

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the **Arizona Criminal Justice Commission** and to the general public that the **Arizona Criminal Justice Commission** will hold a meeting open to the public on **Thursday, January 21, 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 Commission may attend either in person or by telephone, video or internet conferencing.

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The Commission may go into executive session for any of the purposes set forth in A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1) through (7), as applicable to the agenda items listed, including for the purposes of receiving legal advice or the consideration of employment-related issues.

Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

	<i>Agenda Items</i>	<i>Presenter</i>
I.	Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance	Chair Sheila Polk
	New Commissioner Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mina Mendez, Chair, Board of Executive Clemency • Laura Conover, Pima County Attorney • Chris Nanos, Pima County Sheriff 	
II.	Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Chair Sheila Polk
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III.	Executive Director's Report	Andrew LeFevre
	1. Staff and Program Updates	Info
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preview of New ACJC Data Visualization Center 	Info
	2. Finance Update	Patty Hatvick Info
IV.	Committee Reports	
	A. Executive	Chair Sheila Polk
	1. Update on the activities of the Committee	Info
	2. Update on the activities of the Statistical Analysis Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the Results of the 2020 Arizona Youth Survey 	Jillan Ware Info
	B. Drug, Gang & Violent Crime Control Program	Tony Vidale
	1. Update on the activities of the Committee	Info
	2. Phoenix Police Department Crime Reduction Pilot Project (Restructuring Area Dynamic and Relationships)	Tony Vidale P-F-T
	3. FY 2022 Criminal Justice Innovative Grant	Tony Vidale

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	C. Crime Victims	Steve Stahl
	1. Update on the activities of the Committee	Info
	2. FY2022 Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program Funding Level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review, discussion, consideration and possible action on the FY 2022 Grant Program Funding Level 	Heather Bohnet P-F-T
	3. FY2022 Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program Funding Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review, discussion, consideration and possible action on the FY2022 Grant Program Funding Priorities 	Heather Bohnet P-F-T
	D. Information Technology Systems Improvement	David Byers
	1. Update on the activities of the Committee	Info
	E. Legislative	David Sanders
	1. Update on the activities of the Committee	Info
	2. Update on ACJC Priority Legislation and other Introduced Bills that Impact the Criminal Justice System	Molly Edwards
V.	Commission Member Summaries of Current Events	Andrew LeFevre
	Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02(K), individual Commission members may present brief summaries of current events, but no discussion may occur, and no action may be taken regarding anything that is presented.	Info
VI.	Call to the Public	
	Those wishing to address the Commission 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.	
VII.	Next Meeting	
	The next Commission meeting takes place on Thursday March 25, 2021 , at 1:30 p.m. at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, 1110 W. Washington, Suite 230, Phoenix, AZ 85007.	
	A copy of the agenda background material provided to Commission 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 ACTION-MOTION/ INFORMATION ITEM

Presenter	<i>Chair Sheila Polk</i>	
Agenda Title	<i>Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes</i>	

Recommended Action	The Commission will consider approval of the minutes of its November 19, 2020 meeting.
Details/Discussion	None
Fiscal Impact	None
Alternatives Considered	Not Approve-Modify-Table

**Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Minutes
November 19, 2020**

A public meeting of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission convened on **November 19, 2020**, at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, 1110 W. Washington, Suite 230, Phoenix, AZ 85007, by conference call.

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>
Sheila Polk, Chair, Yavapai County Attorney, via google meet	Andrew LeFevre, Executive Director, in person
Steve Stahl, Vice Chair, Chief, Maricopa Police Department, Law Enforcement Leader, via google meet	Tony Vidale, Deputy Director, in person
Allister Adel, Maricopa County Attorney, Ken Vick representing via google meet	Molly Edwards, Public Information Officer, in person
Mark Brnovich, Attorney General, John Johnson representing via google meet	Heather Bohnet, Program Manager, in person
David Byers, Director, Administrative Office of the Courts, via google meet	Patty Hatvick, Finance Manager via google meet
Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney, via google meet	Marc Peoples, Program Manager via google meet
Greg Mengarelli, Mayor, City of Prescott, via google meet	Jillian Ware, SAC Director via google meet
Mark Napier, Pima County Sheriff, by google meet	Wendy Boyle, Program Project Specialist, in person
Paul Penzone, Maricopa County Sheriff, Tommy McKone representing by google meet	<u>Guests:</u>
David Sanders, Pima County Chief Probation Officer, via google meet	Kevin Rhea, AZ Law Enforcement Accreditation Program
David Shinn, Director, Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry, Greg Lauchner representing via google meet	
Heston Silbert, Director, Department of Public Safety, Melanie Veilleux representing by google meet	

I. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Sheila Polk at 1:30 pm. Roll call taken, secretary declared a quorum, and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. The Commission also had a moment of silence for Commissioner C.T. Wright, who passed away.

II. Minutes of the September 24 meeting

Chairperson Polk called for a motion on the minutes of the Commission meeting held on September 24, 2020. Commissioner Mark Napier entered a motion to approve the minutes. The motion seconded by Commissioner David Sanders was unanimously approved by the Commission.

III. Presentation on the implementation of Presidential Executive Order (EO) 13929, "Safe Policing for Safe Communities."

With the AZ Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ALEAP), Kevin Rhea shared the Department of Justice's announcement of the standards for certification as a result of the POTUS Executive Order 13929. It mandates all state, local, and university law agencies, non-traditional POST certified agencies, prosecutors, investigators, and other specialty officers to be approved by independent credentialing agencies. In Arizona, that agency is ALEAP and will certify and apply law enforcement agencies to determine that the agency complies with two the mandatory safe policing principles: 1) that the agency's use of force policies adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, 2) that the agency's use of force policies prohibit chokeholds, except in situations where the use of deadly force is allowed by law. The discretionary principles include:

1. Training protocols on the use of force.
2. Training protocols on de-escalation.
3. The scope of an officer's duty and obligation to intervene to prevent excessive force by another officer.
4. When and how an officer should provide appropriate medical care.
5. Officers are identifying themselves as law enforcement and giving verbal warning of their intent to use deadly force.
6. Shooting at or from a moving vehicle.

IV. Convene into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431(A)(3) and (A)(4) for legal advice, consultation, and discussion regarding the following claim and/or lawsuit: Grubbs v. State of Arizona: Andrew LeFevre and Tony Vidale

Chair Polk entertained a motion by a member of the Commission for the Executive Session. At 1:46 pm, Designee Jerry Landau entered a motion to move to Executive Session, seconded by Commissioner Greg Mengarelli and unanimously approved by the Commission. The open public meeting of the Commission convened at 2:10 pm.

V. Executive Director's Report

A. Staff and Program Updates

ACJC now has four staff employees in the Statistical Analysis Center that encompasses two senior research analysts, one research analyst 1, and the SAC director. There are seven vacant positions on the Commission. Staff is in the process of drafting a letter to the Governor's office emphasizing the need and importance of having the positions filled. The CJ Reform subcommittee met with discussions on race and ethnicity to better understand the Department of Corrections Rehabilitation and Reentry data when presenting research. The next scheduled meet is in January 2021. ACJC successfully renewed a standing agreement with the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family (GOYFF) for year three to provide support for the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) and the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Workgroup (Epi).

B. Finance Update

Highlights from the four months into FY2021 include revenues from the Criminal Justice Enhancement Fund (CJEF) and Victim funds and comparing the changes in percentages. In grants and pass-through payments, ACJC paid \$4.8M to sub-grantees out of \$5.2M total in expenses. \$2M attributed to the Byrne and AZ Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) grants. ACJC has an additional auditor to review upfront the CESF grant to ensure proper documentation.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee

1. Update on the activities of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has not met, and there is no information to report. Executive Director Andy LeFevre demonstrated using the Tableau dashboard software that includes the drug, victims, and AYS programs. The Tableau software created the stories and dashboards showing the information people have been requesting on data requests. ACJC will have a soft launch first, inviting different groups to test the tool.

2. Update on Statistical Analysis Center Activities

AYS 2020 update included another 54 schools signed up in the fall for a total of 153 schools. The final report is due out at the end of the year.

3. Approval of the Fill the Gap and Gang Threat Assessment Reports

Jillian Ware gave a brief presentation on both reports. Commissioner Steve Stahl entered a motion to approve the Fill the Gap and Gang Threat Assessment reports for distribution. The motion seconded by Commissioner Barbara LaWall was unanimously approved by the Commission.

B. Drug, Gang & Violent Crime Control Program

1. Update on the activities of the Drug, Gang & Violent Crime Control Committee

There is no information to report.

2. CY2021 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program

Mr. Vidale explained the CY2021 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program (RSAT) grant awards recommendation. The proposal would extend all CY 2020 projects to June 30, 2021, and provide bridge funding equal to one-half of the CY 2020 award totaling \$275,001, including \$206,251 in federal funds and \$68,750 in match funds. The additional funding would cover costs associated with approved CY 2020 RSAT projects from January 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021. Designee Jerry Landau motioned for the Commission to approve the CY 2020 RSAT grant awards extension to June 30, 2021, and provide bridge funding of \$275,001 in federal funding and local match to CY 2020 RSAT grant projects. The motion seconded by Commissioner Barbara LaWall was unanimously approved by the Commission.

3. FY 2020 Enhanced Drug & Gang Enforcement (EDGE) Report

Mr. Vidale reported the highlights from the FY 2020 Enhanced Drug and Gang Enforcement Report. The report contains activity data reported to ACJC by projects funded out of the Drug and Gang Enforcement Account, which includes federal and state funding, and reduces illicit drug use and drug-related gang activity throughout the state.

C. Crime Victims

1. Update on the activities of the Crime Victims Committee

Commissioner Stahl referred to Heather Bohnet for Crime Victims Committee updates. Ms. Bohnet stated the Committee met on November 3 and reviewed the on-line Victim Compensation Application Tool. Other program updates included the victim notification project, where the staff is working on securing funding for the system's ongoing maintenance costs. The Victim Services program staff is also working with Arizona's Study Committee on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. The group posted its final report, including legislative and policy recommendations to address the ongoing crisis. The goal is to continue working to implement process improvements with access to victim compensation for the indigenous communities. Staff is prepared to present the FY2022 victim assistance grant program and review the funding recommendations at the January Commission meeting. The Committee will meet to review program size and priority areas.

2. Preview of On-line Victim Compensation Application Tool

Ms. Bohnet demonstrated the electronic crime victim compensation application platform.

D. Information Technology Systems Improvement

1. Update on the activities of the Information Technology & Systems Improvement Committee

Designee Jerry Landau discussed the Arizona Protective Order Initiation and Notification Tool (AZPoint). ACJC continues to work with AOC, DPS, and the Sheriffs to finalize issues surrounding the National Criminal Information Center (NCIC) entry and HIT Confirmation requirements necessary for law enforcement to enter/verify the information for NCIC. The second point is the budget for AZPoint. AOC is requesting \$259,000 to support AZPOINT.

E. Legislative

1. Legislative Committee Update

Commissioner Sanders gave a brief on the Committee stating there was a meeting on October 26, 2020. The Committee discussed items of legislation interest that included the concealed weapon permit bill that would allow federal firearms licensees to access a VPN website to verify the legitimacy of a concealed weapons permit with it being suspended or revoked. Commissioner Sanders referred to Molly Edwards for updates on crucial committee changes in the house and senate, the Commission membership bill, victims funding bill, and more information on AZ Point.

2. Review, discussion, consideration, and possible action on ACJC Priority Legislation for the 2021 Legislative Session

Ms. Edwards presented the committee's recommendations to pursue legislation, including the ACJC Membership bill that adds two new members: a public defender and a victim advocate. The other is the Statewide Criminal Justice Data bill that makes ACJC the central collection point for criminal justice data and conducts a statewide survey of CJ agencies to produce a report. ACJC will meet with the new chair/vice-chairs of the legislative committees and critical legislators. Commissioner Steve Stahl entered a motion for the Commission to support and approve the two drafted pieces of priority legislation. The motion seconded by Designee Jerry Landau was unanimously approved by the Commission.

VII Commission Member Summaries of Current Events

Chair Polk acknowledged that she is sitting on a steering committee for a national effort to improve criminal justice data funded with support from the Department of Justice/Bureau of Justice Assistance. The focus is on identifying a set of metrics that would give valid measurements of looking into the criminal justice system. The goals are to look at the metric, collect the data, where the data exists, and gaps in data collection.

VIII. Recognition of Outgoing Commission Members

Pima Sheriff Mark Napier and Pima County Attorney Barbara LaWall announced they would be leaving their positions, and the Commission thanked them for their service.

X. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

The next Arizona Criminal Justice Commission meeting occurs at 1:30 pm on Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 1110 W. Washington, Suite 230, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew LeFevre
Executive Director

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ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION ACTION-MOTION/ INFORMATION ITEM

Presenter	Andrew LeFevre	Executive Director
Agenda Title	Executive Directors Report	

Recommended Action	Information Item
Details/Discussion	Update on the program and staff activities
Fiscal Impact	None
Alternatives Considered	None

ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION ACTION-MOTION/ INFORMATION ITEM

Presenter	<i>Patty Hatvick</i>	<i>Finance Manager</i>
Agenda Title	<i>Executive Directors Report</i>	

Recommended Action	Information Item
Details/Discussion	Update on the agency's finances
Fiscal Impact	None
Alternatives Considered	None

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

Presenter	<i>Chairperson Sheila Polk</i>	
Agenda Title	<i>Executive Committee</i>	

Recommended Action	Information Item
Details/Discussion	Update on the Committee
Fiscal Impact	None
Alternatives Considered	None

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

Presenter	<i>Jillian Ware</i>	
Agenda Title	<i>Statistical Analysis Center</i>	

Recommended Action	Information Item
Details/Discussion	Update on the activities of the Statistical Analysis Center
Fiscal Impact	None
Alternatives Considered	None

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

Presenter	Tony Vidale	Deputy Director
Agenda Title	Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Control	

Recommended Action	Information Item
Details/Discussion	Update on the Committee
Fiscal Impact	None
Alternatives Considered	None

ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION ACTION-MOTION/ INFORMATION ITEM

Presenter	Tony Vidale	Deputy Director
Agenda Title	Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Control	Phoenix Police Department Crime Reduction Pilot Project (Restructuring Area Dynamic and Relationships)

Recommended Action	The Commission approve the Phoenix Police Department Crime Reduction Pilot Project and the award of \$15,000 in Byrne Justice Assistance Grant funds.
Details/Discussion	See attached
Fiscal Impact	Significant to recipient agencies
Alternatives Considered	Not Approve-Modify-Table

Request

Staff is requesting Committee approval of a recommendation to fund a crime reduction pilot project with the Phoenix Police Department in the amount of \$15,000 called Restructuring Area Dynamic and Relationships (RADAR).

Issue Background

The Restructuring Area Dynamic and Relationships (RADAR) program concentrates on the social network theory and mismanaged properties to reduce calls for service and crime rates instead of arrests and prosecutions, seizure of contraband and serving of search warrants. Officers identify high crime areas in the precinct and related properties attracting high calls for service and related crime. Officers meet with property owners and offer to work with them to provide solutions to lower crime activity and associated calls for service. If owners do not participate in crime reduction efforts and the property continues to realize high crime rates, the property is labeled a nuisance under Arizona statute and the property subject to seizure. The threat of property seizure is meant to incentivize property owners to work with community liaisons and precinct officers to address crime rates and calls for service. Without some intervention, criminals, renters, and managers “using” the location create a buffer between the owner and police. Police unintentionally become free security protecting the owner’s investment while the owner chooses to allow criminals to control the property and damage the neighborhood.

Under the social network theory, individuals’ attributes are less important than their relationships and ties with other network actors. The people who participate in criminal activity need to build relationships within an area to be successful. If those networks are disrupted, the individual criminal is going to be less successful. Using this approach, efforts transform the organized, collaborative groups of criminals into displaced and disorganized individual criminals who can only perpetrate random and isolated acts of crime and become less able to damage the neighborhood’s health.

Applicable Arizona Revised Statutes:

12-991 Nuisance; applicability; residential property used for crime; action to abate and prevent; notice; definitions

12-998. Nuisance; commercial buildings used for crime; action to abate and prevent

33-1368. Noncompliance with rental agreement by tenant; failure to pay rent; utility discontinuation; liability for guests; definition

33-1377. Special detainer actions; service; trial postponement

Past Success

This approach was used in 2006-2007 and 2015-2016. Overall violent crime dropped 20 percent in the precinct. Calls for service in the precinct dropped by 43 percent, and reported crimes declined 48 percent. There were only three occasions where seizures were used involving property owners that would not cooperate with crime reduction efforts.

Funding

The project will utilize \$15,000 in unexpended Byrne Justice Assistance Grant funding from prior year grant awards.



Cactus Park Precinct
12220 N. 39th Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85029

December 15, 2020

To whom it may concern:

I am the property manager for the property located at 8010-8058 N. 27th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85051, collectively known as Alta Vista Plaza.

I have managed the property for over 3 years now and have witnessed the changes that have taken place in such a short amount of time. We have been negatively impacted by the many vagrants, violence, prostitution, and crime, that has migrated to our neighbourhood. I firmly believe the cause of the aforementioned, is the derelict hotels, apartments, and various retail centres that have been nearly abandoned in our immediate surroundings.

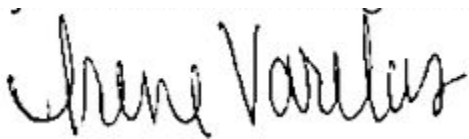
We, as property managers and property owners have done our due diligence to no avail to ensure the property, as well as its tenants remain safe, open, and successful. It has been very challenging, and I have requested assistance from our local precinct and their Community Action Officers over the last three years.

I would appreciate any assistance or ideas how we can help with the issues the community is having.

Please feel free to contact me at (480) 688-4349 or via email at ivarelas@arcadiamgmt.com.

I appreciate your time.

Sincerely,



Irene Varelas
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December 15, 2020

Lt. Nicholas Jimenez
Phoenix Police Department
Desert Horizon Precinct
16030 N. 56th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85028

Lt. Jimenez,

Thank you for your participation with my fellow neighborhood leaders, regarding the rising crime along the 19th Avenue corridor and the impact of this crime on our established neighborhoods.

It is clear by the calls for service to this corridor, specifically from Glendale Avenue to Dunlap Avenue, that the crime has not only escalated but that it has become violent. The types of crime we have not experienced in our neighborhoods, such as homicides, domestic violence, sexual assaults and child molestation, dangerous drugs and trespassing. Assaults occurring are now most often with some type of deadly weapon. Nightly, as our neighbors report, we hear gun fire. Needless to say, it is troubling.

Even more troubling is that by looking at the data, the crime points to a small number of large apartment complexes in this corridor that are committing the crimes and generating the calls for service.

I make these statements from facts as I have been utilizing the Community Crime Map as well as the Phoenix Police Department's datasets, specifically the calls for service. I do this to provide factual information to residents regarding public safety.

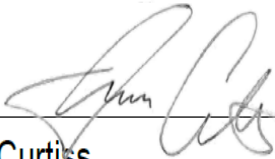
I am grateful to be able to work with you, our CAO's and the entire department.

Thank you and stay safe.

Regards,



Pam Fitzgerald
Washington Park Neighborhood Association



Ian Curtiss
Washington Park Neighborhood Association



Glendale Avenue to Northern Avenue; 27th Avenue to 35th Avenue

Cactus Park Precinct
12220 N. 39th Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85029

December 16, 2020

To Whom it may concern:

I am the President of the North Glen Square Neighborhood Association. Our organization represents about 1400 homes and businesses between 27th Avenue and 35th Avenue from Glendale Avenue to Northern Avenue. We were incorporated in 1988 and are a registered neighborhood association with the City of Phoenix.

Several years ago, Phoenix Police initiated the Violence Impact Project to address violent crime along 27th Ave. This project was very successful in addressing several difficult issues that had gone unresolved for some time.

Unfortunately, the neighborhood is seeing a resurgence in criminal activity in the area. Listening to residents, working with community officers, and reviewing calls for service, it is clear that there are a number of apartments and hotels that are a significant source of criminal activity. This criminal activity permeates into our community and affects the safety of our neighbors. We are looking for additional help from Phoenix Police to mitigate the criminal activity at these properties.

Thank you,

Michael Simms

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Simms".

President
North Glen Square Neighborhood Association

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Phoenix, Arizona 85069-9485

ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION ACTION-MOTION/ INFORMATION ITEM

Presenter	Tony Vidale	Deputy Director
Agenda Title	Drug, Gang and Violent Crime Control	Approval of FY 2022 Criminal Justice Innovative Grant

Recommended Action	Commission approval of the FY 2022 Criminal Justice Innovative Projects Grant funded by the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant.
Details/Discussion	Over the last three grant years, ACJC has tracked and set aside unexpended federal grant funds awarded through the Drug, Gang, and Violent Crime Control Program. In years past, these funds would be recycled through the program, which funded a consistent group of agencies and projects according to the statewide strategy. At its February 2018 meeting, the Drug Committee expressed a desire to fund projects outside of the typical group that was funded, however, there were concerns about how new projects could be funded without adversely affecting traditionally funded projects. Specifically, members discussed a need for drug prevention and education efforts. In addition, the Commission revised the goals of the program in the statewide strategy to include drug prevention and education, recidivism reduction, and effective reentry. Staff estimates that about \$400,000 would be available for an innovative projects grant program.
Fiscal Impact	N/A
Alternatives Considered	Not Approve-Modify-Table

Supplemental Information

Funding Plan

Innovative projects would utilize up to \$400,000 in prior year unexpended Byrne Justice Assistance Grant funds. The grant period would be for 36 months. Grantees would be given a 6 to 12 month period to develop action plans to implement the innovative project and 24 months to implement the project. The funding would allow for two projects, granted a maximum amount of \$200,000.

Innovative Grant Project Goals

A successful innovative grant project will have at least one of the following goals from the 2020-2025 Statewide Strategy:

- Curtail the flow of illicit drugs, drug proceeds, and instruments used to perpetuate violence across Arizona.
- Reduce violent crime by implementing strategies and methods to combat crime and ensure public safety and hold offenders accountable.
- Reduce illicit drug use by enhancing prevention efforts and educating the community about the harms posed by illegal drugs and their abuse.
- Reduce recidivism and implement effective reentry efforts through comprehensive and collaborative strategies focused on successfully reintegrating offenders back into the community.

Innovative Grant Project Criteria

	<u>Criteria</u>
1.	The project is a new approach that does not duplicate or replicate existing services.
2.	The project includes evidence-based practices or policies.
3.	The problem of focus is a long-standing deep-rooted problem in the community based on objective data.
4.	The project demonstrates the ability to solve the identified problem in the community.
5.	Past efforts by the applicant have experienced success.
6.	Past successes are leveraged or built upon with a new approach.

7.	The new approach includes best practices from the field.
8.	The project defines the roles and responsibilities of a wide variety of stakeholders co-producing all parts of the project.
9.	Project output or outcomes are easily accessible or experienced by the public.
10.	The project supports an underserved population (defined by specific demographics or target audiences) or a racially diverse community, and the project includes cultural competency and trauma-informed response training as applicable.
11.	The project provides reasonable assurance (ex: a history of serving the targeted population) to serve the targeted demographics and clearly articulate output or outcomes to create a broad community impact.
12.	The project utilizes multiple funding sources, including in-kind and donations, to be fiscally responsible and effective.
13.	The project sustainability plan includes realistic funding and evaluation plan for an appropriate number of years after the project ends (evaluation findings must inform future planning, and evaluation planning should be tied to project objectives).
14.	The project has broad-based support from the community.
15.	Project development and implementation include appropriate subject matter experts and has clear goals, objectives, and performance measures.
16.	There is a strong, identified desire in the community for the project services.
17.	Barriers to successful project implementation have been identified and assessed as low.
18.	The project creates value and new opportunities for the community.
19.	The project offers benefits that are an improvement on previous efforts to solve/address the problem.
20.	The innovative project is a means to achieving strategic goals.

The scoring criteria will be used to determine if the project is Highly Innovative, Strong Innovation, Mid-level Innovation, Minor Innovation, or No Innovation.

Highly Innovative: The project is original and a transformative solution to a problem. Innovation may create value and new opportunities for the community and offer benefits that improve previous efforts.

Strong Innovation: The project may not be original to the organization, jurisdiction, or system but offers significant value to the community.

Mid-level Innovation: The project is new to the organization, jurisdiction, or system. The innovation does not significantly change the organization's processes, service, or offerings than existing practices or approaches.

Minor Innovation: The project offers new components of existing approaches but is not an original or unique idea and does not provide value above past efforts.

No Innovation: The project lacks originality or newness to the organization, jurisdiction, or system and does not provide value above past efforts.

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

Presenter	<i>Committee Chair Steve Stahl</i>	
Agenda Title	<i>Crime Victims</i>	

Recommended Action	Information Item
Details/Discussion	Update on the Committee
Fiscal Impact	None
Alternatives Considered	None

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

Presenter	<i>Heather Bohnet</i>	Program Manager
Agenda Title	<i>Crime Victims</i>	<i>FY 2022 Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program Funding Level</i>

Recommended Action	The Commission approves the available funding level for the Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program for FY2022 be set at \$200,000 with the ability to revise pending the inclusion of ACJC’s request in the governor’s budget.
Details/Discussion	The ACJC victim assistance grant program size for FY2021 was set at \$200,000. Based on revenue projections, available fund balance, and contingent on legislative approval, the Crime Victims Committee proposes setting the available funding level at \$200,000 for FY2022, with the ability to revise the program size pending the inclusion of ACJC’s request in the governor’s budget. Table VS-1 shows revenue and expenditure estimates associated with all ACJC victim services program areas and funding sources for FY2021, and corresponding estimates for FY2022.
Fiscal Impact	Significant to agencies seeking ACJC victim assistance grant funding for FY 2022.
Alternatives Considered	Not Approve-Modify-Table

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.

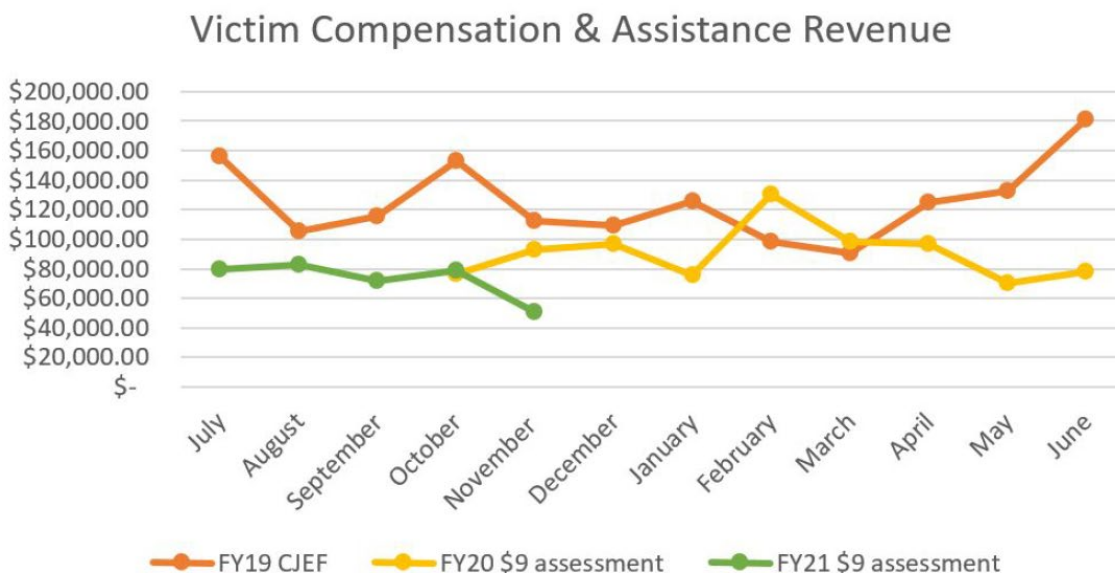


TABLE VS-1 FY22 CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING RECOMMENDATION

ACJC CRIME VICTIM SERVICES				
FY22 PROGRAM BUDGET				
			FY 2021	FY 2022*
ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE				
	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
PROJECTED REVENUE				
	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
PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS FY21 / RECOMMENDED ALLOCATIONS FY22				
	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
ESTIMATED ENDING FUND BALANCE				
	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
*Estimated Totals				
	Victim Compensation & Assistance Fund Appropriation		\$4,229,900	\$4,229,900
	Victim Compensation & Assistance Fund Program Allocation		\$2,387,800	\$2,387,800

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ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

ACTION-MOTION/ INFORMATION ITEM

Presenter	Heather Bohnet	Program Manager
Agenda Title	Crime Victims	FY 2022 Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program Funding Priorities

Recommended Action	The Commission approves the Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program funding priority that places the highest emphasis on projects that are identified as VOCA Assistance ineligible, for a period beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, and that priority be given to projects requesting funding to support Personnel Services and Employee Related Expenses.
Details/Discussion	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 must meet ACJC victim assistance grant program eligibility requirements.
Fiscal Impact	Significant to agencies seeking ACJC victim assistance grant funding for FY 2022.
Alternatives Considered	Not Approve - Modify - Table

FY 2022 Funding Recommendation

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

The funding recommendation does not permanently alter the structure of, or availability of funding, for the ACJC Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program. Any changes made as a result of the FY 2022 funding recommendation can be enhanced or undone in part or in whole, for the FY2023 process.

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.

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

Presenter	<i>Committee Chair David Byers</i>
Agenda Title	<i>Information Technology Systems Improvement</i>

Recommended Action	Information Item
Details/Discussion	Update on the Committee
Fiscal Impact	None
Alternatives Considered	None

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

Presenter	<i>Committee Chair David Sanders</i>
Agenda Title	<i>Legislative</i>

Recommended Action	Information Item
Details/Discussion	Update on the Committee
Fiscal Impact	None
Alternatives Considered	None

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

Presenter	Committee Chair David Sanders Molly Edwards, Public Information Officer/Legislative Liaison
Agenda Title	Legislative

Recommended Action	Information Item
Details/Discussion	Update on the Committee
Fiscal Impact	None
Alternatives Considered	None

ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION ACTION-MOTION/ INFORMATION ITEM

Presenter	<i>Andrew LeFevre</i>
Agenda Title	<i>Summary of Current Events</i>

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