

Utah Office for Victims of Crime

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

...can become a victim of violent crime.

This year, the Utah Office for Victims of Crime, formerly known as the Utah Office of Crime Victim Reparations, celebrated its 25th anniversary. During that time, the office 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 \$186 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 2011: \$107,993,043

Reparations Claim Summary FY 2011

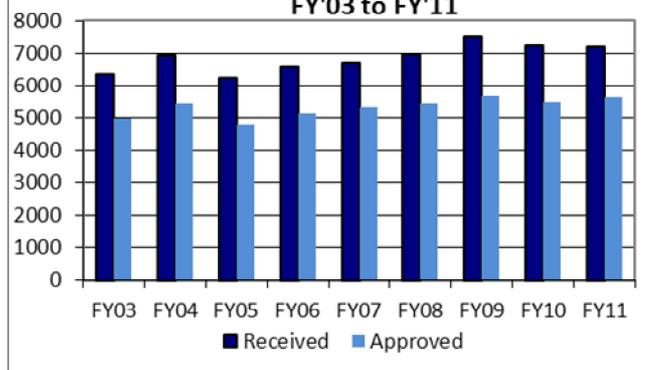
Claims Received	7,201
Claims Awarded	5,620
Claims Denied	1,322
Claims Pending	259
Total Amount Awarded	\$6,553,729

PAYMENT BY BENEFIT TYPE

July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011

Medical	3,760,960.21
Mental Health	872,474.19
Sexual Assault Examinations	698,554.63
Loss of Wages	292,467.24
Funeral and Burial	252,547.64
Dental	230,848.96
Rent Deposit	172,385.47
Relocation	93,283.88
Travel and Mileage	67,909.42
Inpatient Counseling	37,110.99
Essential Personal Property	24,908.04
Loss of Support	16,266.40
Residential/Day Treatment	9,438.43
Medically Necessary Devices	7,908.74
Replacement Services	6,022.05
Independent Medical	4,750.00
Insurance Premium/Spenddowns	4,274.91
Economic Loss	1,602.84
Audit Costs	15.00
TOTAL	\$6,553,729.04

Applications for Reparations
FY'03 to FY'11



Victim Assistance Program

Federal Grant Programs

Total Federal Dollars Awarded January 1986 to June 2011	
VOCA Grants	\$ 54,218,330
VAWA Grants	23,212,399
OVC Discretionary (UVAA)	135,000
VOCA Indian County Grants	120,500
OVC Sexual Assault Services	<u>577,913</u>
	\$ 78,173,142

Total Federal Dollars Awarded Fiscal Year 2011	
VOCA Grants	\$ 4,042,178
VAWA Grants	1,523,818
SASP Grants	<u>337,057</u>
	\$ 5,903,053

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: \$6,690 to \$116,221

Statistics: 84 VOCA funded programs across the state provided services to a total of 71,570 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: \$4,180 to \$67,879

Statistics: 47 VAWA funded agencies across the state provided services to a projected total of 20,359 crime victims. Crime categories include domestic violence, rape and sexual assault, stalking and dating violence.

Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)

Purpose: To help survivors heal from sexual assault trauma through direct intervention and related assistance from non-profit organizations such as rape crisis centers through 24-hour sexual assault hotlines, crisis intervention and medical and criminal justice accompaniment.

Source of Funding: Federal Funds

Range of Awards: \$10,077 to \$36,243

Statistics: There are 9 SASP 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 have become aware of the service. In FY '06, the VINE system reported 134,318 contacts. In FY '11, this had grown to 607,842. Of the 607,842 contacts in FY'11, there were 324,161 website searches, 261,834 telephone calls and 21,847 email contacts.

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 24th Annual Crime Victims Conference, held April 12-13, 2011, attracted over 285 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 Training

The Utah Office for Victims of Crime sponsors and assists in sponsoring numerous training events across the state related to current issues facing advocacy and criminal justice entities. Trainings include quarterly trainings through the Statewide Advocates for Victims Organization (SWAVO); the Utah Victim Assistance Academy, a weeklong 40 hour plus training for victim for victim assistance providers, law enforcement officers and other criminal justice professionals; and victim assistance grant writing and reporting training. In addition, UOVC will sponsor advanced academies or specialized training events.

The initial goal of the training is to provide participants fundamental knowledge and skills to effectively work with victims of crime. Supplemented by ongoing trainings which enhance those skills and perhaps most important, the trainings provide a venue for the creation of a community of advocacy and sharing of experiences and ideas.