

# Utah Office for Victims of Crime

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

...can become a victim of violent crime.

The Utah Office for Victims of Crime 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 \$211,000,000 have been awarded through compensation and assistance since the program's inception. No tax dollars are used to fund the compensation and VOCA victim assistance programs. These programs are funded through state and federal surcharges on fines, penalties, and forfeitures.

### 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 2013:**  
\$121,456,453

#### Reparations Claim Summary FY 2013

Claims Received	7,291
Claims Awarded	5,663
Claims Denied	1,188
Claims Pending	440
Total Amount Awarded	\$6,739,186

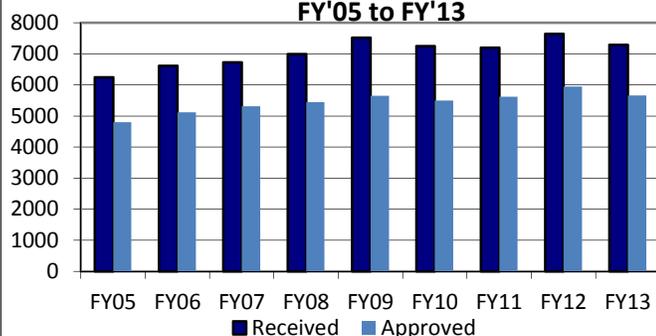
#### Payments by Benefit Type

July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

Medical	3,678,089.67
Mental Health	824,226.60
Sexual Assault Examinations	740,241.02
Loss of Wages	409,338.83
Funeral and Burial	224,796.15
Dental	204,561.56
Rent Deposit	178,710.02
Inpatient Counseling	116,913.07
Relocation	113,381.50
Travel and Mileage	101,417.87
Essential Personal Property	42,605.46
Loss of Support	31,300.85
Residential/Day Treatment	23,862.30
Funeral Travel	19,212.34
Replacement Services	11,980.17
Medically Necessary Devices	8,669.11
Insurance Premium/Spenddowns	5,309.36
Economic Loss	4,414.62
Audit Costs	612.00
Rehabilitative	155.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,739,185.50</b>

#### Applications for Reparations

FY'05 to FY'13



**Victim Assistance Program**

**Federal Grant Programs**

<b>Total Federal Dollars Awarded January 1986 to June 2013</b>	
VOCA Grants	\$ 61,258,280
VAWA Grants	24,498,153
OVC Discretionary (UVAA)	135,000
VOCA Indian County Grants	120,500
OVC Sexual Assault Services	<u>1,095,742</u>
	\$ 87,107,675

<b>Total Federal Dollars Awarded Fiscal Year 2013</b>	
VOCA Grants	\$ 4,074,767
VAWA Grants	1,433,907
SASP Grants	<u>262,159</u>
	\$ 5,770,833

**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:** \$8,153 to \$116,715

**Statistics:** 88 VOCA funded programs across the state provided services to a total of 60,280 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:** \$4,755 to \$81,203

**Statistics:** 44 VAWA funded agencies across the state provided services to a projected total of over 15,527 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:** \$6,587 to \$36,543

**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.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Crime Victims Conference, held April 25-26, 2013, attracted over 226 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.