

Payson City Victim Services

Governing Board Report

June 24, 2026

Our Payson City Victim Services Program provides comprehensive services ranging from crisis response with the police department to ongoing victim assistance through prosecution and case resolution in our Justice Court, as well as Class A misdemeanor cases handled in the Spanish Fork District Court.

The program is partially funded through a federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant. VOCA requires semi-annual reporting as part of its accountability and oversight framework for victim services funding. This report represents the second submission in Year 1 of the current two-year grant cycle. The City is also in the process of finalizing revisions for Year 2 of the grant, which begins July 1, 2026.

While the program remains in full compliance, VOCA reporting has become more detailed and time-consuming. Completing these requirements requires a significant amount of administrative time in addition to regular victim services work, including data entry, reconciling information across reporting systems, and following updated guidance and instructions. This administrative workload reduces the time available for direct services to victims and increases the overall effort required to maintain program operations.

In addition to regular duties, the Victim Services Program provided temporary coverage support to Spanish Fork Police Department during its staffing transition and also provided coverage for the Springville Victim Advocate during the same period, as well as assisting Spanish Fork Police Department with related grant reporting tasks when requested. This reflects the collaborative nature of victim services work across jurisdictions in our region.

Given the ongoing reporting requirements and administrative demands associated with the grant, it may be helpful for the City to periodically review the long-term funding structure of the Victim Services Program to ensure it remains sustainable and appropriately supported.

The program will continue to meet all VOCA requirements while operating within these ongoing regional and administrative demands and appreciates Payson City’s continued support of the Victim Services Program and its services to the community.

The quarterly statistics below and the attached grant performance measures reflect activity from January through March 2026 (third quarter of Year 1). Performance measures are pro-rated based on the VOCA funding portion and the City’s cash match. The program remains on track to meet or exceed established goals despite these reporting and allocation requirements.

Criminal Victimization	
<u>Adult Physical Assault</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>Adult Sexual Assault</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Adults Sexually Abused/Assaulted as Children</u>	<u>2</u>

<u>Arson</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Bullying</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Burglary</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Child Physical Abuse or Neglect</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Child Pornography</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Child Sexual Abuse/Assault</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Domestic and/or Family Violence</u>	<u>37</u>
<u>DUI/DWI Incidents</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Elder Abuse or Neglect</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Hate Crime</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Human Trafficking: Labor</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Human Trafficking: Sex</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Identity Theft/Fraud/Financial Crime</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Kidnapping (non-custodial)</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Kidnapping (custodial)</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Mass Violence (Domestic/International)</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Other Vehicular Victimization</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Robbery</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Stalking/Harassment</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Survivors of Homicide Victims</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Teen Dating Victimization</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Terrorism (Domestic/International)</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Violation of a Court (Protective) Order</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Theft</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Property Crimes/Damage or Destruction/Vandalism</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Total Victimization</u>	<u>75</u>

Examples of Direct Services	Victims
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Information & Referral (# Clients)	56
Information about the criminal justice process	41
Information about victim rights, how to obtain notifications, etc.	28
Referral to other victim service programs	34
Referral to other services, supports, and resources	548

Total Services Provided	651
Personal Advocacy/Accompaniment (# Clients)	34
Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care	1
Victim advocacy/accompaniment to medical forensic exam	2
Individual advocacy	32
Intervention with employer, creditor, landlord, or academic institution	0
Child or dependent care assistance (provided by agency)	0
Transportation assistance (provided by agency)	0
Interpreter services	24
Total Services Provided	59
Emotional Support or Safety Services (# Clients)	4
Crisis intervention (in-person, includes safety planning, etc.)	4
On-scene crisis response (e.g., community crisis response)	0
Emergency financial assistance	0
Total Services Provided	4
Criminal/Civil Justice System Assistance (# Clients)	66
Notification of criminal justice events	95
Victim impact statement assistance	7
Assistance with restitution	0
Civil legal attorney assistance in obtaining protection or restraining order	12
Other emergency justice-related assistance	0
Prosecution interview advocacy/accompaniment	6
Law enforcement interview advocacy/accompaniment	3
Criminal advocacy/accompaniment	49
Other legal advice and/or counsel	0
Immigration Assistance	1
Total Services Provided	173

