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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 \$309,847,548 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

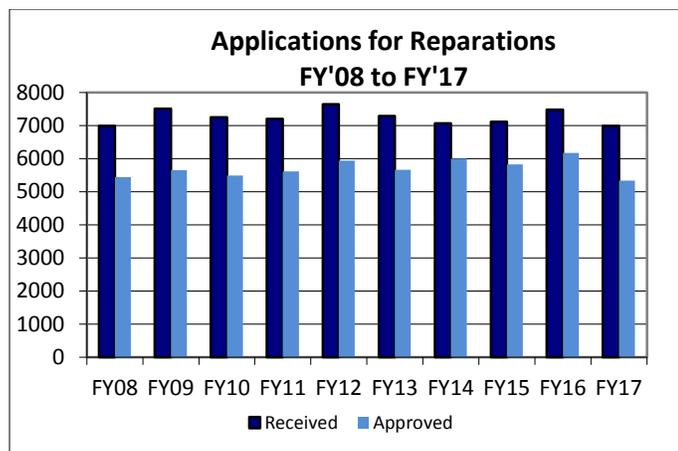
Purpose: Provide financial assistance to victims of violent crime and family members of those victims who have suffered physical and psychological injury.

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 2017:
\$151,649,486

Reparations Claim Summary FY 2017	
Claims Received	6,993
Claims Awarded	5,333
Claims Denied	1,587
Claims Pending	70
Total Amount Awarded	\$7,340,631



Payments by Benefit Type

July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Medical	3,650,106.79
Sexual Assault Examinations	1,162,135.08
Mental Health	861,204.56
Loss of Wages	452,477.81
Dental	274,306.59
Funeral and Burial	256,974.64
Rent Deposit	161,498.41
Relocation	123,731.18
Inpatient Counseling	110,240.58
Travel and Mileage	80,927.53
Residential/Day Treatment	67,546.17
Funeral Travel	39,841.84
Medically Necessary Devices	35,920.52
Replacement Services	29,528.84
Essential Personal Property	25,649.35
Insurance Premium/Spenddowns	5,855.27
Independent Medical	1,969.29
Audit Costs	717.12
Total Victim Payouts FY 2017	\$7,340,631.57

Victim Assistance Program

Federal Grant Programs

Total Federal Dollars Awarded January 1986 to June 2017	
VOCA Grants	\$ 121,926,056
VAWA Grants	30,766,524
OVC Discretionary (UVAA)	135,000
VOCA Indian Country	120,500
SASP Grant	2,488,483
Training Grant	251,972
	\$155,688,535

Total Federal Dollars Awarded Fiscal Year 2017	
VOCA Grants	\$7,702,646
VAWA Grants	1,252,334
SASP Grants	316,343
Training Grant	41,541
	\$9,312,864

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: \$10,174 to \$397,630

Statistics: 89 VOCA funded programs across the state provided services to a total of 83,175 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: \$9,760 to \$87,918

Statistics: 30 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: \$9,000 to \$87,918

Statistics: 10 SASP funded agencies across the State served 1,366 primary and secondary victims.

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 30th Annual Crime Victims Conference, held April 20-21, 2017, attracted 250 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. Over 1,000 attendees participated in these training events for 2017.