Utah Office for Victims of Crime ANNUAL REPORT

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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 \$252,275,000 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.

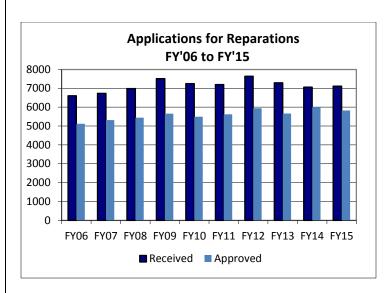
Crime Victim Reparations Program

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 2015: $\$136,\!306,\!768$



Reparations Claim Summary FY 2015	
Claims Received	7,117
Claims Awarded	5,826
Claims Denied	1,190
Claims Pending	101
Total Amount Awarded	\$7,619,460

Payments by Benefit Type

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Medical	4,192,932.09
Mental Health	961,087.53
Sexual Assault Examinations	762,682.53
Loss of Wages	450,450.44
Dental	354,765.74
Funeral and Burial	268,923.96
Rent Deposit	194,730.22
Inpatient Counseling	121,593.63
Relocation	108,660.71
Travel and Mileage	86,753.72
Essential Personal Property	37,477.01
Medically Necessary Devices	25,914.71
Funeral Travel	23,491.10
Residential/Day Treatment	15,482.74
Insurance Premium/Spenddowns	10,409.84
Replacement Services	3,004.00
Audit Costs	560.95
Rehabilitative Services	500.89
Economic Loss	37.94
TOTAL	\$7,619,459.75

Victim Assistance Program

Federal Grant Programs

Total Federal Dollars Awarded January 1986 to June 2015

VOCA Grants	\$ 83,755,192
VAWA Grants	27,475,479
OVC Discretionary (UVAA)	135,000
OVC Tribal Victim Assistance	120,500
OVC Sexual Assault Services	1,720,923
	\$113,207,094

Total Federal Dollars Awarded Fiscal Year 2015

VOCA Grants	\$18,112,508
VAWA Grants	1,470,523
SASP Grants	328,298
	\$19,911,329

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: \$7,601 to \$139,580

Statistics: 90 VOCA funded programs across the state provided services to a total of 72,261 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 in an effort to combat gender based violent crimes. This grant also encourages the development and enhancement of services for victims.

Source of Funding: Federal Funds **Range of Awards:** \$5,159 to \$87,249

Statistics: 39 VAWA funded agencies across the state provided services to a projected total of over 16,659 crime victims. Crime categories include domestic violence, rape and sexual assault, stalking and dating violence.

Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)

Purpose: Assist survivors in healing from sexual assault trauma through direct intervention and related assistance from non-profit organizations such as rape crime centers. Services provided include 24-hour sexual assault hotlines, crisis intervention, and medical and criminal justice accompaniment.

Source of Funding: Federal Funds **Range of Awards:** \$15,850 to \$41,820

Statistics: 10 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: \$6,480 to \$30,935

Statistics: 4 USASP funded agencies across the State.

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 28th Annual Crime Victims Conference, held April 30 to May 1, 2015, attracted over 245 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, and advanced academies or specialized training events. A total of four SWAVO trainings were held throughout the year in each of the following communities: Moab, Midway, St. George and Salt Lake City. The training attendance ranged from 95 to 150 participants with an average of 118. A total of 50 people participated in the Utah Victim Assistance Academy. These included 2 police officers, 2 Native American advocates, 2 attorneys and 44 advocates from police agencies, prosecution offices, Children's Justice Centers and domestic violence shelters from across the State.

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.