



Program #50099E - ARP Client Assistance **FY 2024 Department Requested**

Department: Community Justice **Program Contact:** Denise Pena
Program Offer Type: Existing **Program Offer Stage:** Department Requested
Related Programs:
Program Characteristics: Out of Target

Executive Summary

Funding from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) will provide direct client assistance to serve crime victims and survivors. This program offer was funded in FY 2023 and is being requested again FY 2024 due to continued need.

Program Description

The Victim and Survivor Services Fund provides temporary emergency assistance to victims/survivors through direct support related to a survivor's safety or the safety of their children and/or provides support to a survivor directly related to the impact of a crime or circumstance of a crime.

DCJ has seen a year-over-year increase in the monthly average population of people seeking victim advocacy services. FY 2020 = 85 people; FY 2021 = 187 (120% increase); FY 2022 = 271 (45% increase). Overall, this amounts to a 219% increase in need, adding to workload and forcing advocates to make crisis-based decisions in place of best practices. Victim advocates need time to attend trainings and coordination meetings to ensure services are equitable, trauma-informed, and survivor-led.

Generally, victims and survivors of crime are disproportionately young, low income, and Black, Indigenous, of People of Color. In addition, the criminal legal system was not built with victims and survivors in mind, exacerbating the service disparity for this population. The pandemic increased barriers that crime victims and survivors experience, inflicting long-lasting negative impacts on recovery that can be present for several years. Additionally, victim and survivor safety concerns often increase after an offender is sentenced, and VSS is the only system-based advocacy that aids in accessing community resources, safety planning, and support. When victims and survivors face barriers to self-sufficiency, they often return to their abusers for support. Advocates help victims and survivors access resources to stabilize and increase self-sufficiency.

This program offer reflects the ARP investment priority area: Crisis Response & Community Recovery (client assistance, housing stability, deepening safety net services).

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budgeted	FY23 Estimate	FY24 Offer
Output	Number of survivors served (Victim and Survivor Services Unit)	N/A	40	40	40
Outcome					

Performance Measures Descriptions

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Adopted General Fund	Adopted Other Funds	Department Requested General Fund	Department Requested Other Funds
Program Expenses	2023	2023	2024	2024
Contractual Services	\$0	\$275,000	\$0	\$100,000
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$275,000	\$0	\$100,000
Program Total:	\$275,000		\$100,000	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$275,000	\$0	\$100,000
Total Revenue	\$0	\$275,000	\$0	\$100,000

Explanation of Revenues

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Direct County Funding - \$100,000

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2023: 50099E ARP Client Assistance

This program addresses Crisis Response & Community Recovery priority area.

The Victim Services program was impacted during the pandemic as instances of domestic violence increased. These funds will support victims and survivors with temporary emergency assistance.

In FY 2023, this program offer included WFSU - \$50,000 and MHU- \$175,000. These funds are not proposed in FY 2024.