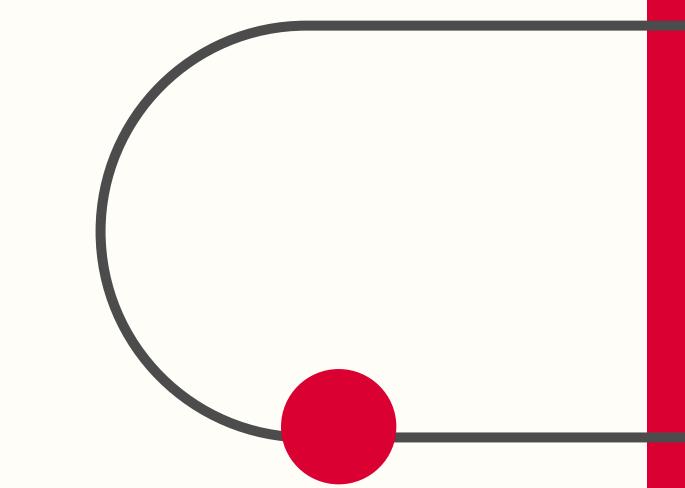
## Spanish Fork VICTIMSERVICES

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# Grant Reporting



The general purpose of VOCA is to assist public and private non-profit organizations in providing services to victims of crime.

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#### INVESTING IN VICTIM SERVICES

When individuals experience trauma and abuse, it can be difficult to know how to cope with those experiences.

When survivors are not provided the appropriate support after a traumatic incident, they may turn towards maladaptive coping skills, which can be a barrier to their healing.

Unhealthy coping methods can also contribute to further criminal incidents and other traumatic experiences.

A survivor experiences a domestic violence incident.

They don't have the support or skills to cope in healthy ways.

The survivor turns to substances to help them survive this experience.

The survivor is arrested for illegal substance use and is unable to care for their children.

Their involvement in the criminal justice system has negative effects on their custody case.

The arrest causes the survivor to lose their job.

The survivor struggles to meet their basic needs.

The incident escalates and further problems arise unless there is a change.

#### THE FUTURE FOR VICTIM SERVICES

As our city grows, my vision is to see our victim services program grow with it.

The following are goals for our program as it continues to develop.

- Abuse prevention and education on healthy coping skills
- Resources to help families identify and break cycles of abuse
- The capacity to spend more time making personal connections with survivors and addressing their specific needs

### Thank You

Investing in victim services doesn't just help the survivor, it creates lasting change within our community.

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