

Utah Office for Victims of Crime

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

...can become a victim of violent crime.

The Utah Office for Victims of Crime 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 \$224,744,000 have been awarded through compensation and assistance since the program's inception. No tax dollars are used to fund the compensation and VOCA victim assistance programs. These programs are funded through state and federal surcharges on fines, penalties, and forfeitures.

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.

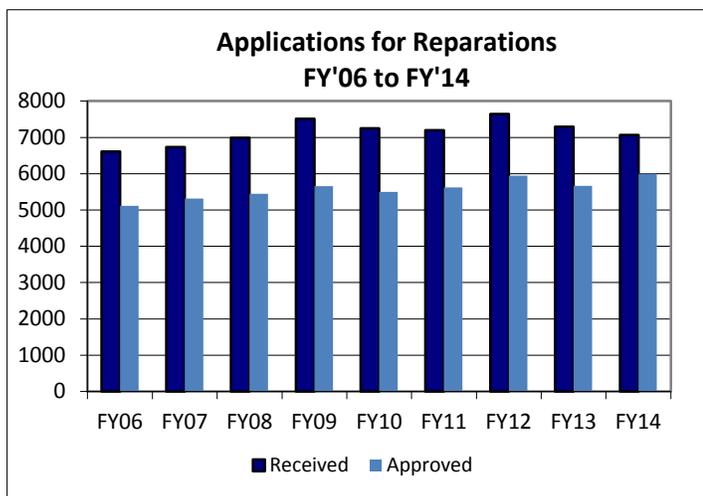
Total reparations awarded January 1986 to June 2014:
\$128,687,308

Reparations Claim Summary FY 2014	
Claims Received	7,066
Claims Awarded	6,001
Claims Denied	1,057
Claims Pending	8
Total Amount Awarded	\$7,230,855

Payments by Benefit Type

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

Medical	3,983,809.34
Mental Health	903,710.76
Sexual Assault Examinations	751,571.28
Loss of Wages	441,331.44
Dental	289,478.16
Funeral and Burial	233,666.74
Rent Deposit	177,877.25
Inpatient Counseling	116,610.02
Relocation	101,276.89
Travel and Mileage	94,337.57
Rehabilitative	30,037.56
Essential Personal Property	27,117.04
Replacement Services	21,096.07
Funeral Travel	18,291.61
Residential/Day Treatment	16,939.28
Economic Loss	13,795.61
Medically Necessary Devices	9,156.41
Audit Costs	489.00
Insurance Premium/Spenddowns	263.00
TOTAL	\$7,230,855.03



Victim Assistance Program

Federal Grant Programs

Total Federal Dollars Awarded January 1986 to June 2014	
VOCA Grants	\$ 65,642,684
VAWA Grants	26,004,956
OVC Discretionary (UVAA)	135,000
VOCA Indian County Grants	120,500
OVC Sexual Assault Services	<u>1,392,625</u>
	\$ 93,295,765

Total Federal Dollars Awarded Fiscal Year 2014	
VOCA Grants	\$ 4,384,404
VAWA Grants	1,506,803
SASP Grants	<u>296,883</u>
	\$ 6,188,090

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: \$7,338 to \$126,891

Statistics: 89 VOCA funded programs across the state provided services to a total of 72,614 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: \$4,755 to \$88,651

Statistics: 42 VAWA funded agencies across the state provided services to a projected total of over 12,280 crime victims. Crime categories include domestic violence, rape and sexual assault, stalking and dating violence.

Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)

Purpose: 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 medial and criminal justice accompaniment.

Source of Funding: Federal Funds

Range of Awards: \$15,850 to \$42,139

Statistics: 10 SASP funded agencies across the state.

Utah Sexual Assault Services Program (USASP)

Purpose: To develop, expand, or enhance previously unavailable direct services (i.e., counseling, group treatment, and therapy).

Source of Funding: State Funds

Range of Awards: \$4,560.42 to \$26,026

Statistics: 5 USASP funded agencies across the state.

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 27th Annual Crime Victims Conference, held April 24-25, 2014, attracted over 200 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 Training

The Utah Office for Victims of Crime sponsors and assists in sponsoring numerous training events across the state. Trainings include quarterly trainings through the Statewide Advocates for Victims Organization (SWAVO), the Utah Victim Assistance Academy, advanced academies or specialized training events.

The initial goal of the training is to provide participants fundamental knowledge and skills to effectively work with victims of crime. Supplemented by ongoing trainings which enhance those skills, and perhaps most important, provide a venue for the creation of a community of advocacy and sharing of experiences and ideas.