

Utah Office of Crime Victim Reparations

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

...can become a victim of violent crime.

During the past 23 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 \$159 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

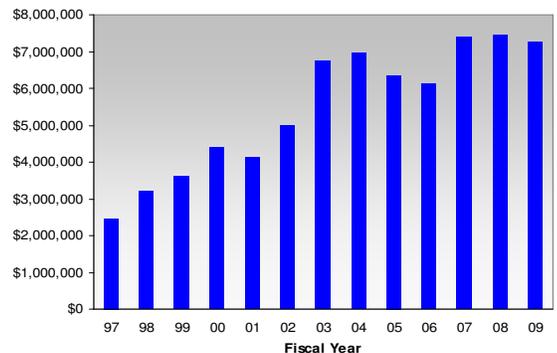
Purpose: Provide financial assistance to victims of violent crime and family members of those victims who have suffered physical and psychological injury.

Source of Funding: Surcharge on state and federal fines.

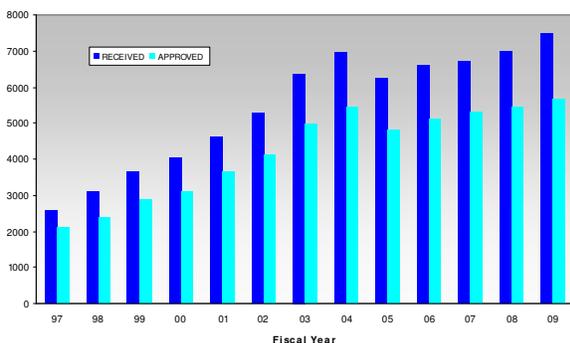
Range of Awards: The maximum award for homicides, attempted homicides, aggravated assaults and DUIs is \$50,000. No more than \$25,000 may be spent on non-medical benefits. The maximum award for all other crimes is \$25,000.

Total reparations awarded January 1986 to June 2009: \$95,475,931.33

Victim Reparations Awarded
FY'97 to FY'09



Number of Applications for Reparations
FY'97 to FY'09



Reparations Claim Summary FY 2009

Claims Received	7,513
Claims Awarded	5,655
Claims Denied	1,505
Claims Pending	353
Total Amount Awarded	\$7,256,727

Reparations Awarded FY 2009

Audit Costs	\$589.00
Crime Scene Cleanup	2,033.84
Dental	156,442.65
Economic Loss	216.85
Essential Personal Property	35,480.58
Funeral and Burial	206,057.02
Independent Medical	11,875.00
Inpatient Counseling	57,953.60
Insurance Premiums/Spenn-downs	16,411.56
Loss of Support	47,335.11
Loss of Wages	299,486.52
Medical	3,702,444.78
Medically Necessary Devices	20,285.18
Mental Health	1,238,424.20
Rehabilitation Costs	1,118.83
Relocation	170,110.22
Rent	237,137.77
Rent Deposit	144,909.98
Replacement Services	5,810.49
Residential/Day Treatment	51,310.75
Sexual Assault Examinations	788,826.28
Travel and Mileage	62,466.77
TOTAL	\$7,256,726.98

Victim Assistance Program

Federal Grant Programs

Total Federal Dollars Awarded January 1986 to June 2009	
VOCA Grants	45,551,908
VAWA Grants	18,546,897
OVC Discretionary (UVAA)	135,000
VOCA Indian Country Grants	<u>120,500</u>
	\$64,354,305
Stimulus Grant Funding Received	
VOCA Grants	\$681,000
VAWA Grants	1,544,099
VOCA Compensation	<u>671,400</u>
	\$2,896,499

Total Federal Dollars Received Fiscal Year 2009	
VOCA Grants	\$3,487,008
VAWA Grants	<u>1,396,660</u>
	\$4,883,668

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 \$113,880

Statistics: 78 VOCA funded programs across the state provided services to a total of 68,702 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: \$1,200 to \$60,956

Statistics: There are 49 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. In FY'09, this had grown to 469,564. While impressive, this number represents a slight decrease over last year's number. Because of budget cuts in fiscal year 2010, notifications can no longer be provided to those requesting updates on court cases.

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 22nd Annual Crime Victims Conference, held April 29-30 2009, 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 Academy

The Utah Victim Assistance Academy, sponsored by the Office of Crime Victim Reparations, is a week-long training for victim assistance professionals, law enforcement, criminal justice and allied professionals. The Basic Academy is a general training which is comprehensive, addressing the needs of victims from first response to completion of the criminal justice system. It provides participants with the fundamental knowledge, skills and resources needed to work effectively with victims of crime. The goal of the Basic Academy is to preserve crime victim rights as provided by the Utah State Constitution and Utah State Code. The curriculum is research-based and supported and is provided

by experts in the field on a statewide level who volunteer both their time and their expertise to the Victim Assistance Academy.

The 2009 Victim Assistance Academy provided training to 58 people with a focus on agency collaboration and enhancing networking resources.

A downturn in the state's economy in 2009 precluded the Office of Crime Victim Reparations from sponsoring the annual Advanced Victim Assistance Academy. It is anticipated that an Advanced Academy will be held in the upcoming year.