

Priority: Basic Needs
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs:

Lead Agency: District Attorney
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Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The Victims Assistance Program assists victims of crime with crisis response, advocacy, court preparation and accompaniment, referral to services and assistance with obtaining a restitution order from the court.

Advocates provide immediate crisis intervention and response and assists victims in accessing other needed social services and temporary shelter, if necessary. The advocates coordinate with social service agencies and other providers to assure that the victims get the services they need.

Program Description

The program provides legal information and support for victims throughout the processing of the case and is responsible for ensuring that victims are provided a notice of rights and remedies available (like the rights to be present at court hearings, to be heard, and to restitution, among others).

The Victims Assistance Program provides victim advocates who work directly with victims of crime to assist them in advocating for and exercising their rights in the criminal justice system. Advocates provide immediate crisis intervention and response, accompaniment to court hearings, referral to services, assistance with obtaining restitution orders from the court, and information and notice of the case progress through the criminal justice system. The program includes an extensive network of approximately 60 on-call advocate volunteers trained to provide on site assistance, (generally at the hospital where the victim has been taken following a report) aid and referral to services to victims of sexual assault 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

The program educates and assists victims in accessing other needed social services and temporary shelter, if necessary. The advocates coordinate with social service agencies and other providers to assure that the victims get the services they need.

Program Justification

This program helps accomplish the priority by providing access to short term crisis invention which can include referral social services and temporary shelter if necessary and leads to long term stability. The program is required by law to educate victims about their rights and the remedies available to them under the law and provides assistance in working with the public safety system. The program works cooperatively with state and local agencies and non-profits by referring victims to services that will lead individuals and families to long term stability.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY05-06)	Current Year Purchased (FY06-07)	Current Year Estimate (FY06-07)	Next Year Offer (FY07-08)
Output	Number of cases assigned to Victims Advocates	2,850	2,500	2,700	2,650
Outcome	Number of Victim Advocate court appearances	1,679	1,350	1,475	1,475
Outcome	Number of information and referral services provided to victims.	7,071	4,660	5,600	6,500

Performance Measure - Description

Number of cases assigned to Victims Advocates- the number of cases which were assigned a Victims Advocate to assist the crime victim.

Number of Victim Advocate court appearances- the number of times a Victim Advocate appeared in court to assist a victim.

Number of information and referral services provided to victims.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Article I Section 42 Oregon Constitution; Rights of Victims in criminal prosecutions and juvenile delinquency proceedings. ORS 147.405, ORS 147.410, ORS 147.417 Victim to be notified of constitution rights. ORS 147.227 Disbursement of moneys to be used for comprehensive victim's assistance programs.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
Program Expenses	2007	2007	2008	2008
Personnel	\$410,511	\$175,243	\$430,036	\$175,243
Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$8,944	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$4,377	\$1,000	\$4,417	\$5,007
Internal Services	\$30,175	\$0	\$30,294	\$0
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$445,063	\$176,243	\$473,691	\$180,250
Administration	\$50,511	\$0	\$58,617	\$0
Program Support	\$134,805	\$0	\$141,447	\$0
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$185,316	\$0	\$200,064	\$0
Total GF/non-GF:	\$630,379	\$176,243	\$673,755	\$180,250
Program Total:	\$806,622		\$854,005	
Program FTE	6.03	2.47	6.15	2.35
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$325,700	\$176,243	\$325,700	\$135,243
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,007
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Revenue:	\$325,700	\$176,243	\$325,700	\$180,250

Explanation of Revenues

Victims Assistance revenue comes from the state of Oregon Department of Justice and is a dedicated fund specifically for Counties that have Victim Assistance programs. The funds are from fines and assessments owed from court actions. In FY08 the program will receive \$325,700 from the state of Oregon. In addition the program receives \$135,243 from a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant and \$40,000 from the United Way. The program projects \$5,007 in restitution dollars for victims' emergency services.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was:

Materials and Services and Professional Services costs were calculated by reviewing the previous 12 month history of costs and then in most cases adding the 3.25% inflationary factor.