

# 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 \$282,954,607 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

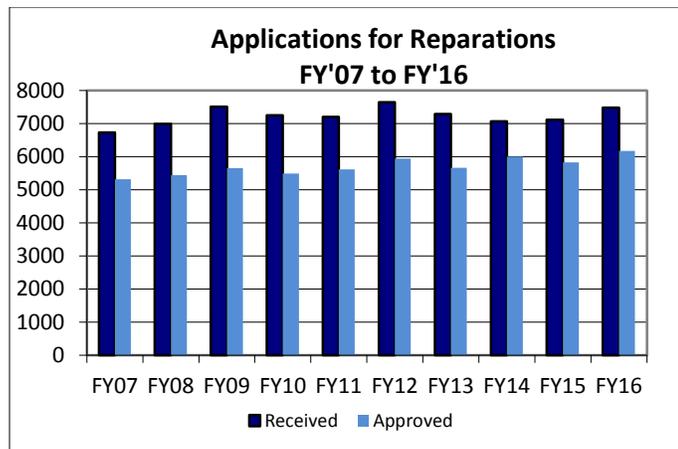
**Purpose:** Provide financial assistance to victims of violent crime and family members of those victims who have suffered physical and psychological injury.

**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 2016:**  
\$144,308,856

| Reparations Claim Summary FY 2016 |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Claims Received                   | 7,480       |
| Claims Awarded                    | 6,175       |
| Claims Denied                     | 1,260       |
| Claims Pending                    | 45          |
| Total Amount Awarded              | \$8,002,087 |



### Payments by Benefit Type

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

|                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Medical                      | 4,391,432.81          |
| Sexual Assault Examinations  | 1,021,267.20          |
| Mental Health                | 911,743.31            |
| Loss of Wages                | 434,321.38            |
| Dental                       | 319,523.64            |
| Funeral and Burial           | 239,378.49            |
| Rent Deposit                 | 221,083.64            |
| Relocation                   | 98,539.67             |
| Travel and Mileage           | 95,752.88             |
| Inpatient Counseling         | 67,860.41             |
| Residential/Day Treatment    | 49,831.00             |
| Essential Personal Property  | 43,775.17             |
| Medically Necessary Devices  | 40,081.22             |
| Replacement Services         | 29,302.22             |
| Funeral Travel               | 26,714.48             |
| Insurance Premium/Spenddowns | 4,897.50              |
| Economic Loss                | 3,512.34              |
| Independent Medical          | 2,342.50              |
| Audit Costs                  | 727.54                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>\$8,002,087.40</b> |

**Victim Assistance Program**

**Federal Grant Programs**

| <b>Total Federal Dollars Awarded<br/>January 1986 to June 2016</b> |                  |
|--|------------------|
| VOCA Grants  | \$ 104,444,717   |
| VAWA Grants  | 29,097,637       |
| OVC Discretionary (UVAA)   | 135,000          |
| OVC Tribal Victim Assistance                                       | 120,500          |
| OVC Sexual Assault Services  | <u>2,104,399</u> |
|  | \$135,902,253    |

| <b>Total Federal Dollars Awarded<br/>Fiscal Year 2016</b> |                |
|---|----------------|
| VOCA Grants   | \$4,943,384    |
| VAWA Grants   | 1,237,191      |
| SASP Grants   | <u>228,042</u> |
|   | \$6,408,617    |

**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:** \$7,810 to \$256,658

**Statistics:** 96 VOCA funded programs across the state provided services to a total of 71,595 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:** \$3,260 to \$87,248

**Statistics:** 47 VAWA funded agencies across the state provided services (total victims served not available at this time). 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:** \$16,586 to \$42,106

**Statistics:** 10 SASP 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 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Crime Victims Conference, held April 21-22, 2016, attracted 270 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.