

FY2022-FY2023

In 2014, DC was chosen by U.S. DOJ's Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) as one of ten communities to participate in a demonstration project to create wraparound legal assistance networks. An initial needs assessment found that "the current issue is not that there is a lack of agencies that provide legal services to victims of crime; the issue is that these providers are setup in a disjointed patchwork across the DC area."

These challenges were echoed in The DC Access to Justice Commission's 2019 report, which states: "Individuals seeking legal services may find themselves making contact with several legal providers and undergoing multiple intake processes in various locations before securing assistance, or worse, learning that no assistance is available to them."

In FY 2022, VLNDC saw a 22% increase in clients served and a 90% increase in calls for service in quarter 1 of FY23 over the same time period of FY20. Funding this project is critical to ensure that the continued increase in coordinated access to justice is available to victims in DC.

While VLNDC services are available to any victim of crime, the majority of clients come from underserved communities and many have community-specific barriers to accessing justice, such as the elderly, individuals who have limited English proficiency, who are undocumented, who are experiencing homelessness, and individuals with disabilities.

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Calls for Service in FY 2022

90% 

Increase in Calls for Service
in FY23Q1 v. FY20Q1

CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

