

# Utah Office of Crime Victim Reparations

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## Anywhere... Anytime... Anyone...

...can become a victim of violent crime.

During the past 24 years, the Utah Office of Crime Victim Reparations has reached out to thousands of victims who have suffered financial loss, physical injuries and emotional trauma as a result of violent crime. The assistance provided by this program helps victims recover and rebuild their lives. Over \$174 million have been awarded through reparations and victim assistance since the program's inception. No state tax dollars are used to fund the reparations and victim assistance programs. These programs are funded through state and federal surcharges on fines, penalties and forfeitures as well as other federal funds.

### Crime Victim Reparations Program

**Purpose:** Provide financial assistance to victims of violent crime and family members of those victims who have suffered physical and psychological injury.

**Source of Funding:** Surcharge on state fines.

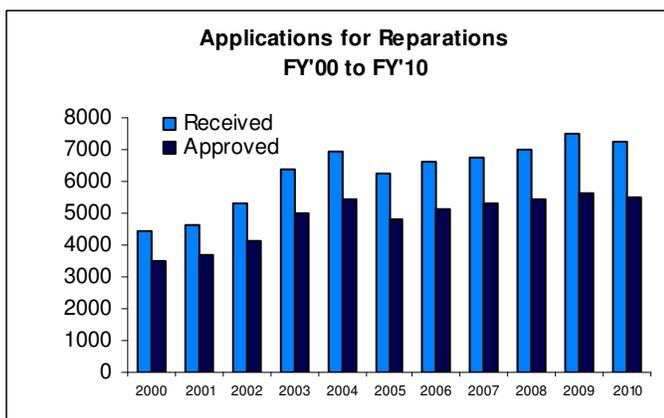
**Range of Awards:** The maximum award for homicides, attempted homicides, aggravated assaults and DUIs is \$50,000. No more than \$25,000 may be spent on non-medical benefits. The maximum award for all other crimes is \$25,000.

**Total reparations awarded January 1986 to June 2010:**  
\$101,439,314

### PAYMENT BY BENEFIT TYPE

July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

|                             |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Medical                     | 3,064,849.51          |
| Mental Health               | 995,427.02            |
| Sexual Assault Examinations | 714,159.90            |
| Loss of Wages               | 295,998.88            |
| Funeral and Burial          | 230,745.67            |
| Dental                      | 207,973.83            |
| Relocation                  | 133,588.27            |
| Rent Deposit                | 82,269.44             |
| Travel and Mileage          | 76,438.97             |
| Essential Personal Property | 33,504.71             |
| Residential/Day Treatment   | 31,459.99             |
| Inpatient Counseling        | 18,984.00             |
| Rent                        | 17,036.00             |
| Medically Necessary Devices | 16,670.61             |
| Insurance Premiums/         | 14,117.54             |
| Loss of Support             | 10,000.00             |
| Independent Medical         | 9,025.00              |
| Replacement Services        | 6,121.86              |
| Funeral Travel              | 1,713.83              |
| Economic Loss               | 1,149.00              |
| Crime Scene Clean Up        | 1,094.30              |
| Rehabilitation Costs        | 541.55                |
| Audit Costs                 | 513.00                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>\$5,963,382.88</b> |



#### Reparations Claim Summary FY 2010

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Claims Received      | 7,248       |
| Claims Awarded       | 5,495       |
| Claims Denied        | 1,556       |
| Claims Pending       | 197         |
| Total Amount Awarded | \$5,963,382 |

## Victim Assistance Program

### Federal Grant Programs

| <b>Total Federal Dollars Awarded<br/>January 1986 to June 2010</b> |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| VOCA Grants  | \$ 49,495,152        |
| VAWA Grants  | 20,053,482           |
| OVC Discretionary (UVAA)   | 135,000              |
| VOCA Indian County Grants  | 120,500              |
| OVC Sexual Assault Services  | <u>240,856</u>       |
|  | <b>\$ 70,044,990</b> |

| <b>Total Federal Dollars Received<br/>Fiscal Year 2010</b> |                  |
|--|------------------|
| VOCA Grants  | \$ 3,943,244     |
| VAWA Grants  | 1,506,585        |
| SASP Grants  | <u>240,856</u>   |
|  | <b>5,690,685</b> |

### Victims of Crime Act Assistance Grants

**Purpose:** VOCA grants provide funding that enables the state, local governments and private nonprofit organizations to enhance and expand services to crime victims, promoting development of comprehensive services to crime victims throughout the state.

**Source of Funding:** Surcharge on Federal Fines.

**Range of Awards:** \$7,317 to \$116,221

**Statistics:** 84 VOCA funded programs across the state provided services to a total of 73,683 crime victims. This includes primary victims who were harmed by a chargeable crime and secondary victims such as the spouse, children, parents or siblings of the primary victim.

### STOP Violence Against Women Act Grants

**Purpose:** VAWA grants encourage the development and implementation of effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat violent crimes against women and the development and enhancement of victim services in cases involving crimes against women.

**Source of Funding:** Federal Funds

**Range of Awards:** \$4,130 to \$69,636

**Statistics:** There are 43 VAWA funded agencies across the state.

### Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)

To help survivors heal from sexual assault trauma through direct intervention and related assistance from non-profit organizations such as rape crisis centers through 24-hour sexual assault hotlines, crisis intervention and medical and criminal justice accompaniment.

**Source of Funding:** Federal Funds

**Range of Awards:** \$18,941 to \$36,343

**Statistics:** There are 5 SASP funded agencies across the state.

### Victim Notification

Utah participates in an automated victim notification system, Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) which makes it easy for crime victims to obtain timely information about criminal cases and the custody status of offenders held in Utah jails and prisons. Victims can be notified by telephone or email and can also obtain information through the VINE website.

The use of the VINE system has grown as more victims become aware of the service. In FY'06, the VINE system reported 134,318 contacts. In FY'10, this had grown to 520,523. Of the 520,523 contacts in FY'10 there were 283,412 website searches, 220,056 telephone calls and 17,055 email contacts. Because of budget cuts in fiscal year 2010, notifications can no longer be provided to those requesting updates on court cases.

### Annual Crime Victims Conference

The Annual Crime Victims Conference, sponsored by the Utah Council on Victims of Crime, is one of Utah's premier training events for professionals working with victims of crime. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Crime Victims Conference, held April 21-22 2010, attracted over 250 people from across the state. The Annual Conference provides participants with the most recent training on pressing issues facing individuals working with victims of crime

### Utah Victim Assistance Academy

The Utah Victim Assistance Academy, sponsored by the Office of Crime Victim Reparations, is a week-long, 40-plus hour training for victim assistance providers, law enforcement officers, and other criminal justice professionals. The goal of the Basic Academy is to provide participants with the fundamental knowledge and skills needed to effectively work with victims of crime. The curriculum is researched-based and the training is provided by experts in the field who volunteer their time and expertise.