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Funding Sources for Victims of Crime Services

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 - Ohio Victims of Crime Compensation Program •
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Foreword

The state of Ohio is proud to present *Funding Sources for Victims of Crime Services* — a guide of public funding sources that support victims of crime programs. This referral guide is the result of a true collaborative effort from the Ohio Attorney General’s Office, Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Services, to provide Ohio communities with a road map of public funding that assists victims of crime. The referral guide includes a description of the following public funding sources for crime victim programs.

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It is important to note that each funding source is subject to particular state and federal guidelines as well as other policies set by the administering agency. The reader is advised to review this information carefully to determine which funding source best meets the needs of their program and contact the administering agency for further information about a particular funding source. The information contained in this guide is current as of the date of release.

Attorney General's Office

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

State Victims Assistance Act (SVAA)

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Sections, then Crime Victims
Services.

Grant Period

Applications available:
April

Applications due:
Mid-May

Grant cycle begins:
October 1

Grant cycle ends:
September 30

Approximate Funds per Year

Funds may vary each year
depending upon the funding
source.

State: \$4 million
Federal: \$13 million

Range of Awards

VOCA: \$1,000-\$100,000

SVAA: \$1,000-\$50,000

Program Description

VOCA/SVAA funds support direct services that respond to the immediate needs of crime victims so that the severity of the psychological trauma is reduced; assist the victim in participating in the criminal justice process; and help restore the victim's sense of dignity, self-esteem, and coping mechanism.

Who Can Apply?

Public agencies or private non-profit organizations providing services to victims of crime that directly benefit individual crime victims. Crime prevention programs are not eligible for victim assistance funds.

Target Population

Victims of violent crime with priority given to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, and underserved geographical areas and categories of crime (i.e., children who witness violence, the elderly, persons with disabilities, etc.).

Allowable Services

Services which respond to the immediate needs of crime victims, including:

- Crisis intervention.
- Medical treatment escort.
- Hotline counseling.
- Emergency food/clothing/shelter.
- Transportation.
- Criminal justice system advocacy.
- Assistance with victim impact statements.
- Replacing/repairing broken locks and windows.
- Assistance with completing applications and applying for crime victim's compensation.
- Public awareness of crime victim rights and services.

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Compensation.

Compensation

Applications for compensation can be obtained by calling the Attorney General's Crime Victims Services Section Hotline at 1 (877) 584-2846.

To be eligible:

- The application must be filed within two years of the date of the crime. Minors have until their 20th birthday to file for compensation.
- The crime was reported within 72 hours (unless there is a good reason for delay) and the victim cooperated with the reasonable requests of law enforcement.
- The victim was not committing a criminal act that caused or contributed to the injuries.
- The victim has no collateral source of payment for the compensation they are seeking.

Range of Awards

Maximum award is \$50,000 per victim per incident.

Attorney General's Office

Ohio Victims of Crime Compensation Program

Program Description

The Ohio Victims of Crime Compensation Program provides reimbursement for certain out-of-pocket expenses that result when people are physically injured, emotionally harmed, or killed by violent criminal acts. Victims can use the program as a "payer of last resort," which means they must first exhaust all other available sources of financial assistance before the program will pay. In certain circumstances, the applicant may qualify for an emergency award.

Who Can Apply?

- A person who is injured (physically or emotionally) as a result of violent criminal acts, including law enforcement officers.
- A dependent of a deceased victim.
- A person who has paid/incurred the expenses on behalf of the victim.
- A person who is legally authorized to act on behalf of the victim.

Target Population

All eligible residents of the state of Ohio can apply, as well as anyone injured by violent acts while in Ohio.

Allowable Services

The Ohio Victims of Crime Compensation Program compensates victims for those expenses not covered by another source (such as employer benefits, insurance, restitution from the offender, welfare, etc.). Some of these costs include:

- Medical and related expenses.
- Counseling for family members of victims (up to \$2,500 each).
- Wages lost as a result of the victim's injuries.
- Replacement services.
- Crime scene clean-up (up to \$750).
- Evidence replacement (up to \$750).
- Funeral expenses (up to \$7,500).
- Income or services that the deceased victim can no longer provide to dependents.

Some ineligible expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Pain and suffering.
- Property damage or loss (including cash).

All expenses will be independently reviewed and verified by the Attorney General of Ohio.

Department of Health

Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Prevention Program

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Grant Period

Applications available:
End of May

Applications due:
End of July

Grant cycle begins:
November 1

Grant cycle ends:
October 31

Approximate Funds per Year

Funds may vary each year depending upon the funding source.

Range of Awards

\$30,000-\$60,000

Program Description

The goals of the Ohio Department of Health's Rape Prevention Program are to reduce the incidence of rape and other forms of sexual assault and to ensure that those victimized by these crimes have access to quality emergency medical care, crisis support, advocacy and counseling services. Federal and state funds are awarded through a competitive grant process to local rape crisis centers and other agencies to provide prevention education in the community and crisis intervention services for survivors and their significant others. The Ohio Department of Health issues the *Ohio Protocol for the Treatment of Adult Sexual Assault Survivors* for use by hospital emergency departments.

Who Can Apply?

Non-profits in the state of Ohio; individuals may not apply. Applicant agencies must have experience providing prevention, education and/or crisis intervention services for sexual assault.

Target Population

For Prevention Education – school-aged youth ages 11 and older; middle school, junior high, high school and college students; community organizations; religious organizations; government agencies; social service agencies; businesses; media; policy makers; general public.

For Crisis Intervention Services – survivors of sexual assault and their significant others (family, friends, co-workers, neighbors).

For Professional Education – staff from health care organizations; law enforcement agencies; prosecutor's offices; victim services organizations; mental health agencies; forensic laboratories; social service agencies, etc.

Allowable Services

Rape prevention and crisis intervention programs including:

- Hotlines, advocacy (hospital, law enforcement, legal), prevention education, training of service providers, support groups, short-term individual counseling (up to 12 sessions), referral, follow-up.
- Funding staff positions and educational materials to provide the above-listed services.
- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) and Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) programs.
- Education of service providers.
- Technical assistance to projects (assisting projects with program design, volunteer training, staff training, local coalition/task force development, program evaluation, etc.).

Office of Criminal Justice Services

Family Violence Prevention and Services Program

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Grant Period

Applications available:
November

Applications due:
December

Grant cycle begins:
July 1

Grant cycle ends:
June 30

Approximate Funds per Year

Funds may vary each year depending upon the funding source.

Approximately \$2.6 million per fiscal year.

Range of Awards

\$11,000 to \$50,000

There is a funding cap of \$50,000 for this program.

Program Description

The Office of Criminal Justice Services receives federal grant funds under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act for family violence prevention services. The majority of funds must be used to support direct community-based services for family violence prevention and support to victims and their families. Special emphasis is given to programs of demonstrated effectiveness.

Who Can Apply?

Public agencies, non-profit organizations, governmental agencies including, but not limited to, religious and charitable organizations, and statewide coalitions.

Target Population

Victims of domestic violence and their dependents, and/or those at risk of becoming involved in domestic violence.

Allowable Services

1. Core Shelter Services: Crisis hotline management (the operation of a 24-hour telephone service, 7 days a week, with trained staff providing counseling, guidance, emotional support, information and referrals, etc.). Essential support staff: Residential staff (staff providing basic needs of victims in the shelter), case management staff (staff that provide referrals, advocacy, and crisis counseling), and supervisory staff (24-hour management of the shelter and staff).
2. Prevention and Related Assistance: Prevention such as outreach and prevention services for victims and their children, assistance for children who witness domestic violence, employment training, parenting and other educational services, preventive health services within domestic violence programs (including nutrition, disease prevention, exercise and prevention of substance abuse), domestic violence programming for school-age children, family violence public awareness campaigns, violence prevention counseling to abusers, counseling with respect to family violence, other supportive services by peers (individually or in groups), referral to community social services; transportation and technical assistance with respect to obtaining financial assistance under federal and state programs, referrals for appropriate health-care services (including alcohol and drug abuse treatment), but shall not include reimbursement for any health-care services; legal advocacy to provide victims with information and assistance through the civil and criminal courts, legal assistance, children's counseling and support services, and childcare services for children who are victims of family violence or the dependents of such victims.

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Grant Period

Varies depending on the amount of available funds.

Approximate Funds per Year

Funds may vary each year depending upon the funding source.

Approximately \$750,000 per state fiscal year.

Range of Awards

Varies – Typically \$10,000 or less.

Office of Criminal Justice Services

Family Violence Prevention Fund for
Ohio's Domestic Violence Shelters

Program Description

The Office of Criminal Justice Services receives an appropriation of funds through the Ohio General Assembly each biennium for family violence prevention. This funding is used to help support local domestic violence shelters that provide services to prevent family violence.

Who Can Apply?

Ohio domestic violence shelters.

Target Population

Victims of domestic violence and their dependents.

Allowable Services

Shelter and related assistance to address victims and their dependents' immediate needs and related assistance to help the victims achieve self-sufficiency.

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Grant Period

Applications available:
May 30

Applications due:
July 1

Grant cycle begins:
January 1

Grant cycle ends:
December 31

Approximate Funds per Year

Funds may vary each year depending upon the funding source.

Range of Awards

Approximate awards are \$10,000 - \$75,000.

Office of Criminal Justice Services

Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program
(Victim Witness Assistance)

Program Description

The Byrne Memorial JAG Grant Program has several program areas, including the Victim Service Program Area. All projects funded under the Victim Service Program Area must be designed to accomplish the following objectives:

- To provide crime victims with services to help them overcome the trauma of victimization, participate in all critical stages, and return to full, active lives.

Who Can Apply?

Only law enforcement, prosecutors, non-profit agencies and direct service providers are eligible. Batterers treatment programs are not eligible under the Victim Service Program Area, but are eligible under other JAG program areas.

Target Population

All victims of crime in Ohio.

Allowable Services

Programs providing direct services to victims of crime are eligible. Examples include:

- Domestic violence shelters.
- Sexual assault programs.
- Victim Advocacy programs.
- Counseling services.
- Visitation centers.

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Range of Awards

\$11,000 - \$60,000

There is a funding cap of \$60,000 for this program.

Office of Criminal Justice Services

STOP (Services • Training • Officers • Prosecutors)
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
Formula Grant Program

Program Description

The VAWA funds are to improve the criminal justice system's response in serving women victims of violent crime, and to support and enhance services for victims, targeting domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Collaboration among law enforcement, prosecution and victim service providers is required to provide a coordinated response for victims.

Who Can Apply?

Law enforcement agencies, prosecutorial agencies, courts and local and state non-profit victim service providers in collaboration with each other.

Target Population

Adult women victims of violent crime, targeting domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and emphasis on serving underserved populations, such as Appalachian, hearing impaired, etc. (Targeting male victims and targeting female victims under the age of 18 is prohibited under this program).

Allowable Services

- Battered women's shelters.
- Domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking programs.
- Legal advocacy.
- Data collection and communication systems.
- Visitation centers.
- Victim service programs.
- Training for law enforcement, judges, prosecutors, and/or court personnel.
- Development and expansion of law enforcement, judges, prosecutors and/or court personnel.
- Training for sexual assault forensic medical examiners.



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