

Frequently Asked Questions

For the Improving Criminal Justice Response Program Semi-Annual Progress Report Form

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Resources for ICJR Program Grantees:

VAWA MEI website homepage:

<https://www.vawamei.org/>

VAWA MEI website ICJR Program page:

<https://www.vawamei.org/grant-program/improving-criminal-justice-response-icjr-program/>

FAQs Related to Training

Q: Where do we report Firefighters, 911 call takers, and dispatchers who receive grant-funded training?

A: Report firefighters, 911 call takers, and dispatchers that receive grant-funded training in the Government Agency Staff category of professionals trained and use narrative q.13 to detail how many of each type of professional received grant-funded training.

Q: Where do we report EMS / Emergency Workers who receive grant-funded training?

A: Report EMS / Emergency Workers who receive grant-funded training in the Health Professionals category and use narrative q.13 to detail how many of each type of professional received grant-funded training.

FAQs Related to Victim Services

Q: If grant-funded law enforcement officers are providing crisis intervention, do we report that activity in Section D?

A: No. Do not report activities performed by law enforcement officers in Section D. All law enforcement activities need to be reported in Section E1 Law Enforcement. OVW encourages grantees to use narrative boxes to detail activities that do not fit into a fillable numeric field.

Q: Will Section D question 34: “Protection Orders” match what we report in Section F question 62: “Protection orders”?

A: No. In q.34: “Protection Orders”, only report those victims who directly received assistance with obtaining protection orders from grant-funded staff. In q.62: “Protection Orders,” report jurisdiction-wide data.

Q: Will Section D question 34: “Protection orders” match what we report in Section E1 question 38: “Protection orders”?

A: No. In q.34: “Protection Orders,” only report those victims who directly received assistance with obtaining protection orders from grant-funded staff. Question 38 only applies to grantees who use ICJR funds to support law enforcement activities; in q.38

only report instances in which law enforcement provided assistance to the victim/survivor in obtaining such an order.

FAQs Related to Law enforcement

Q: Do we report jurisdiction-wide protection orders in question 38: “Protection Orders”?

A: Only report in q.38 if this activity falls within the scope of your grant. In q.38 only report instances in which law enforcement provided assistance to the victim/survivor in obtaining such an order. If ICJR funds only support a specific law enforcement activity, only support law enforcement officers on a specialized DV unit, or only support a high-risk team, then only report on protection orders in q.38 which fall within the scope of that special activity / specialized unit / or high-risk team.

Q: Will Section E1 question 38: “Protection Orders” match what we report in Section F question 62 “Protection orders”?

A: No. In q.38 only report instances in which law enforcement provided assistance to the victim/survivor in obtaining such an order. In q.62: “Protection Orders,” report jurisdiction-wide data.

FAQs Related to Prosecution

Q: If our funding is 100% allocated to domestic violence and we have a prosecutor funded by ICJR, do we only report domestic violence information in E2?

A: Yes, in this example, only domestic violence case information is reported, and the Sexual Assault and Stalking portions of Section E2 are left blank.

Q: If our ICJR funds support a prosecution-based investigator, and not a prosecutor, do we still fill out Section E2 Prosecution?

A: No, do not capture activities conducted by a prosecution-based investigator in Section E2 Prosecution. Capture all grant-funded activities conducted by the prosecution-based investigator in Section E1 Law Enforcement. Even though the ICJR-

funded investigator may not work in a law enforcement agency, the activities conducted are considered law enforcement activities for the purpose of this report.

Q: Do we report each charge associated with a case in question 41: “Disposition of Cases”?

A: No, do not report each individual charge associated with a case in q.41. OVW asks that grantees report the type of case by the highest charge filed, even when the case is plead down to a lower charge.

Q: What does it mean for a case to be transferred to higher or lower court that is outside the grant-funded jurisdiction?

A: A case may be transferred to another court that is outside the grant-funded jurisdiction for many reasons. For example, courts often handle only felony or misdemeanor crimes. If you transfer a case outside the jurisdiction that is receiving grant funds because the charges were reduced or enhanced beyond what that court typically handles, then report that case as transferred. In another example, if you transfer a case outside the jurisdiction that is receiving grant funds because the case was filed in the wrong jurisdiction, report that case as transferred.

FAQs Related to Community measures

Q: How do we report data about protection from abuse orders in the community measures section?

A: OVW asks that grantees make an effort to accurately obtain information from the funded jurisdiction (city, county, state) for civil protection orders granted during the reporting period. Please use q.63 narrative to explain how this data is obtained. If this data is only obtainable from a different jurisdiction and/or for a different period of time, please explain this in q.63 narrative.