

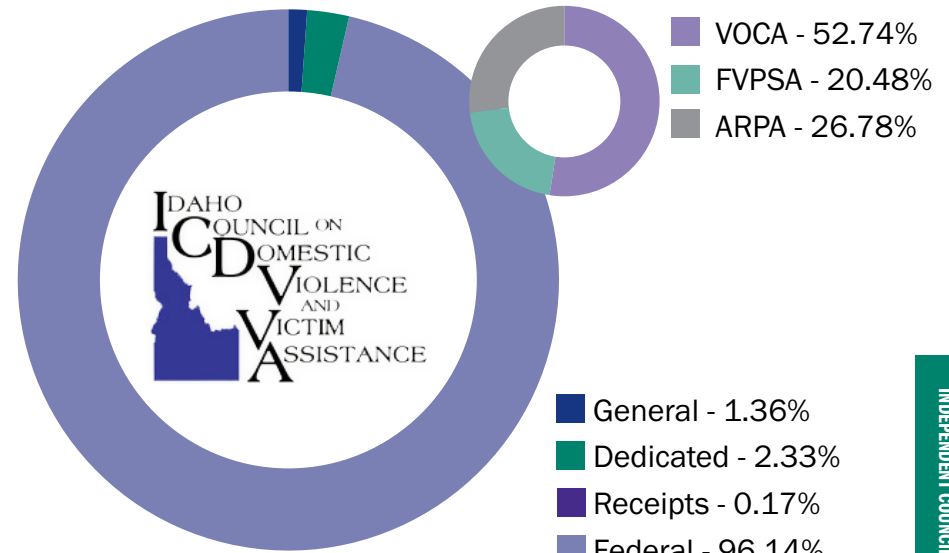
# IDAHO COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND VICTIM ASSISTANCE

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Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance (ICDVVA) is an independent council created in 1982 by the Idaho Legislature to address the disruptive influence of domestic violence on society, provide protection and refuge for victims, and fund services for victims of crime throughout the state. ICDVVA funded 47 victim service programs in SFY 2023: 42 nonprofit agencies, six local government/systems-based programs, and one tribal victim service program.

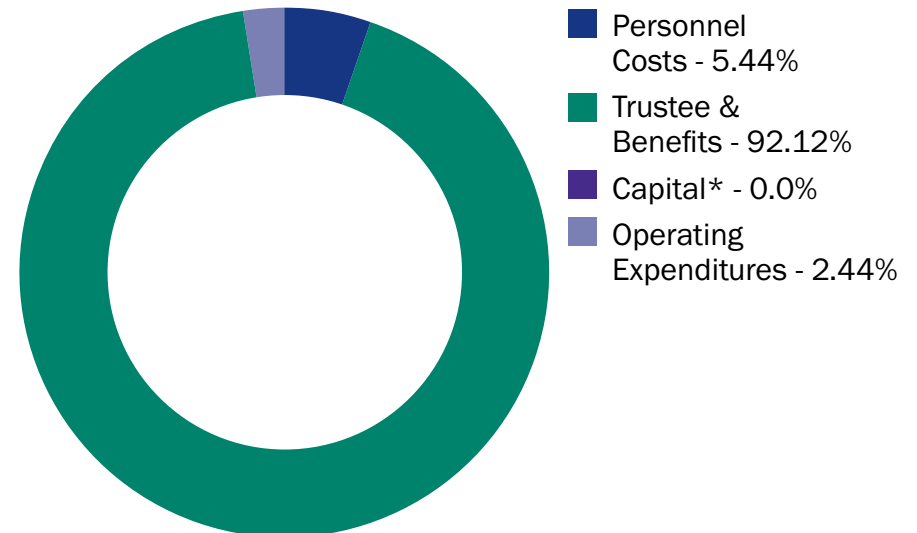
The scope of ICDVVA includes: administration of federal and state grant funds for nonprofit community and government programs serving victims of crime; advocating for legislation that supports the rights of crime victims; developing standards for programs serving victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other crimes; setting minimum standards for offender intervention providers; and training and public awareness about violence and victim assistance. The council is assigned to the Department of Health and Welfare for budgetary and administrative purposes but is programmatically independent.

## SFY 2023 funding sources



Funding is channeled through the DHW budget, but councils are independent and not administered by DHW. Authorized FTP: 6; Original appropriation for SFY 2023: general funds \$317,100, total funds \$23.3 million

## SFY 2023 expenditure categories



\*Funding can not be used for Capital expenditures

## Prioritizing the availability of direct victim services

ICDVVA prioritizes direct victim services in funding decisions. In SFY 2023 programs were required to have at least 60 percent of their requested budget for direct services as part of their application, and in scoring, bonus points were awarded to programs that limited their administrative costs, prioritized direct victim services, and served populations defined by ICDVVA as underserved. Scoring also took into account whether programs became less reliant on ICDVVA funding and what fundraising efforts they made.

## Developing reliable data

ICDVVA began collecting program housing and counseling need and demand data in SFY 2022. This data assists the council with ensuring limited funding goes where it is most needed while also taking into account the need to ensure a basic level of victim services are available to all victims of crime regardless of where in Idaho they reside.

Programs consistently report that emergency housing and counseling are the two most needed victim services. In SFY 2022, 2,205 victims were provided emergency shelter (traditional shelter and hotel/motel stays), while 1,509 were wait-listed for emergency shelter. On average, victims stayed in emergency shelter for 23 days. Many victims are forced to stay in this environment due to long transitional housing waitlists – on average in SFY 2022, victims were wait-listed for 46 days for transitional housing.

Victims also report difficulty in accessing counseling services. Adults were wait-listed, on average, for 28 days to see a counselor. Children were wait-listed for 26 days. Contributing to the waitlist in rural areas of the state are a lack of available providers, lack of bilingual providers, and difficulty obtaining transportation to appointments.

## Serve as a resource for training and education

ICDVVA understands the need for those working with victims of crime to receive trauma-informed training. ICDVVA held seven regional roundtables and eight trauma informed trainings in SFY 2022. Various stakeholders (victim advocates, social workers, law enforcement, prosecutors, first responders, victim witness coordinators) attended the trainings as well as the council's annual Safety & Resilience Conference, which offered 38 individual breakout sessions in six tracks including child maltreatment, domestic violence/sexual assault, criminal justice, impacts of trauma, victim service enhancement, and offender intervention and assessment.

## Updates to Offender Intervention Program (OIP) oversight

The council oversees 28 approved offender intervention programs. The Offender Intervention Program (OIP) Committee engaged in a year-long process to revise the minimum standards for approved programs, which included a literature review, focus groups, and comparison to the standards of other states. New revised standards took effect January 1, 2022. Council staff worked on updating the monitoring process for approved programs to align with the revised standards. The council began collecting participant outcome data on January 1, 2022, to track participant outcomes.

The first six months of OIP data (January 1, 2022-June 30, 2022) show that 499 individuals were participating in court-ordered domestic violence programming statewide, with most on probation (supervised, unsupervised, or felony probation). Of those participating, 36 completed programming successfully, and 53 did not complete programming, primarily due to failing to attend sessions (the remainder are still involved in ongoing programs).

## Collaboration to ensure access to services

The council collaborated with the Idaho State Police to use one-time federal grant money (earmarked for addressing the impact of the pandemic on sexual assault victims) to purchase nine Cortexflo machines for placement around the state. These machines are used during forensic medical examinations to assist in documenting sexual assault.

Learn more about these initiatives in the council's strategic plan: <https://icdv.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2022-Final-Strategic-Plan.pdf>