

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

## ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

### CRIME VICTIMS COMMITTEE

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the **Crime Victims Committee** and to the general public that the **Crime Victims Committee** will hold a meeting open to the public on **Thursday, January 07, 2021**, beginning at **1:30 p.m.** at the **Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Office, 1110 W. Washington, Suite 230, Phoenix, Arizona 85007**. Members of the Committee may attend either in person or by telephone, video or internet conferencing.

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Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

	<b><i>Agenda Items</i></b>	<b><i>Presenter</i></b>
<b>I.</b>	<b>Call to Order and Roll Call</b>	<b>Chairperson Steve Stahl</b>
<b>II.</b>	<b>Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes</b>	<b>Chairperson Steve Stahl</b>
	- November 03, 2020	<b>P-F-T</b>
<b>III.</b>	<b>FY 2022 Victim Assistance Grant Program</b>	<b>Heather Bohnet</b> <b>P-F-T</b>
	- Review, discussion, and possible action on the FY2022 Grant Program Funding Level	
<b>V.</b>	<b>Call to the Public</b>	
	Those wishing to address the Committee need not request permission in advance. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or rescheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.	
<b>VI.</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
	The next Committee meeting will be held at the call of the Chair.	

A copy of the agenda background material provided to Committee members is available for public inspection at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Office, 1110 West Washington, Suite 230,

Phoenix, Arizona 85007, (602) 364-1146. This document is available in alternative formats by contacting the Commission Office.

**ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION  
CRIME VICTIMS COMMITTEE  
ACTION-MOTION/ INFORMATION ITEM**

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<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Steve Stahl</b>	
<b>Agenda Title</b>	<b>Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes</b>	

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<b>Recommended Action</b>	The Committee will consider approval of the minutes of its November 03, 2020 meeting.
<b>Details/Discussion</b>	N/A
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	None
<b>Alternatives Considered</b>	Not Approve-Modify-Table

**Crime Victims Committee  
Minutes  
November 3, 2020**

A public meeting of the Crime Victims Committee of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission was convened on November 3, 2020, at 1:30p.m. by conference call.

**Members Present:**

Steve Stahl, City of Maricopa Police Chief, Chairperson by phone  
Allister Adel, Maricopa County Attorney, Shawn Cox representing by phone  
Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney, Rosanna Cortez representing by phone  
Mark Brnovich, Arizona Attorney General, Kirstin Flores representing by phone  
Greg Mengarelli, City of Prescott Mayor, by phone  
Paul Penzone, Maricopa County Sheriff, Rick Morris representing by phone

**Staff Participating:**

Heather Bohnet, Program Manager Crime Victim Services  
Dorinda Johns, Program Coordinator Crime Victim Services  
Andrew LeFevre, Director

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Stahl at 1:31 p.m. The roll was taken, and a quorum was declared present. Heather Bohnet informed the committee members of the death of CT Wright, who was serving as a member of the committee at the time of his death.

**II. Review and Approval of the Minutes of the May 7, 2020 Meeting**

Kirstin Flores requested an amendment to the meeting date in item two to adjust the year to 2020 and adjust the spelling of her name. Rosanna Cortez moved to accept the minutes as amended. Shawn Cox seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**III. Demonstration of the Electronic Crime Victim Compensation Application**

Heather Bohnet presented a demonstration of the online application for victim compensation that is currently in development and answered questions regarding the roll-out of the application.

**IV. Crime Victim Services Program Update**

Heather Bohnet provided an update on the work of the ACJC Crime Victim Services unit. Ms. Bohnet presented information on:

- Development of a victim notification project including information on the search for ongoing maintenance funding, and completion of the Project Investment Justification (PIJ).
- Participation with the State Agency Coordinating Team (SACT), which is made up of state victim services funding sources, to complete a victim's needs assessment.
- Work with the IT department to develop a public dashboard using TABLEAU which will contain victim assistance reporting data.
- Work with the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's legislative subcommittee to develop a report on accessing victim compensation by underserved populations.

**V. Preparing for FY22 Victim Assistance Grant Program**

Heather Bohnet provided an overview of the current FY21 funding, the priorities for selection, information on the grant selection process, and the types of projects funded. Ms. Bohnet also discussed revenue challenges impacting FY22 and reviewed revenue received to date in FY21. Ms. Bohnet then requested direction from the committee on what they would like staff to consider when developing the priorities for

FY22. Committee members discussed impacts of changing priorities on the program. Chief Stahl moved to leave the victim assistance funding priorities for FY22 the same as those of FY21. Greg Mengarelli seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

VI. **Call to the Public-** No one from the public was present.

VII. **Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting**

The next Crime Victims Committee meeting is to be determined at a later date. Information with the date of the next meeting will be posted.

VIII. **Adjournment**

Chairperson Steve Stahl adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew T. LeFevre". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "L".

Andrew T. LeFevre  
Executive Director  
Audio recording available upon request

**ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION  
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ACTION-MOTION/ INFORMATION ITEM**

<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Heather Bohnet</b>
<b>Agenda Title</b>	<b>FY 2022 Victim Assistance Grant Program</b>

<b>Recommended Action</b>	The Crime Victims Committee recommends to the Commission that the available funding level for the Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program for FY 2022 be set at \$200,000.
<b>Details/Discussion</b>	The ACJC victim assistance grant program size for FY 2021 was set at \$200,000. Based on revenue projections, available fund balance, and contingent on legislative approval, staff proposes setting the available funding level at \$200,000 for FY 2022. Table VS-1 shows revenue and expenditure estimates associated with all ACJC victim services program areas and funding sources for FY 2021, and corresponding estimates for FY 2022.
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	Significant to agencies seeking ACJC victim assistance grant funding for FY 2022.
<b>Alternatives Considered</b>	Not Approve - Modify - Table

## Crime Victim Assistance Program Background

The Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program is established to provide grant awards to support direct services to crime victims in the State of Arizona. At the January 2020 meeting, the Commission approved a program size up to \$200,000 in victim assistance grant awards for FY 2021.

For the FY2022 grant period, the Committee has already approved recommending to the Commission the funding priority that places the highest emphasis on projects that are ineligible for DPS-VOCA assistance funding.

VOCA Ineligible
Fund projects identified as VOCA Assistance <i>ineligible</i> , for a period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022. Projects must meet ACJC victim assistance grant program eligibility requirements.

## Budget Category Prioritization

Priority will be given to projects requesting funding to support Personnel Services and Employee Related Expenses.

## Funding

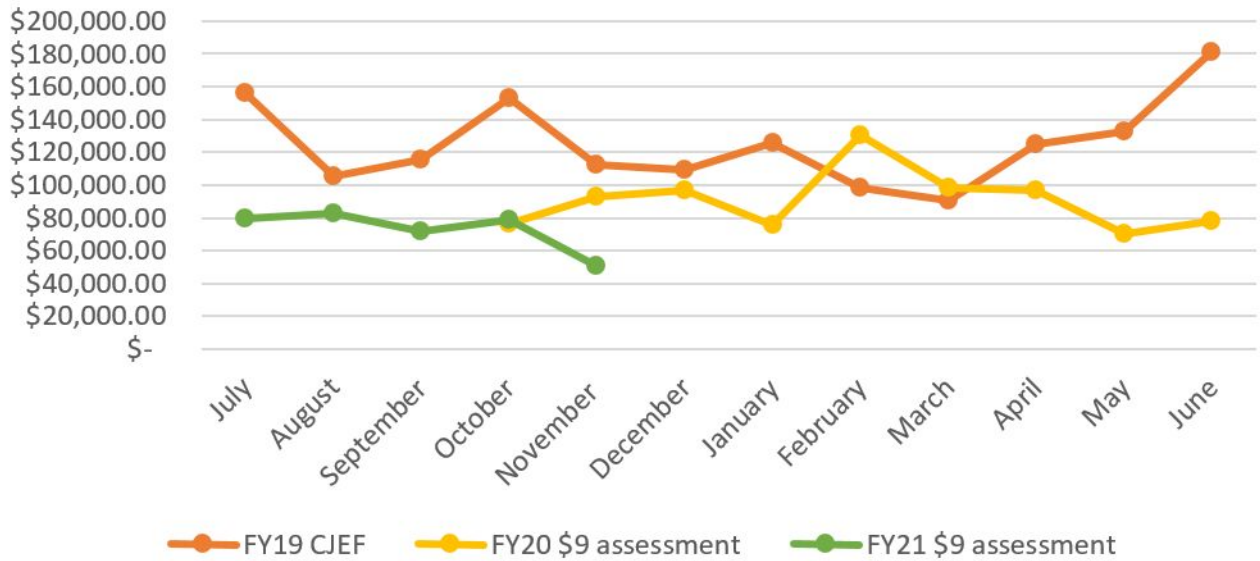
The Victim Compensation and Assistance Fund was established pursuant to A.R.S. §41-2407. Prior to January 1, 2019, monies in the fund came from an allocation of CJEF (4.6 %) as well as unclaimed victim restitution and prisoner work compensation. In addition, monies derived from community supervision fees and interstate compact fees support the Victim Compensation and Assistance Fund.

HB2313, which was signed by the Governor on 4/17/18 and took effect on 1/1/19, lowered the CJEF surcharge on fines and fees, and removed the Victim Compensation and Assistance Fund from the CJEF formula, and levied a penalty assessment in the amount of \$9.00 on every fine, penalty and forfeiture imposed and collected by the Courts for criminal offenses and any civil penalty imposed and collected for a civil traffic violation and fine, with 37.6% of the assessments being deposited by the Treasurer's Office in the Victim Compensation and Assistance Fund. The other 62.4% of the assessment is deposited in the Victims' Rights Fund for the Attorney General's Office.

This revenue change, in conjunction with the impact of the current Coronavirus pandemic, has caused a substantial reduction in revenue for the Victim Compensation and Assistance fund.

In comparing the FY2019 CJEF revenue for the Victim Compensation and Assistance Fund, which was the last full fiscal year that CJEF revenue was received, to the \$9 assessment revenue that replaced CJEF, the Victim Compensation and Assistance Fund is experiencing, roughly a 40% reduction in this revenue when comparing FY21 amounts received to date, to that of CJEF in FY2019.

### Victim Compensation & Assistance Revenue





**Table VS-1**

ACJC CRIME VICTIM SERVICES			
FY22 PROGRAM BUDGET			
		FY 2021	FY 2022*
<b>ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE</b>			
	Victim Compensation & Assistance Fund	\$2,529,716	\$2,254,916
	Federal VOCA Compensation Award	465,983	659,633
	TOTAL	\$2,995,699	\$2,914,549
<b>PROJECTED REVENUE</b>			
	Victim Compensation & Assistance Fund	\$2,113,000	\$2,300,000
	Federal VOCA Compensation Award	1,467,000	1,341,292
	TOTAL	\$3,580,000	\$3,641,292
<b>PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS FY21 / RECOMMENDED ALLOCATIONS FY22</b>			
	Victim Compensation Program		
	Victim Compensation & Assistance Fund	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
	Federal VOCA Compensation Award	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
	Victim Assistance Grant Program		
	Victim Compensation & Assistance Fund	\$200,000	\$200,000
	ACJC Administrative Expenses		
	Victim Compensation & Assistance Fund	\$187,800	\$187,800
	Federal VOCA Compensation Award	73,350	67,064
	TOTAL	\$3,661,150	\$3,654,864
<b>ESTIMATED ENDING FUND BALANCE</b>			
	Victim Compensation & Assistance Fund	\$2,254,916	\$2,167,116
	Federal VOCA Compensation Award	659,633	733,861
	TOTAL	\$2,914,549	\$2,900,977
<b>*Estimated Totals</b>			
	Victim Compensation & Assistance Fund Appropriation	\$4,229,900	\$4,229,900
	Victim Compensation & Assistance Fund Program Allocation	\$2,387,800	\$2,387,800