

Division: Justice Integrity & Victim Services Division

Program Characteristics:

Program Description

The Victim Assistance Program (VAP) provides comprehensive, trauma-informed support to crime victims throughout the prosecution process, ensuring they are informed, supported, and able to exercise their rights. The program delivers fair and consistent assistance to all victims, regardless of background or status, using culturally responsive and victim-centered practices.

VAP connects victims to resources within MCDA and the broader community, helps them understand their legal rights, and provides guidance related to restitution. Victim Advocates serve as a primary point of contact between victims, prosecutors, law enforcement, and service providers, helping navigate complex legal processes, supporting safety planning, providing crisis intervention, and accompanying victims to court.

The program includes specialized advocacy to address complex needs such as housing instability and safety concerns, while program leadership oversees training, coordination, and grant compliance to strengthen service delivery. By centering victims in the justice process, VAP reduces barriers, builds trust, and supports meaningful participation at every stage of prosecution.

Equity Statement

The Victim Assistance Program advances equity by providing language access, reviewing U Visa certifications for immigrant victims, and supporting access to housing and safety resources. Through ongoing training in cultural humility and trauma-informed practice, the program works to reduce barriers and build trust with communities historically impacted by inequity.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	2026 General Fund	2026 Other Funds	2027 General Fund	2027 Other Funds
Personnel	\$1,078,044	\$1,110,844	\$1,070,775	\$1,123,452
Contractual Services	\$14,000	\$2,000	\$9,200	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$15,000	\$0	\$11,300	\$0
Internal Services	\$41,058	\$284,675	\$0	\$289,401
Total GF/non-GF	\$1,148,102	\$1,397,519	\$1,091,275	\$1,412,853
Total Expenses:	\$2,545,621		\$2,504,128	
Program FTE	8.46	8.54	7.29	8.21
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$123,019	\$1,397,519	\$0	\$1,412,853
Total Revenue	\$123,019	\$1,397,519	\$0	\$1,412,853

Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY25 Actual	FY26 Estimate	FY27 Target
Number of victims of crime assigned a victim advocate on cases	2,609	2,750	2,750
Number of services contacts provided to victims of crime by Victims Assistance Program	65,920	68,610	72,000