

Utah Office of Crime Victim Reparations

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Anywhere... Anytime... Anyone...

...can become a victim of violent crime.

During the past 22 years, the Utah Office of Crime Victim Reparations has reached out to thousands of victims who have suffered financial loss, physical injuries and emotional trauma as a result of violent crime. The assistance provided by this program helps victims recover and rebuild their lives. Over \$147 million have been awarded through reparations and victim assistance since the program's inception. No state tax dollars are used to fund the reparations and victim assistance programs. These programs are funded through state and federal surcharges on fines, penalties and forfeitures as well as other federal funds.

Crime Victim Reparations Program

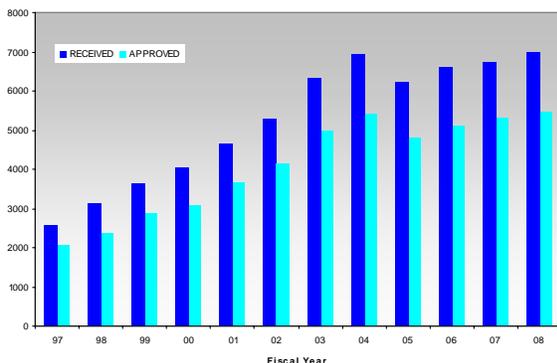
Purpose: Provide financial assistance to victims of violent crime and family members of those victims who have suffered physical and psychological injury.

Source of Funding: Surcharge on state fines.

Range of Awards: The maximum award for homicides, attempted homicides, aggravated assaults and DUIs is \$50,000. No more than \$25,000 may be spent on non-medical benefits. The maximum award for all other crimes is \$25,000.

Total reparations awarded January 1986 to June 2008: \$88,219,204.35

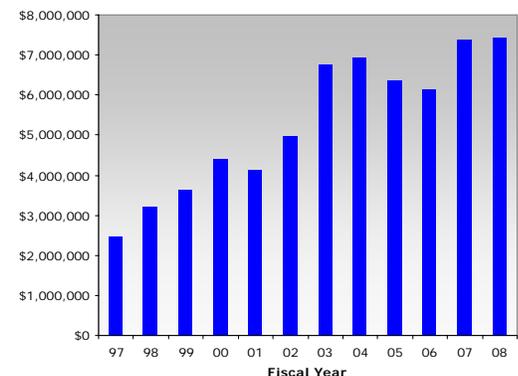
Number of Applications for Reparations
FY'97 to FY'08



Reparations Claim Summary FY 2008

Claims Received	6,989
Claims Awarded	5,447
Claims Denied	1,461
Claims Pending	81
Total Amount Awarded	\$7,451,678

Victim Reparations Awarded
FY'97 to FY'08



Reparations Awarded FY 2008

Dental	\$349,897.94
Economic Loss	4,272.32
Essential Personal Property	46,850.91
Funeral and Burial	323,978.69
Funeral Travel	1,161.05
Independent Medical	11,035.00
Inpatient Counseling	60,084.92
Insurance Premiums/Spenddowns	7,109.29
Loss of Wages	395,324.15
Medical	3,593,046.41
Medically Necessary Devices	17,699.54
Mental Health	1,342,921.21
Rehabilitation Costs	518.37
Relocation	166,929.91
Rent	227,213.14
Rent Deposit	133,767.04
Replacement Services	14,802.85
Residential/Day Treatment	21,191.65
Sexual Assault Examinations	673,409.84
Travel and Mileage	60,463.95
TOTAL	\$7,451,678.18

Victim Assistance Program

Federal Grant Programs

Total Federal Dollars Received January 1986 to June 2008	
VOCA Grants	\$42,064,900
VOCA Indian Country Grants	120,500
VAWA Grants	17,150,237
OVC Discretionary (UVAA)	<u>135,000</u>
	\$59,470,637

Total Federal Dollars Received Fiscal Year 2008	
VOCA Grants	\$2,867,000
VAWA Grants	<u>1,295,874</u>
	\$4,162,874

Victims of Crime Act Assistance Grants

Purpose: VOCA grants provide funding that enables the state, local governments and private nonprofit organizations to enhance and expand services to crime victims, promoting development of comprehensive services to crime victims throughout the state.

Source of Funding: Surcharge on Federal Fines.

Range of Awards: \$4,570 to \$112,107

Statistics: 75 VOCA funded programs across the state provided services to a total of 59,504 crime victims. This includes primary victims who were harmed by a chargeable crime and secondary victims such as the spouse, children, parents or siblings of the primary victim.

STOP Violence Against Women Act Grants

Purpose: VAWA grants encourage the development and implementation of effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat violent crimes against women and the development and enhancement of victim services in cases involving crimes against women.

Source of Funding: Federal Funds

Range of Awards: \$1,500 to \$62,763

Statistics: There are 50 VAWA funded agencies across the state.

Victim Notification

Utah participates in an automated victim notification system, Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) which makes it easy for crime victims to obtain timely information about criminal cases and the custody status of offenders held in Utah jails and prisons. Victims can be notified by telephone or email and can also obtain information through the VINE website.

The use of the VINE system has grown as more victims become aware of the service. In FY'06, the VINE system reported 134,318 contacts with victims. In FY'08, this had grown to 495,843. Increases in the numbers of requests result in better informed victims.

Annual Crime Victims Conference

The Annual Crime Victims Conference, sponsored by the Utah Council on Victims of Crime, is one of Utah's premier training events for professionals working with victims of crime. The 21st Annual Crime Victims Conference, held April 24-25 2008, attracted over 250 people from across the state. The Annual Conference provides participants with the most recent training on pressing issues facing individuals working with victims of crime.

Utah Victim Assistance Academy

Basic Victim Assistance Academy

The Utah Victim Assistance Academy, sponsored by the Office of Crime Victim Reparations, is a week-long, 40-plus hour training for victim assistance providers, law enforcement officers, and other criminal justice professionals. The goal of the Basic Academy is to provide participants with the fundamental knowledge and skills needed to effectively work with victims of crime. The curriculum is researched-based and the training is provided by experts in the field who volunteer their time and expertise.

The 2008 Victim Assistance Academy provided training to 60 people representing victim services, law enforcement, prosecution, courts, shelters, corrections, human services and other agencies.

Advanced Victim Assistance Academy

The Office of Crime Victim Reparations also sponsors an annual Advanced Victim Assistance Academy. The Advanced Academy includes two days of in-depth training on a single topic of interest to victim assistance providers and other criminal justice professionals. Participants must have previously attended the Basic Academy.

The 2008 Advanced Academy addressed gangs and included training on problems associated with gangs, understanding adolescent behavior, and communicating with adolescents. Law enforcement officers from the Salt Lake City Metro Gang Unit provided training to 47 individuals.