

Program #15015 - Victim Assistance Program
FY 2026 Adopted
Department: District Attorney

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Program Offer Type: Operating

Program Offer Stage: Adopted

Related Programs:
Program Characteristics:
Program Description

The Victim Assistance Program (VAP) provides comprehensive support to crime victims throughout the prosecution process. Assistance often begins at the VAP Reception Desk, where staff connect victims with appropriate referrals within the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office (MCDA) and the broader community. Reception staff also provide administrative support to the VAP, ensuring that all victims with cases prosecuted by MCDA receive information about their rights and other relevant case details. MCDA sends an average of 30,000 victim rights notifications each year. When restitution is applicable, designated staff contact victims to provide guidance on required documentation and answer questions about the restitution process.

Victim advocates serve as liaisons between victims, law enforcement, attorneys, and community organizations. They translate complex legal and procedural information into a trauma-informed format, helping victims understand their rights under the Oregon Constitution, develop safety plans, and access short-term crisis intervention. Advocates also provide court accompaniment, coordinate advocacy, and offer referrals to essential services and resources to empower victims in making informed decisions.

When victims have complex resource and safety planning needs, the Community Information Specialist works directly with them to assess necessary support, provide referrals, and offer follow-up assistance. This role maintains an updated database of community resources, with a particular focus on housing-related services, ensuring victims receive accessible and accurate referrals.

Program Specialists support the VAP by onboarding new employees, providing ongoing training, managing grants that fund the program, leading initiatives to improve victim services, reviewing U Visas, and offering coverage for various program needs. The Program Supervisor is responsible for hiring and supervising the 22 VAP employees, overseeing projects and initiatives, and representing the program within MCDA and the broader community.

The Victim Assistance Program is committed to mitigating the impacts of harm and trauma caused by crime and supporting victims as they navigate the complexities of the criminal justice system. By ensuring victims are informed, supported, and empowered to assert their rights, the VAP plays a vital role in the justice process.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Performance Measure	FY24 Actual	FY25 Budgeted	FY25 Estimate	FY26 Target
Output	Number of victims of crime assigned a victim advocate on cases	2,507	3,600	2,680	2,700
Outcome	Number of services contacts provided to victims of crime by Victims Assistance program	50,447	75,000	70,000	70,000

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 147.417 - Victim to be notified of constitutional rights. ORS 147.227 - Disbursement of moneys to be used for victims' assistance programs.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds
Program Expenses	2025	2025	2026	2026
Personnel	\$995,761	\$1,515,109	\$1,078,044	\$1,110,844
Contractual Services	\$9,000	\$3,500	\$14,000	\$2,000
Materials & Supplies	\$19,874	\$0	\$15,000	\$0
Internal Services	\$351,602	\$335,882	\$41,058	\$284,675
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,376,237	\$1,854,491	\$1,148,102	\$1,397,519
Program Total:	\$3,230,728		\$2,545,621	
Program FTE	7.75	12.25	8.46	8.54

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$1,739,937	\$123,019	\$1,397,519
Total Revenue	\$0	\$1,739,937	\$123,019	\$1,397,519

Explanation of Revenues

This program generates \$284,675 in indirect revenues.

Federal/State Funding:

\$776,881 - Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Non-Competitive Grant. Estimated award over 2 years (10/01/25-9/30/27; old award 07/01/25-09/30/25).

\$563,830 - Criminal Fine Account Non-Competitive Grant. Estimated award over 2 years (10/01/25-9/30/27; old award 07/01/25-09/30/25). Assumes the same 2-year allocation plus an estimated carryover from 2023-2025 award.

\$32,118 - U.S. DOJ Office for Victims of Crimes (OVC) Grant. Competitive award of \$152,406 spread over 4 years, \$32K is an estimate for 7/01/25-9/30/25, the last quarter.

\$24,690 - Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grant. Competitive Award of \$360,000 (114,654 budgeted in the VAP) that began 10/01/24 and will be expended by 9/30/25.

\$123,019 - TriMet for 1.00 FTE Victim Advocate.

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2025: 15015A Victims Assistance Program

1.00 FTE position that was funded as one-time-only in FY 2025, has been funded as ongoing in FY 2026.

1.00 FTE position has been eliminated due to loss of Supportive Housing Services (SHS) funding.

Reduction of 2.00 FTE Victim Advocate positions due to 22% cut in VOCA funding.

Reduction of 1.00 FTE Victim Advocate position due to the Byrne Discretionary Community Project (Gun Violence) Grant ending.

Added 1.00 FTE Victim Advocate using new TriMet funding.