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Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program **Program Offer Stage:** As Adopted
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

The primary goal of the Victim Assistance and Restitution Recovery Program is to make the criminal justice system more responsive to individual citizens, particularly to victims of crime. To this end, it is the philosophy of the office that every effort be made to maximize victim involvement at every possible stage of a criminal case, and assure the rights of crime victims by investigating the economic loss to victims and ensuring that losses are accurately presented in court.

Program Summary

Victim Advocates work directly with crime victims to explain the criminal justice system, including what rights are available to them; provide court accompaniment; offer referral information to appropriate community services and guide victims through the prosecution process.

The program also provides 24-hour on-call response to victims of sexual assault. We carry out this effort with a team of paid staff and over 40 volunteers. This immediate crisis intervention service is then followed by ongoing support and advocacy throughout the investigation and prosecution of the case.

Currently there is an enhanced focus on improving all aspects of obtaining restitution for victims of crime. As a result of this focus impressive improvements have been made, and other possibilities for improvement are being studied. Last year, the Restitution Recovery Program assisted 2,500 victims, and helped victims claim \$7,000,000 in restitution.

All victims of crimes being prosecuted by the District Attorney's Office receive information about their rights as victims, an opportunity to submit information about their losses for restitution, and notification letters on the case status and disposition.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY15 Actual	FY16 Purchased	FY16 Estimate	FY17 Offer
Output	The number of cases assigned a victim advocate for the assistance of the crime victim.	1464	2200	3,375	2,500
Outcome	Number of court appearances attended to support the victim.	1103	5400	1944	1,500

Performance Measures Descriptions

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 constitutional rights. ORS 147.22 - 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	2016	2016	2017	2017
Personnel	\$505,613	\$655,088	\$537,372	\$944,754
Materials & Supplies	\$15,350	\$236	\$28,600	\$72,864
Internal Services	\$24,905	\$0	\$30,427	\$96,826
Total GF/non-GF	\$545,868	\$655,324	\$596,399	\$1,114,444
Program Total:	\$1,201,192		\$1,710,843	
Program FTE	5.54	7.46	6.13	10.87

Program Revenues				
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$0	\$0	\$80,116	\$0
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$655,324	\$0	\$1,114,444
Total Revenue	\$0	\$655,324	\$80,116	\$1,114,444

Explanation of Revenues

\$515,269 in Criminal Fine Account (CFAA) funding
\$599,175 in Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2016: 15005A-16 Victims Assistance Program

This program is now combined with last year's Restitution Recovery Program PO 15005B.

During FY2016, significant increases in federal funding from the Victim's of Crime Act (VOCA) became available resulting in the ability to increase staffing by ~4.00 FTE.