

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, May 06, 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:

	Agenda Items	Presenter
I.	Call to Order and Roll Call	Chairperson Steve Stahl
II.	Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Chairperson Steve Stahl
	- March 04, 2021	P-F-T
III.	Crime Victim Assistance Program	Heather Bohnet
	- Review, discussion, consideration and possible action on the FY22 program funding recommendation	P-F-T
IV.	Crime Victim Services Program Update	Heather Bohnet
	- Staff update on the Crime Victim Services Program	Info
V.	Call to the Public	
	<p>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 social distancing. In order to facilitate virtual participation in the meeting, members of the public wishing to address the Committee will need to email vsadmin@azcjc.gov 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.</p>	

VI.	Next Meeting
	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>	

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

Presenter	Steve Stahl	
Agenda Title	Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	

Recommended Action	The Committee will consider approval of the minutes of its March 04, 2021 meeting.
Details/Discussion	N/A
Fiscal Impact	None
Alternatives Considered	Not Approve-Modify-Table

**Crime Victims Committee
Minutes
March 04, 2021**

A public meeting of the Crime Victims Committee of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission was convened on March 4, 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
Greg Mengarelli, City of Prescott Mayor, by phone
Paul Penzone, Maricopa County Sheriff, Phil Dougherty representing by video conference call

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 1:36 p.m.. The roll was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

II. Review and Approval of the Minutes of the January 7, 2021 Meeting

Kirstin Flores moved to accept the minutes, Phil Dougherty seconded. The motion passed unanimously

III. FY2022 Victim Compensation Program

A. FY21 Program Benefit Funding Reallocation

Heather Bohnet reviewed the status of the current program and provided the staff recommendation regarding reallocation to the committee. Shawn Cox moved that the Committee recommend to the Commission the reallocation of funds per table VS-1. Kirstin Flores seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. FY22 State and Federal Funding Amount

Heather Bohnet reviewed the funding available for the current program, provided information on projected revenues, and provided the staff recommendation that the total state and federal allocated funding for the FY22 Crime Victim Compensation Program be set at \$3,367,064; including \$2,000,000 in state compensation funds and \$1,367,064 in federal VOCA compensation funds. Andrew LeFevre provided information regarding the status of requests for supplemental funding. Phil Dougherty moved that the committee recommend to the Commission the budget that staff recommended. Shawn Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. FY22 Designation of Operational Units

Heather Bohnet reviewed the process for the designation of operational units and provided the staff recommendation for designating the 15 County Attorney's Offices as the Victim Compensation Program Operational Units. Kirstin Flores moved that the committee recommend to the Commission

the designation of the 15 County Attorney's offices as the operational units. Shawn Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

D. FY22 Program Funding Allocation

Heather Bohnet reviewed the staff recommendation for the FY22 Victim Compensation Program funding allocations. Phil Dougherty moved that the committee recommend to the Commission the program funding allocation outlined in table VS-3. Shawn Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Call to the Public

No one requested to publicly comment via email. Heather Bohnet provided information on the upcoming Victim Rights Week Event.

V. 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.

VI. Adjournment

Chairperson Steve Stahl adjourned the meeting at 2:08 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 a long, sweeping tail.

Andrew T. LeFevre
Executive Director
Audio recording available upon request

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

Presenter	Heather Bohnet
Agenda Title	FY22 Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program Awards

Recommended Action	The Crime Victims Committee recommends to the Commission awarding \$200,000 in FY22 Crime Victim Assistance grant funds as indicated in Table VS-1 of the agenda.
Details/Discussion	The funding proposal in Table VS-1 reflects the evaluation criteria and priorities approved by the Commission. A narrative is provided following this agenda item detailing the victim assistance grant program, the evaluation process, and proposed funding for FY22.
Fiscal Impact	Significant – Distribution of \$200,000 in Crime Victim Assistance grant funds to approved agencies for FY22.
Alternatives Considered	Not Approve-Modify-Table

Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program

FY 2022 Funding Recommendation

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 2021 meeting, the Commission approved a program size up to \$200,000 in victim assistance grant awards for FY22.

For the FY22 grant period, the Commission approved funding priorities that placed 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 was given to projects requesting funding to support Personnel Services and Employee Related Expenses.

Applications Received

On February 1, 2021, the FY22 Crime Victim Assistance Program grant application period opened. The deadline for submission of applications was Friday, March 12, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. Nineteen applications were submitted by the deadline. The following is a breakdown of applications received by funding tier:

Funding Tier	Applications Submitted	Funding Requested
VOCA ineligible	16	\$619,776.06
VOCA eligible	3	\$92,707.09
TOTAL	19	\$712,483.15

Evaluation and Scoring

All grant application requests were evaluated in accordance with A.R.S. § 41-2702. All applications received were reviewed and scored by three individuals including ACJC staff and outside evaluators. Scoring was based on the Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program rules, application criteria, and priorities approved by the Commission.

FY 2022 Funding Recommendation

General Overview

ACJC Victim Services Staff recommends victim assistance grant awards totaling \$200,000 for FY22. This award total equals the \$200,000 program size approved by the Commission in January.

VOCA Ineligible Award Detail

This purpose area attempts to identify and prioritize funding for projects that are ineligible under the guidelines of the DPS-VOCA assistance grant program. Of the nineteen applications submitted under the VOCA ineligible purpose area, thirteen included budget requests that were determined to be DPS-VOCA assistance ineligible and in line with the priorities established by the Commission for an award. The activities included in these applications are the gap activities this purpose area set out to identify and support. The following is a list of those VOCA Ineligible activities and associated projects recommended for funding:

- On-call time for direct victim service providers
 - A. Chrysalis Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence
 - B. Haven Family Resource Center
 - C. Kingman Aid to Abused People
 - D. North Country Healthcare
 - E. Victim / Witness Services for Coconino County

- Training staff or volunteers for programs providing direct services to crime victims
 - A. Arizona Coalition for Victim Services – Arizona Victim Assistance Academy & Mobile Advocacy Training Program
 - B. City of Tempe-CARE 7 – Trauma and Resilience Training

The score team recommended funding these projects to the degree the requests were determined to be VOCA Assistance ineligible, and the extent to which projects were aligned with the ACJC victim assistance grant program rules and funding priorities for the FY22 grant period.

TABLE VS-1 FY22 CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING RECOMMENDATION

Applicant Agency	Project Title	FY22 Requested Awards	FY22 Proposed Total Grant Awards
Arizona Coalition for Victim Services	Arizona Victim Assistance Training	\$48,491	\$ 43,491
Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence	Arizona Domestic and Sexual Violence Helpline	\$36,726	\$ -
Arizona Crime Victim Rights Law Group	Arizona Crime Victim Rights Law Group	\$58,125	\$ -
Chrysalis Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence Inc.	Victim Services	\$30,054	\$ 13,000
City of Tempe - Care 7	CARE 7 Trauma & Resilience Trainer	\$90,230	\$ 38,966
Gila County Attorney's Office	Gila County Victim Assistance	\$31,082	\$ -
Haven Family Resource Center	Victim Services	\$17,368	\$ 17,368
Kingman Aid To Abused People, Inc.	Victim Service Program	\$27,656	\$ 27,656
Navajo County	FAC Victim Program	\$30,741	\$ -
New Life Center	Facilities and Survivor Move Out Program	\$29,184	\$ -
North Country Healthcare	Northern Arizona Care and Services After Assault	\$36,300	\$ 32,800
Parents and Relatives of Victims of Crime	Community Center for Victims of Crime	\$42,710	\$ -
Prescott Valley Police Department	Victim Services Improvement Project	\$12,162	\$ -
Prevent Child Abuse Arizona	Yavapai Family Advocacy Center	\$12,000	\$ -
Purple Ribbon Council (Bloom 365)	Bloom365 Trusted Adult Ally Training	\$39,085	\$ -
Secretary of State's Office	Address Confidentiality Program Outreach/Training	\$70,275	\$ -
Time Out, Inc.	Emergency Shelter Program	\$43,981	\$ -
Tucson Center for Women and Children	Emergency Shelter for Survivors of Domestic Abuse	\$24,486	\$ -
Victim/Witness Services For Coconino County	Crisis Response Program	\$31,826	\$ 26,720
TOTAL		\$ 712,483	\$ 200,000

TABLE VS-2 FY22 CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING DISTRIBUTION

Funding Distribution by Organization Service Type	Number of Awards	% of Awards	\$ Amount Awarded	% of \$ Awarded
Domestic Violence/Sexual Asslt.	4	57%	90,824	45%
Legal Advocacy	0	0%	0	0%
Multiple Service Types	2	29%	65,686	33%
Notification Services	0	0%	0	0%
Other Specialized	1	14%	43,491	22%
TOTAL	7	100%	\$200,000	100%

Funding Distribution by Primary Service Area	Number of Awards	% of Awards	\$ Amount Awarded	% of \$ Awarded
State Wide	1	14%	43,491	22%
Apache County	0	0%	0	0%
Cochise County	0	0%	0	0%
Coconino County	2	29%	59,520	30%
Gila County	0	0%	0	0%
Graham County	0	0%	0	0%
Greenlee County	0	0%	0	0%
La Paz County	0	0%	0	0%
Maricopa County	2	29%	51,966	26%
Mohave County	2	29%	45,024	23%
Navajo County	0	0%	0	0%
Pima County	0	0%	0	0%
Pinal County	0	0%	0	0%
Santa Cruz County	0	0%	0	0%
Yavapai County	0	0%	0	0%
Yuma County	0	0%	0	0%
TOTAL	7	100%	\$200,000	100%

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

Presenter	Heather Bohnet	
Agenda Title	Crime Victim Services Program Update	

Recommended Action	Information Only
Details/Discussion	ACJC Crime Victim Services program staff will update the Committee members on the Crime Victim Services program activities.
Fiscal Impact	N/A
Alternatives Considered	None