

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 10, 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
	- May 06, 2021	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 FY2023 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
	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 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.
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 06, 2021 meeting.
Details/Discussion	N/A
Fiscal Impact	None
Alternatives Considered	Not Approve-Modify-Table

**Crime Victims Committee
Minutes
May 06, 2021**

A public meeting of the Crime Victims Committee of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission was convened on May 6, 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

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Stahl at 1:33 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

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

III. FY2022 Victim Assistance Program

Heather Bohnet reviewed the victim assistance grant application process, the funding priorities, and the staff recommendation to the committee. Shawn Cox moved 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. Greg Mengarelli seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Crime Victim Services Program Update

Heather provided an update on what the Crime Victim Services unit is working on. She provided information on the implementation of the online crime victim compensation application, updating victim compensation promotional materials, the automated victim notification system project which will be starting as soon as the vendor is approved, information on funding for victim service including efforts to seek out funding to assist with the shortfalls we are experiencing and the provisions in the federal VOCA fix bill, and information on Victims Rights Week.

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.

V. Call to the Public

No one requested to publicly comment via phone.

VI. **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 2:00 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
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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 2021 Victim Assistance Grant Program

Recommended Action	Staff seeks additional guidance from the committee regarding possible funding plans for the FY 2023 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 2022.
Details/Discussion	Funding priorities for the current FY 2022 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 2022 grant period was \$200,000.
Fiscal Impact	Significant - Total program size and recommended priorities could significantly impact the availability of victim assistance grant funds for FY 2023.
Alternatives Considered	None or Not Approve-Modify-Table

(The following is the funding recommendation summary presented at the Commission meeting held May 2021 to award victim assistance grant funds for the current FY 2022 grant period. The recommendation summary is included here as a point of reference to assist with the funding discussion for the upcoming FY 2023 grant period.)

**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

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%

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ACTION-MOTION/ INFORMATION ITEM**

Presenter	<i>Heather Bohnet</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 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.
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