

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, November 09, 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:

	Agenda Items	Presenter
I.	Call to Order and Roll Call	Chairperson Steve Stahl
II.	Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Chairperson Steve Stahl
	- May 04, 2022	P-F-T
III.	Crime Victim Services Program Update - Staff update on the Crime Victim Services Program	Heather Bohnet Info
IV.	Crime Victim Assistance Program - Review, discussion, consideration and possible action on funding for the FY2024 grant period	Heather Bohnet P-F-T
V.	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
VI.	Call to the Public	Chairperson Steve Stahl
	<p>Those wishing to address the Committee need not request permission in advance.</p> <p>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</p>	

	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.
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 May 04, 2022 meeting.
Details/Discussion	N/A
Fiscal Impact	None
Alternatives Considered	Not Approve-Modify-Table

**Crime Victims Committee
Minutes
May 04, 2022**

A public meeting of the Crime Victims Committee of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission was convened on May 4, 2022, at 1:30p.m. by conference call.

Members Present:

Steve Stahl, Law Enforcement Leader, Chairperson
Mark Brnovich, Arizona Attorney General, Kirstin Flores representing
Rachel Mitchell, Maricopa County Attorney, Shawn Cox representing
Paul Penzone, Maricopa County Sheriff, Phil Dougherty representing
David Shinn, Director, Az Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation, and Reentry, Greg Lauchner representing

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

II. Review and Approval of the Minutes of the March 4, 2021 Meeting

Shawn Cox moved to accept the minutes, Greg Lauchner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Crime Victim Assistance Program

Heather Bohnet reviewed the FY2023 funding priorities previously established, grant application evaluation process, and FY2023 funding recommendation. The committee reviewed and discussed the recommendation. Shawn Cox moved to approve the recommendation to the commission awarding \$500,000 in FY23 Crime Victim Assistance grant funds as indicated in Table VS-1 of the agenda.

IV. Crime Victim Compensation Program

Heather Bohnet reviewed information on available funds and the recommendation for reallocation of Victim Compensation Benefits for FY22. Kirstin Flores moved to recommend to the Commission that compensation funds for the current FY22 be reallocated to operational units in accordance with Table VS-3 of the agenda. Paul Dougherty seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Crime Victim Services Program Update

Heather Bohnet and Andrew LeFevre gave an update on funding requests being considered by the Arizona Legislature. Heather also gave an update on the upcoming Crime Victim Services rule review. In addition Heather provided a brief update on the Victim Notification project. Heather also discussed the current projects of the State Agency Coordinating Team. Chairperson Stahl proposed an increased involvement by the committee in looking for opportunities the committee would like ACJC to pursue. Shawn Cox asked if the committee could have a training on the online application.

VI. **Summary of Current Events**

No events were identified.

VII. **Call to the Public**

No one requested to publicly comment.

VIII. **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.

IV. **Adjournment**

Chairperson Steve Stahl adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Andrew T. LeFevre
Executive Director
Audio recording available upon request

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ACTION-MOTION/ INFORMATION ITEM**

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

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	None
Alternatives Considered	None

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

Presenter	Heather Bohnet
Agenda Title	FY 2024 Victim Assistance Grant Program

Recommended Action	Staff seeks additional guidance from the committee regarding possible funding plans for the FY 2024 Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program. Direction provided by the committee will help determine the grant program size and funding priority areas, in preparation for a recommendation to the Commission at the meeting in January 2023.
Details/Discussion	Funding priorities for the current FY 2023 grant period focuses on projects that are not eligible for VOCA Assistance grant funds. Priority was also given to projects funding Personnel Services and Employee Related Expenses. The total funding for the FY 2023 grant period was \$500,000.
Fiscal Impact	Significant - Total program size and recommended priorities could significantly impact the availability of victim assistance grant funds for FY 2024.
Alternatives Considered	None or Not Approve-Modify-Table

(The following is the funding recommendation summary presented at the Commission meeting held May 2022 to award victim assistance grant funds for the current FY 2023 grant period. The recommendation summary is included here as a point of reference to assist with the funding discussion for the upcoming FY 2024 grant period.)

**Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program
FY 2023 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 2022 meeting, the Commission approved a program size up to \$500,000 in victim assistance grant awards for FY23.

For the FY23 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, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. 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 7, 2022, the FY23 Crime Victim Assistance Program grant application period opened. The deadline for submission of applications was Friday, March 18, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. Fifteen 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	12	\$718,012.39
VOCA eligible	3	\$52,476.11
TOTAL	15	\$770,488.50

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 2023 Funding Recommendation

General Overview

ACJC Victim Services Staff recommends victim assistance grant awards totaling \$500,000 for FY23. This award total equals the \$500,000 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 fifteen 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

- Project personnel costs (other than direct service providers)
 - A. Child Crisis Arizona
 - B. Colorado River Regional Crisis Services
 - C. Homicide Survivors

- Civil Legal Support Services for Victims
 - A. Arizona Crime Victim Rights Law Group

- 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. Bloom365 - Trusted Adult Ally Training
 - C. 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 FY23 grant period.

TABLE VS-1 FY23 CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING RECOMMENDATION

Applicant Agency	FY22 Awards	FY23 Requested Awards	FY23 Proposed Total Grant Awards
Apache County Attorney's Office	\$ -	\$ 21,305.91	\$ -
Arizona Coalition for Victim Services	\$ 43,490.50	\$ 54,260.64	\$ 49,260.64
Arizona Crime Victim Rights Law Group	\$ -	\$ 93,230.00	\$ 49,000.00
Bloom 365	\$ -	\$ 35,284.00	\$ 30,472.00
Child Crisis Arizona	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Chrysalis Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence Inc.	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 34,250.00	\$ 13,000.00
City of Tempe - Care 7	\$ 38,966.00	\$ 159,731.38	\$ 88,246.37
Colorado River Regional Crisis Services	\$ -	\$ 27,777.98	\$ 27,777.98
Gila County Attorney's Office	\$ -	\$ 5,800.00	\$ -
Haven Family Resource Center	\$ 17,368.00	\$ 25,532.00	\$ 25,532.00
Homicide Survivors	\$ -	\$ 97,808.26	\$ 48,904.13
Kingman Aid To Abused People, Inc.	\$ 27,656.00	\$ 34,460.00	\$ 34,460.00
North Country Healthcare	\$ 32,800.00	\$ 40,600.00	\$ 32,800.00
Tucson Center for Women and Children DBA Emerge Center Against Domestic Abuse	\$ -	\$ 25,370.20	\$ -
Victim/Witness Services For Coconino County	\$ 26,719.50	\$ 65,078.13	\$ 50,546.88
TOTAL	\$200,000.00	\$ 770,488.50	\$ 500,000.00

TABLE VS-2 FY23 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.	7	58%	214,042	43%
Legal Advocacy	1	8%	49,000	10%
Multiple Service Types	2	17%	138,793	28%
Notification Services	0	0%	0	0%
Other Specialized	2	17%	98,165	20%
TOTAL	12	100%	\$500,000	100%

Funding Distribution by Primary Service Area	Number of Awards	% of Awards	\$ Amount Awarded	% of \$ Awarded
State Wide	3	25%	128,733	26%
Apache County	0	0%	0	0%
Cochise County	0	0%	0	0%
Coconino County	2	17%	83,347	17%
Gila County	0	0%	0	0%
Graham County	0	0%	0	0%
Greenlee County	0	0%	0	0%
La Paz County	1	8%	27,778	6%
Maricopa County	3	25%	151,246	30%
Mohave County	2	17%	59,992	12%
Navajo County	0	0%	0	0%
Pima County	1	8%	48,904	10%
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	12	100%	\$500,000	100%

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