

# 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 **Wednesday, January 12, 2022**, 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>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Presenter</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 10, 2021	<b>P-F-T</b>
<b>III.</b>	<b>Crime Victim Services Funding Discussion</b> - Staff update on the Crime Victim Services Program Funding	<b>Heather Bohnet Info</b>
<b>IV.</b>	<b>Crime Victim Assistance Program</b> - Review, discussion, and possible action on the following: A. FY 2023 Grant Program Funding Level B. FY 2023 Grant Program Funding Priorities	<b>Heather Bohnet P-F-T</b>
<b>V.</b>	<b>Summary of Current Events</b> Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02(K), individual Committee members may present brief summaries of current events, but no discussion may occur, and no action may be taken regarding anything that is presented.	<b>Chairperson Steve Stahl Info</b>
<b>VI.</b>	<b>Call to the Public</b>	<b>Chairperson Steve Stahl</b>
	Those wishing to address the Committee need not request permission in advance. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting in person must follow all federal and state Covid-19 safety protocols, including wearing a mask and maintaining acceptable social distancing. In order to facilitate virtual participation in the meeting, members of the public wishing to address the	

	Committee will need to email <a href="mailto:vsadmin@azcjc.gov">vsadmin@azcjc.gov</a> in advance of the meeting and provide a phone number where staff can reach you. Staff will email you an acknowledgment of your request and call you during the Call to the Public for your comment. 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>VII.</b>	<b>Next Meeting</b>
	The next Committee meeting will be held at the call of the Chairperson.
<p>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.</p>	

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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 10, 2021 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 10, 2021**

A public meeting of the Crime Victims Committee of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission was convened on November 10, 2021, at 1:30p.m. by conference call.

**Members Present:**

Steve Stahl, Law Enforcement Leader, Chairperson by video conference call  
Allister Adel, Maricopa County Attorney, Shawn Cox representing by video conference call  
Mark Brnovich, Arizona Attorney General, Kirstin Flores representing by video conference call  
David Shinn, Director, Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation, and Reentry, Greg Laughner representing by video conference call  
Greg Mengarelli, City of Prescott Mayor, by phone  
Laura Conover, Pima County Attorney, Virginia Rodriguez, representing by video conference call

**Staff Participating:**

Heather Bohnet, Program Manager Crime Victim Services  
Dorinda Johns, Program Coordinator Crime Victim Services

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Stahl at 1:30 p.m.. The roll was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

**II. Review and Approval of the Minutes of the May 6, 2021 Meeting**

Kirstin Flores moved to accept the minutes, Shawn Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously

**III. Crime Victim Services Program Update**

Heather Bohnet provided an update on victim services at ACJC and what the Crime Victim Services unit is working on. Heather provided status updates on:

- The recently passes federal "VOCA Fix" legislation impacting the AZ Victim Compensation program and our FY21 federal award received as of October 01, 2021.
- A gap analysis is being conducted by ACJC Victim Services staff in conjunction with the ACJC Statistical Analysis Unit (SAC) comparing arrest rate data for charges where there is a victim as compared to the number of victim compensation applications received for those crimes.
- A funding report being drafted in collaboration with other victim services funders to determine where funds are going in comparison to where crimes are occurring as indicated by arrest data.
- American Rescue Plan Act dollars and how they will be used for victim compensation.
- Victim Notification System project status.
- Online Victim Compensation Application update.

**IV. Victim Assistance Program**

Heather provided an update on the current FY22 funding for Crime Victim Assistance and requested direction on what priorities the committee members would want to be included in the recommendation for FY23. The committee discussed options as well as the need to see the reports being developed prior to making a decision. Greg Laughner moved to table until more information could be presented, Shawn Cox seconded.

V. **Summary of Current Events**

No current events were presented.

VI. **Call to the Public**

No one requested to publicly comment via phone.

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 2:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew T. LeFevre". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Andrew T. LeFevre  
Executive Director  
Audio recording available upon request

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ACTION-MOTION/ INFORMATION ITEM**

<b>Presenter</b>	<i>Heather Bohnet</i>
<b>Agenda Title</b>	<i>Crime Victim Services Funding Update</i>

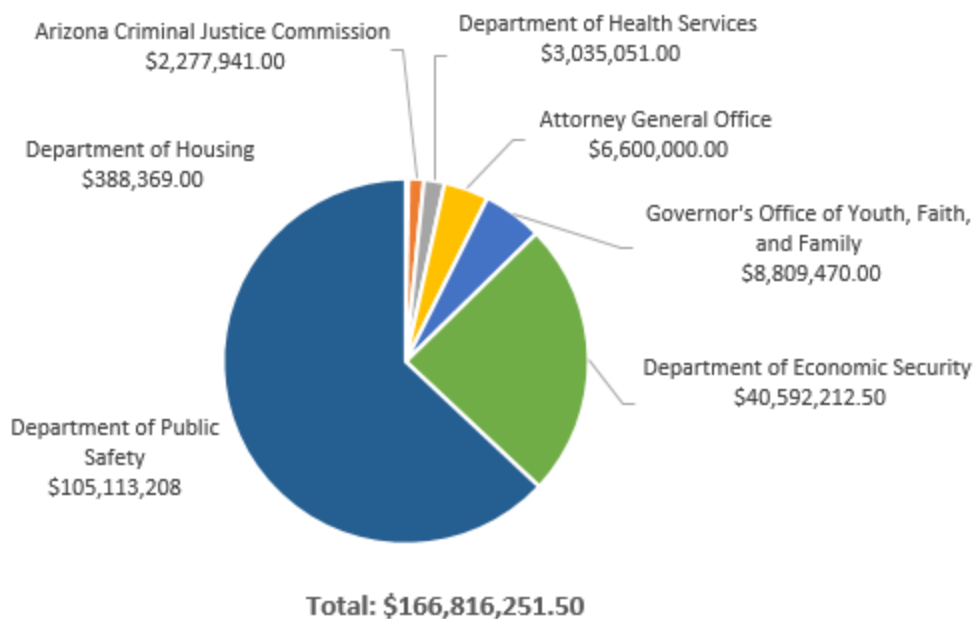
<b>Recommended Action</b>	Information Only
<b>Details/Discussion</b>	ACJC Crime Victim Services program staff will update the Committee members on the Crime Victim Services funding.
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	None
<b>Alternatives Considered</b>	None

ACJC Crime Victim Service staff has partnered with other members of the State Agency Coordinating Team (SACT), and staff from the ACJC Statistical Analysis Center to establish a survey of state and federal victim service funding in Arizona. This survey identifies available state and federal funding by State agency source, and attempts to identify any significant overlap or gaps in available victim service funding. This summarizes the work completed to date and provides a sample of funding information to be included in the final report.

Between FY2019 and FY2021, AZSACT agencies received \$175,368,263.50. The majority of victim assistance funding available to AZSACT agencies comes from federal funds (81.1%), though state and local fund sources account for some of the funding. Agencies within the State Agency Coordinating Team (SACT) noted that a portion of the monies received from federal or state sources are allocated for other costs that indirectly relate to victim services (i.e. state administration costs).

The following chart illustrates the amount of funding available for sub-grantee awards by the administering agency. Of the funds received between FY2019 and FY2021, AZSACT agencies had approximately \$166,816,251.50 available to distribute amongst victim service organizations.

#### Funds available for Sub-Grantees



AZSACT agencies were asked to report the amount of monies awarded to sub-grantees in each county. This information can be used to assess how victim service funds are distributed throughout the state.

### Sub-Grantee Funding Summary

	Fiscal Year			Total	Percent
	2019	2020	2021		
Apache	\$ 324,122.00	\$ 299,983.99	\$ 479,148.88	\$ 1,103,254.87	0.59%
Cochise	\$ 510,088.00	\$ 672,111.55	\$ 684,466.55	\$ 1,866,666.10	1.00%
Coconino	\$ 2,271,094.00	\$ 2,738,502.99	\$ 2,290,379.78	\$ 7,299,976.77	3.89%
Gila	\$ 287,396.00	\$ 215,916.00	\$ 309,316.00	\$ 812,628.00	0.43%
Graham	\$ 509,081.00	\$ 428,224.00	\$ 338,335.00	\$ 1,275,640.00	0.68%
Greenlee	\$ 28,408.00	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 55,510.00	\$ 91,018.00	0.05%
La Paz	\$ 336,737.01	\$ 457,942.39	\$ 245,675.03	\$ 1,040,354.43	0.56%
Maricopa	\$ 30,294,437.93	\$ 37,888,152.16	\$ 40,324,334.28	\$ 108,506,924.36	57.89%
Mohave	\$ 1,331,822.00	\$ 1,383,874.40	\$ 1,755,604.68	\$ 4,471,301.08	2.39%
Navajo	\$ 819,509.99	\$ 873,126.00	\$ 939,922.02	\$ 2,632,558.01	1.40%
Pima	\$ 7,085,624.01	\$ 8,256,000.83	\$ 8,439,414.26	\$ 23,781,039.10	12.69%
Pinal	\$ 3,099,404.98	\$ 3,404,854.42	\$ 4,043,228.39	\$ 10,547,487.79	5.63%
Santa Cruz	\$ 275,090.00	\$ 198,866.35	\$ 201,419.36	\$ 675,375.71	0.36%
Yavapai	\$ 2,900,100.05	\$ 3,133,306.72	\$ 3,145,220.81	\$ 9,178,627.58	4.90%
Yuma	\$ 1,150,393.00	\$ 1,407,536.59	\$ 1,413,795.59	\$ 3,971,725.18	2.12%
Statewide	\$ 1,515,561.00	\$ 3,819,530.96	\$ 4,842,180.46	\$ 10,177,272.42	5.43%
Total	\$ 52,738,868.97	\$ 65,185,029.35	\$ 69,507,951.09	\$ 187,431,849.40	100.00%



This table compares arrest rates and the proportion of funds allocated to sub-grantees in each county. This table presents the number of victim-related arrests available in the ACCH data as of July 2021.

#### Victim Related Arrest Rates and Funding

	Number of Arrests	%	Fund Amounts <sup>a</sup>	%
Apache	886	0.34%	\$1,103,254.87	0.62%
Cochise	5,679	2.18%	\$1,866,666.10	1.05%
Coconino	11,508	4.42%	\$7,299,976.77	4.12%
Gila	3,349	1.29%	\$812,628.00	0.46%
Graham	1,540	0.59%	\$1,275,640.00	0.72%
Greenlee	691	0.27%	\$91,018.00	0.05%
La Paz	1,685	0.65%	\$1,040,354.43	0.59%
Maricopa	155,166	59.58%	\$108,506,924.36	61.22%
Mohave	9,638	3.70%	\$4,471,301.08	2.52%
Navajo	5,243	2.01%	\$2,632,558.01	1.49%
Pima	36,615	14.06%	\$23,781,039.10	13.42%
Pinal	11,787	4.53%	\$10,547,487.79	5.95%
Santa Cruz	1,349	0.52%	\$675,375.71	0.38%
Yavapai	8,798	3.38%	\$9,178,627.58	5.18%
Yuma	6,505	2.50%	\$3,971,725.18	2.24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>260,439</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$177,254,576.98</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\*This table excludes the "statewide" category.

**Arizona Criminal Justice Commission - Victim Compensation Program  
Gap Analysis of Programmatic Claim Expenditures by Crime Type (2018 - 2020)**

Victim Compensation Program Claim Expenditures								
Crime Type	Total Spent	Total Unduplicated Claims*	Average Amount per claim	Total arrests (3 years)	Total 3 year cost (1 claim per arrest)	current claim % of arrests	Gap for 100% claim submission	Total 3 year cost less that total spent on claims (gap amount)
Arson	\$9,627	4	\$2,407	478	\$1,150,465	0.84%		
Assault	\$3,819,857	1191	\$3,207	83621	\$268,195,041	1.42%		
Burglary	\$24,780	23	\$1,077	10108	\$10,890,135	0.23%		
Child Physical Abuse/Neglect	\$65,838	41	\$1,606	2346	\$3,767,214	1.75%	98.25%	\$3,701,376
Child Pornography	\$1,187	3	\$396	489	\$193,481	0.61%		
Child Sex Abuse	\$892,702	572	\$1,561	2315	\$3,612,948	24.71%	75.29%	\$2,720,245
Dog Bite	\$33,842	20	\$1,692	14	\$23,690	142.86%		
DUI	\$285,169	68	\$4,194	68375	\$286,741,211	0.10%		
Fraud/Financial crimes	\$7,441	12	\$620	4002	\$2,481,470	0.30%		
Homicide	\$2,756,338	704	\$3,915	1677	\$6,565,878	41.98%	58.02%	\$3,809,541
Human Trafficking	\$22,904	3	\$7,635	134	\$1,023,026	2.24%	97.76%	\$1,000,122
Kidnapping	\$44,600	28	\$1,593	660	\$1,051,292	4.24%	95.76%	\$1,006,691
Other Crimes Total	\$157,820	58	\$2,721	43715	\$118,950,241	0.13%		
Property	\$4,661	8	\$583	55612	\$32,403,792	0.01%		
Robbery*	\$416,336	222	\$1,875	809	\$1,516,875	27.44%	72.56%	\$1,100,539
Sexual Assault (adult)	\$272,443	149	\$1,828	2991	\$5,468,966	4.98%	95.02%	\$5,196,523
Stalking	\$3,427	3	\$1,142	326	\$372,438	0.92%	99.08%	\$369,010
Terrorism	\$0	0	\$0	2	\$0	0.00%		
Threatening/Intimidation	\$23,752	15	\$1,583	6482	\$10,263,875	0.23%		
Vehicular Manslaughter	\$399,466	77	\$5,188	754	\$3,912,582	10.21%	89.79%	\$3,513,116
Other Vehicular Crimes	\$483,126	98	\$4,929	960	\$4,732,672.07	10.21%		
<b>Three Year Total</b>	<b>\$9,725,316</b>	<b>3,299</b>	<b>\$2,947.96</b>	<b>295176</b>	<b>\$780,769,008</b>			<b>\$22,417,164</b>
<b>Yearly average</b>	<b>\$3,241,772</b>	<b>1,099</b>		<b>98392</b>	<b>\$260,256,336</b>			<b>\$7,472,388</b>

**Yearly Avg. total (\$3,241,769) + Yearly avg. Gap (\$7,472,388) = Projected Yearly Funding Need \$ 10,714,157**

\*Normally one victim per claim, but may include multiple derivative victims and/or claimants

\* ACJC Calculated this number based on Bureau of Justice Statistics estimates that approximately 8% of robberies include a violent physical injury

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<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Heather Bohnet</b>
<b>Agenda Title</b>	<b>FY 2023 Victim Assistance Grant Program Funding Level</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 2023 be set at \$500,000.
<b>Details/Discussion</b>	The ACJC victim assistance grant program size for FY 2022 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 \$500,000 for FY 2023. Table VS-1 on the following page shows revenue and expenditures estimates associated with all ACJC victim services program areas and funding sources for FY 2022, and corresponding estimates for FY 2023.
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	Significant to agencies seeking ACJC victim assistance grant funding for FY 2023.
<b>Alternatives Considered</b>	Not Approve-Modify-Table

**TABLE VS-1**

**ACJC CRIME VICTIM SERVICES  
FY23 PROGRAM BUDGET**

	<u>FY 2022</u>	<u>FY 2023*</u>
<b>ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE</b>		
Victim Compensation & Assistance Fund	\$ 3,084,768	\$ 2,896,968
Federal VOCA Compensation Award	758,894	1,413,044
American Rescue Plan Act	-	1,200,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,843,662</b>	<b>\$ 5,510,012</b>
<b>PROJECTED REVENUE</b>		
Victim Compensation & Assistance Fund	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 2,300,000
Federal VOCA Compensation Award	2,057,000	1,600,000
American Rescue Plan Act	1,200,000	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,457,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,900,000</b>
<b>PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS FY22 / RECOMMENDED ALLOCATIONS FY23</b>		
Victim Compensation Program		
Victim Compensation & Assistance Fund	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000
Federal VOCA Compensation Award	1,300,000	1,300,000
American Rescue Plan Act	-	1,200,000
Victim Assistance Grant Program		
Victim Compensation & Assistance Fund	\$ 200,000	\$ 500,000
ACJC Administrative Expenses		
Victim Compensation & Assistance Fund	\$ 187,800	\$ 187,800
Federal VOCA Compensation Award	102,850	80,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,790,650</b>	<b>\$ 5,267,800</b>
<b>ESTIMATED ENDING FUND BALANCE</b>		
Victim Compensation & Assistance Fund	\$ 2,896,968	\$ 2,509,168
Federal VOCA Compensation Award	1,413,044	1,633,044
American Rescue Plan Act	1,200,000	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,510,012</b>	<b>\$ 4,142,212</b>
*Estimated Totals		
Victim Compensation & Assistance Fund Appropriation	\$ 4,224,600	\$ 2,690,000
Victim Compensation & Assistance Fund Recommended Program Allocation	\$ 2,387,800	\$ 2,687,800

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ACTION-MOTION/ INFORMATION ITEM**

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<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Heather Bohnet</b>
<b>Agenda Title</b>	<b>FY 2023 Victim Assistance Grant Program Funding Priorities</b>

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<b>Recommended Action</b>	The Crime Victims Committee recommends to the Commission the funding priority that places the highest emphasis on projects that are identified as VOCA Assistance ineligible, for a period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, and that priority be given to projects requesting funding to support Personnel Services and Employee Related Expenses.
<b>Details/Discussion</b>	The ACJC Crime Victim Assistance Program continues to identify and address the needs of victim service projects across the state, and establish funding priorities to help address identified needs. Projects that are VOCA Assistance ineligible projects must meet ACJC victim assistance grant program eligibility requirements.
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	Significant to agencies seeking ACJC victim assistance grant funding for FY 2023.
<b>Alternatives Considered</b>	None or Not Approve-Modify-Table

**Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program  
FY 2023 Funding Recommendation**

Recommended funding priorities place the highest priority on continuing to identify and fund projects that are ineligible for DPS-VOCA Assistance funding.

Any changes made as a result of the FY 2023 funding recommendation can be enhanced or undone in part or in whole in the FY 2024 process.

<b>VOCA Ineligible</b>
Fund projects identified as VOCA Assistance <i>ineligible</i> , for a period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. 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.

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<b>Presenter</b>	<i>Heather Bohnet</i>	
<b>Agenda Title</b>	<i>Summary of Current Events</i>	

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<b>Recommended Action</b>	Information Item
<b>Details/Discussion</b>	Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02(K), individual Committee members may present brief summaries of current events, but no discussion may occur, and no action may be taken regarding anything that is presented.
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	None
<b>Alternatives Considered</b>	None