

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, May 10, 2023**, 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 08, 2023	P-F-T
III.	FY24 Crime Victim Assistance Program Grant Awards - Review, discussion, consideration and possible action on the FY24 program funding recommendation	Heather Bohnet P-F-T
IV.	FY23 Crime Victim Compensation Program ARPA Funding Supplement - Review, discussion, consideration and possible action on the supplemental allocation of ARPA funds for FY23 compensation benefits funding	Heather Bohnet P-F-T
V.	Crime Victim Services Program Update - Staff update on the Crime Victim Services Program	Heather Bohnet Info
VI.	Summary of Current Events 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.	Chairperson Steve Stahl Info

VII.	Call to the Public	
	<p>Those wishing to address the Committee need not to request permission in advance. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting in person must follow all federal and state Covid-19 protocols including wearing a mask and maintaining acceptable social distance. In order to facilitate virtual participation in the meeting, members of the public wishing to address the Committee will need to email our Victim Services Department at vsadmin@azcjc.gov in advance of the meeting and provide the phone number where you can be reached. Staff will email you an acknowledgment of your request and will 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>	
VIII.	Next Meeting	
	<p>The next Committee meeting will be held at the call of the Chairperson.</p>	
<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 08, 2023 meeting.
Details/Discussion	N/A
Fiscal Impact	None
Alternatives Considered	Not Approve-Modify-Table

**Crime Victims Committee
Minutes
March 8, 2023**

A public meeting of the Crime Victims Committee of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission was convened on March 8, 2023 at 1:30p.m., at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission office, 1110 W. Washington St., Ste 230, Phoenix, AZ, 85007.

Members Present (virtual - via GoogleMeets):

Steve Stahl, Law Enforcement Leader, Chairperson
Laura Conover, Pima County Attorney, Virginia Rodriguez representing
Kris Mayes, Arizona Attorney General, Kirstin Flores representing
Mina Mendez, Director, Board of Executive Clemency, Marcie Valverde representing
Rachel Mitchell, Maricopa County Attorney, Shawn Cox representing
Paul Penzone, Maricopa County Sheriff, Phil Dougherty representing

Staff Present:

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 1:30 p.m. The roll was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

II. Review and Approval of the Minutes of the November 9, 2022 Meeting

Shawn Cox moved to accept the minutes, Virginia Rodriguez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Crime Victim Compensation Program

A. FY23 Program Benefit Funding Reallocation

Heather Bohnet provided an update on current fiscal year expenditures, remaining funds potentially available for reallocation, ARPA funds which may become available at a future date, and a recommendation for reallocation/supplemental allocation of funds. Shawn Cox moved that the Crime Victims Committee recommends to the Commission that compensation funds for the current FY23 be reallocated to operational units in accordance with Table VS-1 of the agenda. Kirsten Flores seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

B. FY24 Compensation Program Funding

Heather Bohnet reviewed information on available funds and the recommendation for total victim compensation program size for FY24. The committee discussed the proposal. Shawn Cox moved that The Crime Victims Committee recommends to the Commission that total state, federal and ARPA allocated funding for the FY24 Crime Victim Compensation Program be set at \$6,619,100; including \$1,050,000 in state compensation funds, \$69,100 in federal VOCA compensation funds, and \$5,500,000 in ARPA funds, contingent on the receipt of ARPA funds by July 1, 2023. If ARPA funds are not received by July 1, 2023, the total total state and federal allocated funding for the FY24 Crime Victim Compensation Program be set at \$4,569,100; including \$3,200,000 in state compensation funds, \$1,369,100 in federal VOCA compensation funds. Phil Dougherty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. FY24 Designation of Operational Units

Heather Bohnet explained the process for designating the operational units for FY24, indicating that all 15 county attorney's have requested to continue as operational units. Phil Dougherty moved the Crime Victims Committee recommends to the Commission designating the 15 County Attorney's Offices as operational units for the FY 2024 Crime Victim Compensation Program. Shawn Cox seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

D. FY24 Compensation Program Funding Allocation

Heather Bohnet presented the recommendation for allocation of the FY24 Victim Compensation program funds to each operational unit for both administrative costs and victim compensation benefits, explaining the differences between two funding plans depending on the availability of ARPA funds by July 1, 2023. Heather explained that the recommendation for changes to administrative costs was not included in the 15 counties, but staff are reviewing those costs and will bring future recommendations in changes to administrative costs back to the committee in the future. Shawn Cox moved that the Crime Victims Committee recommends to the Commission the allocation of \$6,619,000 in state and federal crime victim compensation funds, and ARPA funds, as proposed in Table VS-4 of the agenda, to operational units (OU) for the FY24 Crime Victim Compensation Program, contingent on the receipt of ARPA funds. If ARPA funds are not received by July 1, 2023, the Crime Victims Committee recommends the allocation of \$4,569,100 in state and federal funds as proposed in Table VS-5 of the agenda, to operational units (OU) for the FY24 Crime Victim Compensation Program. Virginia Rodriguez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Summary of Current Events

Andrew LeFevre provided an update on legislation currently being considered that will impact ACJC Victim Services. Heather Bohnet provided information on Victim Rights Week in April.

V. Call to the Public

No one requested to publicly comment by phone or email .

VI. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will be held on **May 10, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.** at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, 1110 W. Washington, Suite 230, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

VII. Adjournment

Chairperson Steve Stahl adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew T. LeFevre
Executive Director

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

Presenter	Heather Bohnet
Agenda Title	FY24 Crime Victim Assistance Program Grant Awards

Recommended Action	The Crime Victims Committee recommends to the Commission awarding \$813,464.40 in FY24 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 FY24.
Fiscal Impact	Significant – Distribution of \$813,464.40 in Crime Victim Assistance grant funds to approved agencies for FY24.
Alternatives Considered	Not Approve-Modify-Table

Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program

FY 2024 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 2023 meeting, the Commission determined no program size would be set until the solicitation process had been completed.

Applications Received

On January 30, 2023, the FY24 Crime Victim Assistance Program grant application period opened. The deadline for submission of applications was Friday, March 10, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Thirty eight applications were submitted by the deadline.

Applications Submitted	Funding Requested
38	\$2,436,524.39

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 2024 Funding Recommendation

For applications recommended for funding, all associated budget requests were analyzed by staff. Funding allocations were made based on the needs of the applicant program, and how funding increased the ability of the Victim Assistance Grant Program to meet the established priorities.

Staff recommends funding of \$813,464.40 in FY24 Crime Victim Assistance grant funds as indicated in Table VS-1 of the agenda. Under the proposal, the funding would support eligible costs for grant projects, allocating \$664,580.34 in personal services, \$148,884.06 in employee-related expenditures.

Table VS-1 displays the staff recommendation for funding allocations to all applicant agencies. The table summarizes the FY23 grant awards, FY24 grant requests, and proposed FY24 awards for all applicants.

Program Background

In accordance with A.A.C. R10-4-204, services eligible to receive funding during the FY 2024 grant period may include:

1. Crisis intervention services to meet the urgent emotional or physical needs of a victim. Crisis intervention services may include a 24-hour hotline for counseling or referrals for a victim;
2. Emergency services such as:
 - a. Temporary shelter for a victim who cannot safely remain in current lodging;
 - b. Emergency financial assistance for immediate needs related to transportation, food, shelter, and other necessities; and
 - c. Temporary repairs to doors, locks and windows damaged as a result of a crime to prevent further victimization;
3. Support services, such as:
 - a. Assistance dealing with the effects of victimization;
 - b. Assistance dealing with other social services and criminal justice agencies;
 - c. Assistance in replacing, or obtaining the return of property kept as evidence;
 - d. Assistance in dealing with the victim's landlord or employer; and
 - e. Referral to other sources of assistance as needed;
4. Court-related services, such as:
 - a. Direct services or financial assistance that helps a victim participate in criminal justice proceedings, such as child care, meals, and parking expenses; and
 - b. Advocate services such as escorting a victim to criminal justice-related interviews, court proceedings, and assistance in accessing temporary protection services; and
5. Notification services, such as those found in A.R.S Title 13, Chapter 40, Crime Victims' Rights.
6. Training for paid or volunteer staff of agencies who provide services directly benefiting victims; and
7. Produce educational or outreach materials describing the services available, how to obtain project assistance, and volunteer opportunities

Allocation Guidelines

For applicants scored as eligible, all expenditure types were analyzed by staff and allocated based on the applicant's scored application and on the needs and best interests of the grants program in meeting the Crime Victim Assistance Program criteria. The following guidelines were used by staff to develop the recommendation:

- Anticipated total amount to be awarded under this solicitation: \$750,000
- Maximum Dollar Amount of Awards: \$75,000
- Fund positions and the associated ERE before considering any other budget category
- Avoid funding multiple FTE positions for any project
- Prioritize funding positions providing direct to victims of crime within projects with requests for multiple positions

Additional Guidelines

In addition to the information provided in each grant application, staff considered other factors to determine allocations to individual projects. These factors include performance-based variables such as project evaluation factors and grant administration.

Victim Services Award Detail

The following is a list of those VOCA Ineligible activities and associated projects recommended for funding:

Project Personnel Costs (direct service providers & on-call time for direct service providers)

- A. A New Leaf
- B. Arizona Superior Court in Pima County
- C. City of Mesa
- D. City of Tempe
- E. EMPACT - Suicide Prevention Center
- F. Haven Family Resource Center
- G. Kingman Aid to Abused People
- H. La Paz County Attorney's Office
- I. Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center, Inc.
- J. Yavapai County Attorney's Office
- K. Victim Witness Services for Coconino County

Project personnel costs (other than direct service providers)

- A. Child Crisis Arizona
- B. Homicide Survivors

Civil Legal Support Services for Victims

- A. Arizona Legal Women and Youth Services (ALWAYS)

Training staff or volunteers for programs providing direct services to crime victims

- A. Arizona Coalition for Victim Services - Arizona Victim Assistance Academy

The score team recommended funding these projects to the extent to which projects were aligned with the ACJC victim assistance grant program rules and funding priorities for the FY24 grant period.

ACJC Victim Services Staff recommends victim assistance grant awards totaling \$813,464.40 in FY24 Crime Victim Assistance grant funds as indicated in Table VS-1 of the agenda.

TABLE VS-1 FY24 CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING RECOMMENDATION

Applicant Agency	Project Title	FY23 Awards	FY24 Requested Awards	FY24 Proposed Total Grant Awards
A New Leaf, Inc	A New Leaf's CAAFA Shelter	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 54,580.00
Area Agency on Aging, Region One	Supportive Services for Victims of Late-Life Abuse	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -
Arizona Coalition for Victim Services	Arizona Victim Assistance Training Program	\$ 49,260.64	\$ 74,674.70	\$ 61,575.80
Arizona Crime Victim Rights Law Group	AZCVRLG Victim's Right to Restitution	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 104,785.00	\$ -
Arizona Legal Women and Youth Services (ALWAYS)	Lasting Justice for Survivors	\$ -	\$ 38,713.08	\$ 31,319.08
Arizona Superior Court in Pima County	Victim Services		\$ 75,000.00	\$ 65,845.00
BLOOM365	Bloom365 3 R's Trusted Adult Ally Training	\$ 30,472.00	\$ 38,596.80	\$ -
Brain Injury Alliance of Arizona	Care Coordination for Brain Injury Victims of Drunk and/or Distracted Driving	\$ -	\$ 68,085.96	\$ -
Child Crisis Arizona	Serving Child Victims at the Emergency Children's Shelter	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Childhelp, Inc.	Child Abuse Victim Assistance Program	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -
Chrysalis Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence In	Domestic Violence Survivor Advocacy Support	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 61,360.00	\$ -
City of Mesa	Victim Assistance	\$ -	\$ 63,869.46	\$ 61,769.46
City of Tempe	CARE 7 Trauma & Resilience Trainer	\$ 88,246.37	\$ 74,871.76	\$ 74,871.76
Cochise County Attorney's Office	Shelter Emergency Assistance	\$ -	\$ 65,000.00	\$ -
Coconino County Attorney's Office	Victim Notification Advocates	\$ -	\$ 89,282.00	\$ -
Coconino County Attorney's Office	Victim Restitution Advocate	\$ -	\$ 61,800.00	\$ -
Colorado River Regional Crisis Services	Advocacy for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence	\$ 27,777.98	\$ 70,595.04	\$ -
Defenders of Children	Project Grace: Civil Attorney Representation for Domestic Violence Victims	\$ -	\$ 74,964.00	\$ -
EMPACT - Suicide Prevention Center	Trauma Healing Services	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 65,438.00
Eve's Place, Inc.	Emergency Services Project	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -
Friendly House	Victim Advocate Services Program	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -
Graham County Attorney's Office	Graham County Victim Witness Program	\$ -	\$ 40,997.14	\$ -
Greenlee County Attorney's Office	Crime Victim Compensation	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Haven Family Resource Center	Victim Services	\$ 25,532.00	\$ 74,136.40	\$ 58,552.00
Homicide Survivors, Inc.	Homicide Survivors	\$ 48,904.13	\$ 93,317.80	\$ 23,329.45
Kingman Aid To Abused People, Inc.	KAAP Crime Victim Assistance Program	\$ 34,460.00	\$ 57,230.00	\$ 57,230.00
La Paz County Attorney's Office	Crime Victim Assistance Program	\$ -	\$ 72,163.75	\$ 27,883.60
Mt. Graham Safe House	Victim Services	\$ -	\$ 56,250.00	\$ -
Navajo County Attorney's Office	Navajo County Victims Assistance Program	\$ -	\$ 44,145.59	\$ -
North Country Healthcare	Northern Arizona Care and Services After Assault	\$ 32,800.00	\$ 67,221.40	\$ -
Pinal County Attorney's Office	Crisis Response Team Training (CRT)	\$ -	\$ 22,150.00	\$ -
Prescott Valley Police Department	Enhancing accessibility of direct victim services in Prescott Valley	\$ -	\$ 28,000.00	\$ -
Santa Cruz County Attorney's Office	Volunteer Advocate Coordinator	\$ -	\$ 74,850.48	\$ -
Secretary of State's Office	Address Confidentiality Program	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -
Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center, Inc.	Services for Child Victims	\$ -	\$ 74,999.74	\$ 67,660.37
Tucson Center for Women and Children DBA Emerge Center Against Domestic Abuse	Emergency Shelter for Survivors of Domestic Abuse	\$ -	\$ 74,999.72	\$ -
Victim Witness Services For Coconino County DBA Victim Witness Services for Northern Arizona	Crisis Response Program	\$ 50,546.88	\$ 55,601.57	\$ 50,546.88
Yavapai County Attorney's Office	Crime Victim Assistance		\$ 62,863.00	\$ 62,863.00
TOTAL		\$ 500,000.00	\$ 2,436,524.39	\$ 813,464.40

TABLE VS-2 FY24 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	27%	220,362.00	27%
Legal Advocacy	1	7%	31,319.08	4%
Multiple Service Types	6	40%	348,577.07	43%
Notification Services	0	0%	0.00	0%
Other Specialized	4	27%	213,206.25	26%
TOTAL	15	100%	\$813,464.40	100%

Funding Distribution by Primary Service Area	Number of Awards	% of Awards	\$ Amount Awarded	% of \$ Awarded
State Wide	3	20%	160,555.25	20%
Apache County	0	0%	0.00	0%
Cochise County	0	0%	0.00	0%
Coconino County	1	7%	50,546.88	6%
Gila County	0	0%	0.00	0%
Graham County	0	0%	0.00	0%
Greenlee County	0	0%	0.00	0%
La Paz County	1	7%	27,883.60	3%
Maricopa County	4	27%	252,079.22	31%
Mohave County	2	13%	115,782.00	14%
Navajo County	0	0%	0.00	0%
Pima County	2	13%	89,174.45	11%
Pinal County	1	7%	54,580.00	7%
Santa Cruz County	0	0%	0.00	0%
Yavapai County	1	7%	62,863.00	8%
Yuma County	0	0%	0.00	0%
TOTAL	15	100%	813,464.40	100%

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

Presenter	Heather Bohnet
Agenda Title	FY23 Crime Victim Compensation Program ARPA Funding Supplement

Recommended Action	The Crime Victims Committee recommends to the Commission that ARPA funds for the current FY23 be allocated to operational units in accordance with Table VS-3 of the agenda.
Details/Discussion	ACJC crime victim compensation program staff closely monitors county victim compensation expenditures throughout the fiscal year. Periodically it is necessary to adjust the original allocation to meet demand for compensation benefits statewide. The purpose of these adjustments is to allocate compensation funding to those counties with enough demand to expend additional compensation funds by the end of the fiscal year. With the receipt of ARPA funds, supplemental funds for compensation benefits are available.
Fiscal Impact	Significant – Allocation of up to \$186,000 in ARPA crime victim compensation funds to county programs.
Alternatives Considered	Not Approve-Modify-Table

TABLE VS-3

**CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION PROGRAM
FY 2023 CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION ARPA SUPPLEMENTAL ALLOCATION**

COUNTY	REQUESTED AMOUNT	REVISED FY23 ALLOCATION*	EXPENDITURES REPORTED AS OF 4/25/23*	PERCENTAGE EXPENDED AS OF 4/25/23	ARPA Supplemental	REVISED REMAINING ALLOCATION	REVISED TOTAL ALLOCATION	3 YR AVG TOTAL EXPENDITURES*
APACHE	\$ -	\$ 62,104	\$ 26,678	42.96%		\$ 35,426	\$ 62,104	\$ 50,374
COCHISE		92,991	79,542	85.54%		\$ 13,449	\$ 92,991	\$ 74,019
COCONINO		200,980	108,866	54.17%		\$ 92,114	\$ 200,980	\$ 158,911
GILA		40,633	21,711	53.43%		\$ 18,922	\$ 40,633	\$ 14,220
GRAHAM		20,058	3,131	15.61%		\$ 16,927	\$ 20,058	\$ 5,069
GREENLEE		15,813	-	0.00%		\$ 15,813	\$ 15,813	\$ 7,453
LA PAZ		48,990	11,001	22.46%		\$ 37,989	\$ 48,990	\$ 17,822
MARICOPA	186,000	2,556,593	1,967,968	76.98%	\$ 186,000.00	\$ 588,625	\$ 2,742,593	\$ 2,530,870
MOHAVE		196,204	145,123	73.97%		\$ 51,081	\$ 196,204	\$ 208,125
NAVAJO		108,566	47,761	43.99%		\$ 60,805	\$ 108,566	\$ 96,693
PIMA		592,339	496,437	83.81%		\$ 95,902	\$ 592,339	\$ 538,201
PINAL		275,810	200,598	72.73%		\$ 75,212	\$ 275,810	\$ 220,368
SANTA CRUZ		70,404	40,848	58.02%		\$ 29,556	\$ 70,404	\$ 58,160
YAVAPAI		158,138	105,202	66.53%		\$ 52,936	\$ 158,138	\$ 155,767
YUMA		226,377	147,176	65.01%		\$ 79,201	\$ 226,377	\$ 182,261
TOTAL	\$ 186,000	\$ 4,666,000	\$ 3,402,042	72.91%	\$ 186,000	\$ 1,263,958	\$ 4,852,000	\$ 4,318,314

**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

**ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
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Presenter	Steve Stahl	
Agenda Title	Summary of Current Events	

Recommended Action	Information Item
Details/Discussion	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.
Fiscal Impact	None
Alternatives Considered	None