

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 \$189 million has 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 2012:
\$107,993,043

Reparations Claim Summary FY 2012

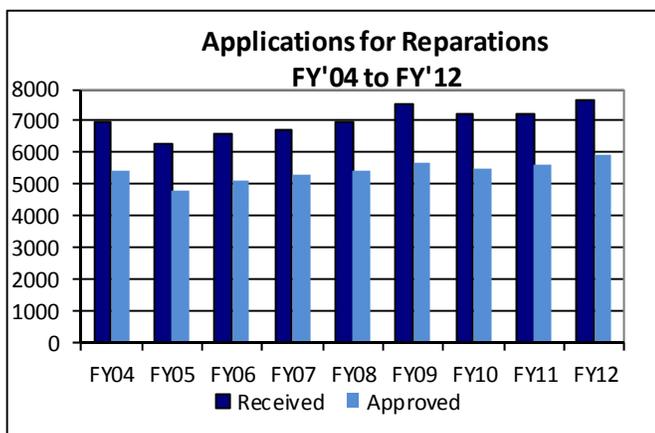
Claims Received	7,642
Claims Awarded	5,945
Claims Denied	1,281
Claims Pending	416
Total Amount Awarded	\$6,654,225

Payments by Benefit Type

July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

Medical	\$3,661,803.54
Mental Health	\$849,533.40
Sexual Assault Examinations	\$740,213.72
Loss of Wages	\$353,761.95
Funeral and Burial	\$264,785.14
Dental	\$195,669.88
Rent Deposit	\$165,519.84
Relocation	\$119,860.90
Travel and Mileage	\$102,305.29
Inpatient Counseling	\$66,959.89
Essential Personal Property	\$32,026.95
Medically Necessary Devices	\$24,197.89
Funeral Travel	\$19,217.71
Loss of Support	\$18,740.00
Residential/Day Treatment	\$18,709.18
Replacement Services	\$12,303.48
Rehabilitative	\$3,121.72
Economic Loss	\$2,642.45
Insurance Premium/Spenddowns	\$2,101.76
Audit Costs	\$750.00
TOTAL	\$6,654,224.69

Applications for Reparations
FY'04 to FY'12



Victim Assistance Program

Federal Grant Programs

Total Federal Dollars Awarded January 1986 to June 2012	
VOCA Grants	\$ 57,183,513
VAWA Grants	23,064,246
OVC Discretionary (UVAA)	135,000
VOCA Indian County Grants	120,500
OVC Sexual Assault Services	<u>577,913</u>
	\$ 81,081,172

Total Federal Dollars Awarded Fiscal Year 2012	
VOCA Grants	\$ 3,646,183
VAWA Grants	1,486,546
SASP Grants	<u>255,670</u>
	\$ 5,388,399

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: 90 VOCA funded programs across the state provided services to a total of 66,841 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: \$4,138 to \$72,495

Statistics: 47 VAWA funded agencies across the state provided services to a projected total of over 20,000 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 medial and criminal justice accompaniment.

Source of Funding: Federal Funds

Range of Awards: \$5,294 to \$18,122

Statistics: 9 SASP funded agencies across the state.

Utah Sexual Assault Services Program (USASP)

Purpose: To develop, expand, or enhance previously unavailable direct services (i.e., counseling, group treatment, and therapy).

Source of Funding: State Funds

Range of Awards: \$7,891.42 to \$21,840.00

Statistics: 5 USASP funded agencies across the state.

Victim Notification

Utah participates in an automated victim notification system, Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE). Victims can be notified by telephone or email and can also obtain information through the VINE website.

In FY 2012, 11,704 new victims registered for VINE notification. Of the 684,983 contacts in FY'12, there were 323,133 website searches, 334,206 telephone calls and 27,644 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 25th Annual Crime Victims Conference, held April 26-27, 2012, attracted over 263 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. Trainings include quarterly trainings through the Statewide Advocates for Victims Organization (SWAVO), the Utah Victim Assistance Academy, 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, provide a venue for the creation of a community of advocacy and sharing of experiences and ideas.