

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE
CRIME VICTIMS COMMITTEE
OF THE
ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
AND
AGENDA**

Pursuant to A.R.S § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the **Crime Victims Committee** of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission and to the general public that the **Crime Victims Committee** will hold a meeting open to the public on **Thursday, April 27, 2017** beginning at **1:30 p.m.** at the **Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Office, 1110 W. Washington, Suite 250, Phoenix, Arizona 85007**. The public may also call into the meeting toll free at 1-877-820-7831 and use the participant passcode 162896#.

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Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

I. Call to Order and Roll Call **Chairperson Charles Ryan**

Crime Victims Committee Members:

Charles Ryan, Chairperson
Mark Brnovich
Dave Cole
Barbara LaWall
Bill Montgomery

II. Minutes of the March 6, 2017 Meeting

- Approval of Minutes **P-F-T**

III. Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program **Larry Grubbs**

- Review, discussion, consideration and possible action on FY 2018 program funding recommendation **P-F-T**

IV. Crime Victim Services Rule Change Update

Larry Grubbs

- Staff update on rule change process

Info

VII. Call to the Public

Those wishing to address the Committee 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.

VIII. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- The next Crime Victims Committee meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 15, 2017** at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, 1110 W. Washington, Suite 250, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

IX. Adjournment

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.

**CRIME VICTIMS COMMITTEE
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Request for Committee Action

Action Requested:	Type of Action Requested:	Subject:
April 27, 2017	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formal Action/Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Minutes of the March 6, 2017 Meeting

TO: Chairperson and Committee Members

FROM: Larry Grubbs, Program Manager
Crime Victim Services

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee approve the minutes of the Crime Victims Committee Meeting held on March 6, 2017.

DISCUSSION:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

Not Approve - Modify - Table

**Crime Victims Committee
Minutes
March 6, 2017**

A public meeting of the Crime Victims Committee of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission was convened on March 6, 2017 at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, 1110 W. Washington, Suite 250, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

Members Present:

Charles Ryan, Chairperson, Director, Department of Corrections
Mark Brnovich, Arizona Attorney General, Kirsten Flores representing
Dave Cole, Retired Judge- via phone
Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney, Laura Penny representing- via phone
Bill Montgomery, Maricopa County Attorney, Shawn Cox representing
Heston Silbert, Law Enforcement Leader

Members Absent:

Staff Participating:

Larry Grubbs, Program Manager
Dorinda Johns, Program Coordinator

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Charles Ryan at 1:30 p.m. Roll was taken and a quorum was declared present.

II. Minutes of the December 16, 2016 Meeting

Chairperson Ryan called for a motion on the minutes. Designee Kirstin Flores entered a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 16, 2016. The motion was seconded by Shawn Cox and was unanimously approved by the Committee.

III. Crime Victim Compensation Program

A. *FY17 Program Benefit Funding Reallocation*

Kristen Flores entered a motion to recommend to the Commission that compensation funds for the current FY17 be reallocated to the operational units in accordance with Table VS-1 of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dave Cole and was unanimously approved by the Committee.

B. FY18 State and Federal Funding Amount

Shawn Cox entered a motion to recommend to the Commission that total state and federal allocated funding for the FY18 Crime Victim Compensation Program be set at \$4,633,000; including \$3,500,000 in state compensation funds and \$1,133,000 in federal VOCA compensation funds. The motion was seconded by Kirstin Flores and was unanimously approved by the Committee.

C. Fixed Administrative Allocation and Match

Shawn Cox entered a motion to recommend to the Commission that \$1 million from the Crime Victim Compensation and Assistance Fund be distributed to operation units for the victim compensation program administrative costs in accordance with Table VS-3 of the agenda. This new annual fixed administrative allocation will begin FY 2018. The motion was seconded by Dave Cole and was unanimously approved by the Committee.

D. FY18 Program Funding Allocation

Kristin Flores entered a motion to recommend to the Commission the allocation of \$4,633,000 in state and federal crime victim compensation funds, as proposed in Table VS-4 of the agenda, to operation units for the FY18 Crime Victim Compensation Program. The motion was seconded by Shawn Cox and was unanimously approved by the Committee.

IV. Call to the Public

Chairperson Ryan made a call to the public. Andrew LeFevre thanked the committee for their work to direct the work of the crime victim services unit.

V. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

The next Crime Victims Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at 1110 W. Washington, Suite 250, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

VI. Adjournment

Kirstin Flores moved to adjourn, Shawn Cox seconded.
The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 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.

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Request for Committee Action

Action Requested:	Type of Action Requested:	Subject:
April 27, 2017	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formal Action/Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other	FY 18 Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program Awards

TO: Chairperson and Committee Members

FROM: Larry Grubbs, Program Manager
Crime Victim Services

RECOMMENDATION:

The Crime Victims Committee recommends to the Commission awarding \$308,731 in FY18 Crime Victim Assistance grant funds as indicated in Table VS-1 of the agenda.

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 FY18.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Significant – Distribution of \$308,731 in Crime Victim Assistance grant funds to approved agencies for FY18.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not Approve - Modify - Table

Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program FY 2018 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 2017 meeting, the Commission approved a program size up to \$500,000 in victim assistance grant awards for FY18.

For the FY18 grant period, the Commission approved awarding victim assistance funding in accordance with the following tier structure:

Tier 1
Fund VOCA Assistance <i>eligible</i> projects for a grant period beginning July 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2017. Projects must be current ACJC victim assistance grant recipients for FY 2017, and continue to meet current eligibility requirements and established funding priorities.
Tier 2
Fund projects identified as VOCA Assistance <i>ineligible</i> (i.e. programs lacking service history, victim assistance training academy), for a period beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. Projects must meet current ACJC victim assistance grant program eligibility requirements and established funding priorities.
Tier 3
Transition all FY 2017 awards to Victim Compensation Program Operational Units for administration of the Crime Victim Compensation Program, to a single administrative award per Operation Unit under the Crime Victim Compensation Program for FY 2018. (Completed March 2017 Commission Meeting)

Applications Received

On February 6, 2017, the FY18 Crime Victim Assistance Program grant application period opened. The deadline for submission of applications under Tier 2 was Friday, March 17, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. Fifteen applications were submitted by the deadline. Additionally, twenty-seven requests were submitted under Tier 1 by the April 7 deadline to extend current awards.

Evaluation and Scoring

All grant application requests were evaluated under A.R.S. § 41-2702. All applications received were reviewed and scored by three individuals including ACJC staff and an outside evaluator from the Arizona Department of Public Safety. Scoring was based on the Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program rules, criteria, and priorities approved by the Commission. Financial audit documentation submitted by applicants was reviewed by ACJC financial compliance staff to help determine an applicant agency's capacity to administer an award.

FY 2018 Funding Recommendation

General Overview

ACJC Victim Services Staff recommends victim assistance grant awards totaling \$308,371 for FY18. This award total is \$191,269 less than the \$500,000 program size approved by the Commission in January. Several factors contributed to the lower total award amount.

Four current grantees declined the opportunity to receive funding under the Tier 1 for FY18. All of these projects received VOCA assistance funding to cover the lack of ACJC funds. Additionally, after reviewing the grant applications the review panel determined that only six of the fifteen projects requesting funds under Tier 2 were ineligible for VOCA Assistance grant funding. This determination was made following careful review of both the Office for Victims of Crime, VOCA Assistance Guidelines and the AZ DPS-VOCA Assistance Guidelines.

Tier 1 Award Detail

Extending current awards under Tier 1 to bridge the gap between the end of the ACJC FY17 grant period (6/30/2017) and the beginning of the next DPS VOCA assistance grant period (10/1/2017) is the highest funding priority. Twenty-seven currently funded projects submitted grant adjustments requests to extend the agency's current FY16 award to 9/30/2017 with an additional quarter's worth of ACJC funding. The recommendation for twenty-four of these grant extensions is to provide the additional funding as requested. The remaining three agencies were awarded continued funding under Tier 2.

A single agency, Cochise Family Advocacy Center, was recommended for funding under both Tier 1 and Tier 2. The review panel agreed that the project currently funded for FY17 is VOCA assistance eligible and substantially different than the VOCA assistance ineligible project costs applied for in the FY18 application.

Tier 2 Award Detail

Tier 2 attempted 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 Tier 2, six included budget requests that were determined to be VOCA Assistance ineligible. The activities included in these applications are the gap activities Tier 2 set out to identify and support. The following is a list of those Tier 2 eligible projects and activities:

- Emergency financial assistance to crime victims:
 - Chrysalis Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence
 - Community Alliance Against Family Abuse
 - Verde Valley Sanctuary

- Civil Tort Legal Support Services for Victims
 - Never Again Foundation

- Training for Statutorily Mandated Reporters
 - Cochise Family Advocacy Center

The score team recommended funding these projects to the degree the requests were determined to be VOCA Assistance ineligible. The recommendation also includes continued funding to the Arizona Coalition for Victim Services to support the Arizona Victim Assistance Academy as a previously established priority of the Commission.

TABLE VS-1 FY18 CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING RECOMMENDATION

Applicant Agency	FY17 Grant Awards	FY18 Requested		FY18 Grant Awards		FY18 Proposed Total Grant Awards
		Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 1	Tier 2	
A New Leaf, Inc.	\$ 39,900	\$ 9,975	\$ -	\$ 9,975	\$ -	\$ 9,975
Against Abuse, Inc.	55,200	13,800	38,080	13,800	-	13,800
Ama Doo Alchini Bighan, Inc. (ADABI)	18,825	4,707	52,469	4,707	-	4,707
Apache County Attorney's Office	19,990	4,998	20,266	4,998	-	4,998
Arizona Coalition for Victim Services	25,000	^	25,169	-	25,000	25,000
Arizona's Children Association	13,382	3,346	-	3,346	-	3,346
AZ Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence	26,886	*	-	-	-	-
Chandler Police Department	17,281	4,320	-	4,320	-	4,320
Chrysalis Shelter For Victims of Domestic Violence	20,025	5,006	25,000	-	25,000	25,000
City of Maricopa	25,052	6,263	-	6,263	-	6,263
Cochise County Attorney's Office	21,044	*	-	-	-	-
Cochise Family Advocacy Center, Inc.	42,727	10,682	29,383	10,682	10,000	20,682
Cobrado River Regional Crisis Shelter, Inc.	21,353	5,339	-	5,339	-	5,339
Community Alliance Against Family Abuse (CAAFA)	20,875	5,219	22,025	-	20,750	20,750
Emerge Center Against Domestic Abuse	46,100	11,525	-	11,525	-	11,525
EMPACT-Suicide Prevention Center	23,496	5,875	-	5,875	-	5,875
Gila County Attorney's Office	17,600	4,400	29,569	4,400	-	4,400
Graham County Attorney's Office	29,677	7,419	-	7,419	-	7,419
Greenlee County Attorney's Office	8,337	*	-	-	-	-
Haven Family Resource Center	15,673	3,918	-	3,918	-	3,918
Homicide Survivors, Inc.	18,852	4,713	-	4,713	-	4,713
La Paz County Attorney's Office	24,959	6,239	-	6,239	-	6,239
Maricopa County Attorney's Office	160,368	^	-	-	-	-
Mesa City Prosecutor's Office	14,835	*	-	-	-	-
Mohave County Attorney's Office	30,919	^	7,500	-	-	-
Mt. Graham Safe House, Inc.	21,783	5,446	-	5,446	-	5,446
Navajo County Attorney's Office	32,295	8,074	18,530	8,074	-	8,074
Never Again Foundation	-	-	31,569	-	31,569	31,569
Pima County Attorney's Office	106,900	26,725	-	26,725	-	26,725
Pinal County Attorney's Office	35,367	^	-	-	-	-
Santa Cruz County Attorney's Office	25,850	6,463	-	6,463	-	6,463
Sojourner Center	-	-	29,861	-	-	-
Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation	19,791	4,948	-	4,948	-	4,948
Southern Arizona Children's Advocacy Center	24,068	6,016	-	6,016	-	6,016
StreetLight USA	-	-	13,300	-	-	-
Tempe City Social Services - Care 7	31,005	7,752	-	7,752	-	7,752
Tohdenasshai Committee Against Family Abuse	18,676	4,669	67,674	4,669	-	4,669
Verde Valley Sanctuary	18,160	4,540	26,547	-	18,800	18,800
Victim/Witness Services For Coconino County	23,549	^	-	-	-	-
Yuma County Attorney's Office	41,592	^	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 1,157,392	\$ 192,377	\$ 436,942	\$ 177,612	\$ 131,119	\$ 308,731

* Declined extension

^ Victim Compensation admin only

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TO: Chairperson and Committee Members

FROM: Larry Grubbs, Program Manager
Crime Victim Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Information Only

DISCUSSION:

ACJC Crime Victim Services program staff will update the Committee members on the progress of the rule change process for both the Crime Victim Compensation Program and the Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program. A review of existing administrative rules is required every five years. The last process was completed in February 2013. The process currently underway should result in rule changes that take effect in early 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A