

Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

Crime Victim Services

Crime Victim Assistance FY2014 Grant Overview

Our mission is to sustain and enhance the coordination, cohesiveness, productivity and effectiveness of the criminal justice system in Arizona

The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-2407, has authorized the distribution of Crime Victim Assistance funds through an annual competitive grant process. Crime victim assistance grant funds must be used to provide victim assistance services directly to crime victims in Arizona in compliance with Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) R10-4-201 through R10-4-204 and funding priorities established by the Commission. For Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 the grant application period for the ACJC Victim Assistance Grant Program opened in February 2013. Grant proposals were received from 51 public agencies and private non-profit organizations. After going through a formal review process the Commission voted to fund 47 applicants with total funding equaling \$1,250,000. As part of the Crime Victim Assistance Grant, grantees are required to track various statistical data to report back to ACJC after the grant year has concluded. This report summarizes the data reported by all 47 grantees during FY2014 and 44 grantees during FY2013.

Table 1. Number of Victims Served by Type of Crime, FY2013-FY2014

Type of Crime	FY2013	FY2014
Assault	8,281	8,509
Child Abuse (Physical & Sexual)	5,608	5,378
Disorderly Conduct	3,930	4,091
Aggravated Domestic Violence	3,393	3,568
Theft	3,235	3,497
Criminal Damage	2,421	2,893
Financial Exploitation	770	2,582
Burglary	1,811	2,282
Criminal Trespass	2,420	2,067
DUI	1,990	2,025
Sexual Assault - Adults Only	1,917	1,999
Homicide	1,834	1,939
Robbery	1,031	1,028
Interfering with Judicial Process	826	905
Threatening/Intimidating	1,078	903
Arson	588	775
Kidnapping	523	400
Adults Molested as Children	403	395
Endangerment	431	312
Forgery	334	208
Stalking	237	176
Identity Theft	323	118
Abuse of Vulnerable Adults	425	114
Domestic Violence (Crime type unknown)	17,178	19,125
Other	15,095	15,555
Unknown (i.e. crisis hotline calls)	3,170	1,969
Total	79,252	82,813

Victims Served by Type of Crime

In FY2014 programs funded by ACJC reported serving 82,813 victims an increase from the 79,252 victims served in FY2013 (Table 1). Programs are requested to track the type of crime that the victims they served have experienced. If a victim has multiple crimes committed against them then programs count the victim only once under the crime that carries the stiffest penalty. Of those offenses where the crime type was known, assault was the number one crime of the victims served by ACJC funded programs with 8,509 being victimized in FY2014 and 8,281 being victimized in FY2013. Following assault in FY 2014, the highest crime types of victims served were child abuse (5,378 victims), disorderly conduct (4,091 victims), and aggravated domestic violence (3,568 victims). In addition to tracking the types of crime, programs are asked to keep track of how many victimizations were related to domestic violence. Regardless of the crime type listed, 31,558 victimizations were related to domestic violence, which is an increase of over 3,000 from FY2013. When looking at the demographics of the victims served, the majority of victims were Caucasian, female, and between the ages of 18 and 65.

Volunteers

As a requirement of the Crime Victim Assistance Grant, programs are required to use volunteers effectively and efficiently in providing services to victims. During FY2014 agencies reported they had 1,335 volunteers that worked 106,558 hours during the

year. This equates to an additional 51.2 full time employees dedicated to providing victim services across Arizona.

Type of Services Provided

Per program rules (R10-4-204) agencies that receive a grant from ACJC can only use funds to provide services listed in Table 2. ACJC grant funded programs provided a total of 980,363 services to the 82,813 victims served in FY2014. This equates to an average of nearly 12 services being provided to each victim and shows an increase in services from FY2013. For this section, grantees were asked to count each time a victim was provided a particular service which means that one victim could receive the same service multiple times. Notification services were provided to the most victims (448,736 victims notified), this includes notifications regarding significant developments in the case, court proceedings, and final dispositions of cases. Following notification services, 90,190 victims received advocate services, which is a 68% increase in advocate services received in FY2013. Additionally, 75,370 victims received assistance dealing with social services and criminal justice agencies, 72,734 victims received referrals for other resources, and 65,927 received court related services.

Type of Service	FY2013	FY2014
Notification Services	410,367	448,736
Advocate Services	53,655	90,190
Other Services	64,079	75,824
Assistance dealing with Social Services and Criminal Justice Agencies	87,421	75,370
Referral to Other Resources	49,698	72,734
Court Related Services	60,407	65,927
Follow-up Counseling	56,264	64,923
Emergency Temporary Shelter	41,530	52,327
Crisis Intervention Services	26,966	32,076
Emergency Petty Cash	1,942	1,437
Assistance in Dealing with Victim's Landlord or Employer	478	511
Assistance in Obtaining the Return of Property	191	269
Emergency Temporary Repairs	344	39
Total Number of Services Provided	853,342	980,363

Goals and Outcomes

To track grantees' performance during the grant period grantees select outcomes for five different goals, Healing, Justice, Economic Stabilization, Safety, and Quality Measures. They have the choice to select outcomes ACJC created with the option to create one of their own for each goal, with the exception of Economic Stabilization. De-

pending on the goal they must select between one and three outcomes per goal. Table 3 shows the outcomes selected by the majority of the grantees. Within the Healing goal, 86.49 percent of victims reported an increased knowledge of services available and 88.03 percent of victims report the provider's services increased their ability to cope. In the Quality Measures goal 90.00 percent of victims reported an overall satisfaction with services and 88.59 percent reported that advocacy services they received were helpful. Overall the goals and outcomes remained fairly consistent between FY2013 and FY2014, with the largest change being an increase in victims reporting the providers services increased their ability to cope.

	FY2013	FY2014
Healing		
Percentage of Victims Reporting an Increased Knowledge of Services Available	87.1%	86.5%
Percentage of Victims Reporting the Provider's Services Increase Their Ability to Cope	82.4%	88.0%
Justice		
Percentage of Victims Reporting an Increased Understanding of Their Legal Rights	87.2%	87.4%
Percentage of Victims Reporting Increased Knowledge of the Legal System	84.1%	81.5%
Economic Stabilization		
Percentage of Victims Reporting in Increased Knowledge of the Victim's Compensation Program, Restitution, and Other Financial Assistance Services	78.6%	79.0%
Safety		
Percentage of Victims Who Report Understanding and Initiating Safety Plans for Meeting Their Immediate and On-going Safety Needs	86.9%	83.9%
Percentage of Victims Who Report Being Able to Better Assess Their Safety Needs	83.8%	86.4%
Quality Measures		
Percentage of Victims Reporting Overall Satisfaction with Services	91.9%	90.00%
Percentage of Victims Who Report that Advocacy Services Provided Were Helpful	91.6%	88.6%

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