

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE
CRIME VICTIMS COMMITTEE
OF THE
ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
AND
AGENDA**

Pursuant to A.R.S § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the **Crime Victims Committee** of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission and to the general public that the **Crime Victims Committee** will hold a meeting open to the public on **Thursday, November 10, 2011** beginning at **10:00 a.m.** at the **Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Office, 1110 W. Washington, Suite 250, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.**

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Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

I. Call to Order and Roll Call **Chairperson Linda Scott**

Crime Victims Committee Members:

Linda Scott, Chairperson
John Armer
Duane Belcher
Tom Horne
Barbara LaWall
Bill Montgomery
Charles Ryan

II. Minutes of the May 19, 2011 Meeting

- Approval of Minutes **P-F-T**

III. Victim Assistance Program Funding Priorities **Larry Grubbs**

- Review, discussion, consideration and possible action on the funding priorities for the Victim Assistance Grant Program. **P-F-T**

IV. Victim Compensation Program Morrison Institute Study

Larry Grubbs

- Presentation on the results and recommendations from the Victim Compensation Program study conducted by the ASU Morrison Institute for Public Policy. **Info**

V. Arizona Victimization Survey Funding

Larry Grubbs

- Review, discussion, consideration and possible action on providing funding to support the Arizona Victimization Survey. **P-F-T**

VI. Call to the Public

Those wishing to address the Committee need not request permission in advance. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or rescheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

VII. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

- The next Crime Victims Committee meeting will meet on **Thursday, January 19, 2012** at 1110 W. Washington, Suite 250, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

VIII. Adjournment

A copy of the agenda background material provided to Committee members is available for public inspection at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Office, 1110 West Washington, Suite 230, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, (602) 364-1146. This document is available in alternative formats by contacting the Commission Office.



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Request for Committee Action

Action Requested:	Type of Action Requested:	Subject:
November 10, 2011	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formal Action/Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Minutes of the May 19, 2011 Meeting

TO: Chairperson and Committee Members

FROM: Larry Grubbs, Program Manager
Crime Victim Services

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee approve the minutes of the Crime Victims Committee Meeting held on May 19, 2011.

DISCUSSION:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

Not Approve - Modify - Table

**Crime Victims Committee
Minutes
May 19, 2011**

A public meeting of the Crime Victims Committee of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission was convened on May 19, 2011 at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, 1110 W. Washington, Suite 250, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

Members Present:

Linda Scott, Chairperson, Former Judge
John Armer, Gila County Sheriff, Claudia Dalmolin representing
Duane Belcher, Chairperson, Board of Executive Clemency, Erin Warzecha representing
Tom Horne, Arizona Attorney General, Dan Levey representing
Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney, Linda McCollum representing
Bill Montgomery, Maricopa County Attorney, Daniel Seiden representing
Charles Ryan, Director, Department of Corrections, Charles Flanagan representing

Staff Participating:

Larry Grubbs, Program Manager
Wendy Boyle, Executive Secretary

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Linda Scott at 10:00 AM. Roll was taken and a quorum was declared present.

II. Minutes of the January 20, 2011 Meeting

Chairperson Scott called for a motion to adopt the minutes. Designee Dan Levey moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Designee Daniel Seiden and was unanimously approved by the Committee.

III. Crime Victim Compensation Program

A. Designation of Operational Units

Larry Grubbs, Program Manager explained that each year the Commission is required to assign one operational unit within each county to receive an allocation of state and federal compensation funds to administer the compensation program during the fiscal year.

Designee Charles Flanagan moved to recommend to the Commission that the current designation of the 15 County Attorney's Offices continue as operational units for the FY12 Crime Victim Compensation Program. The motion was seconded by Designee Erin Warzecha and was unanimously approved by the Committee.

B. FY12 Compensation Program Budget

Larry Grubbs, Program Manager proposed that the budget for the FY12 Crime Victim Compensation Program be set at \$3,900,000 that includes \$2,500,000 in state compensation funds and \$1,400,000 in federal VOCA compensation funds. Mr. Grubbs explained that in past years, the allocation of federal and state compensation funds had been made in two separate distribution allotments. The process was duplicative. Staff's proposal combined the two allotments into one annual compensation allocation awarded on the state fiscal year.

Designee Dan Levey moved to recommend to the Commission that the total funding for the FY12 Crime Victim Compensation Program be set at \$3,900,000 and expended in accordance with the budget on page 8 of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Designee Charles Flanagan and was unanimously approved by the Committee.

C. FY12 Compensation Program Funding Allocation

Larry Grubbs, Program Manager discussed the allocation of \$3,900,000 to the Crime Victims Compensation Program. Mr. Grubbs referred to the chart on page 10 of the agenda that outlines the proposed amount for allocation to each county operational unit. The formula shows a set administrative expense, a base allotment of \$11,100 to each county with the balance distributed by population and \$50,000 of the state funds held in reserve as required by Program Rule R10-4-102.D.

Designee Erin Warzecha moved to recommend to the Commission the allocation of \$3,900,000 in state and federal Crime Victim Compensation funds to the operational units for the FY12 Crime Victim Compensation Program. The motion was seconded by Designee Daniel Seiden and was unanimously approved by the Committee.

D. FY12 Compensation Fund Distribution Method

Larry Grubbs, Program Manager recommended the distribution method of state and federal compensation funds be changed to a reimbursement process beginning FY12. ACJC staff identified issues with expenditure of state and federal compensation funds on a statewide level existing under the current distribution method that included: 1) Victim Compensation Program struggling with spending all allocated state compensation funds during any fiscal year; and 2) a current surplus of federal VOCA compensation funds that must be spent before funds expire. Staff proposes the conversion of all compensation fund distributions to a reimbursement process and to include language that allows ACJC staff the option to approve upfront payments to county programs on an as needed basis.

Designee Charles Flanagan moved to recommend to the Commission that beginning in FY12, all Victim Compensation program funding be distributed to the 15 county programs as a monthly expenditure reimbursement; however, stipulating that ACJC staff may approve upfront payments on a case by case basis. The motion was seconded by Designee Dan Levey and was unanimously approved by the Committee.

IV. Crime Victim Assistance Program

A. FY12 Crime Victim Assistance Grant Awards to Commission eligible Criminal Justice Government Programs

Larry Grubbs, Program Manager reported that 54 applications were submitted requesting a combined amount of \$1,904,614 for the FY12 Crime Victim Assistance grant awards. The funding requests shown on page 14 of the agenda include requested amounts of \$791,712 for criminal justice government agencies eligible to serve as a member of the Commission and \$1,112,902 for non-profit and other government programs. Mr. Grubbs explained the applications were evaluated and scored by ACJC staff and outside evaluators based on the Crime Victim Assistance program rules, criteria, and priorities approved by the Commission.

Mr. Grubbs presented staff's recommendation to award FY12 crime victim assistance funds to the 44 programs currently funded and to maintain individual agency funding at the FY11 award level. Mr. Grubbs explained the two factors that influenced the development of the recommendation. 1) All 44 proposed programs funded during FY11 submitted Victim Assistance grant applications and were eligible to receive funding for FY12. Historically, one or two programs funded during the current fiscal year failed to submit a grant application for the following year. The reduction in returning programs meant that funding that may have been allocated to those programs could be redistributed to either increase the award to current superior performing programs, fund a new program, or both. With all currently funded programs eligible for continued awards, the funds were not available for redistribution this year. 2) Available funding and projected revenue for Victim Assistance program beyond the FY12. Revenue sources for the program generate about \$850,000 a year. In the past, the program balanced the difference between revenue and larger total program size by spending down a fund balance. Due to legislative sweeps and program spending, the fund balance has been depleted. Without additional revenue, the total program size for FY13 could be as low as

\$850,000. Maintaining support for currently funded programs has been a priority for the ACJC Crime Victim Assistance Program. This recommendation attempts to balance the needs of the current program while focusing on the challenges that lay ahead for FY13. As a result, neither increased funding to current programs nor funding to a new program is included in the proposal.

Chairperson Scott asked if any member of the public would like to address the Crime Victims Committee. Katie Hobbs, spoke on behalf of Sojourner Center and thanked the Committee for their continued support for the Victim Assistance programs.

After review, Designee Erin Warzecha moved to recommend to the Commission the award of \$500,000 for FY12 Crime Victim Assistance funds to the criminal justice government agencies eligible to serve on the Commission. The motion was seconded by Designee Linda McCollum and was unanimously approved by the Committee.

B. FY12 Crime Victim Assistance Grant Awards to Nonprofit and other Government Programs

Chairperson Scott asked the Committee for a motion on Action Item IV-B.

Designee Charles Flanagan moved to recommend to the Commission the award of \$520,000 for FY12 Crime Victim Assistance funds to the non-profit and other government programs. The motion was seconded by Designee Daniel Seiden and was unanimously approved by the Committee.

C. Evaluation of Crime Victim Assistance Funding Priorities

Larry Grubbs, Program Manager discussed the need to examine funding priorities for the Crime Victim Assistance Grant program and directed the Committee to the current program priorities listed on page 16 of the agenda. Mr. Grubbs explained that ACJC staff will develop funding priority recommendations over the next several months. The recommendations will include a thoughtful examination of past funding priorities deemed important to the Commission as it relates to victim services. Mr. Grubbs stressed that feedback and participation from the Commission in the evaluation process is crucial. ACJC staff will have recommendations for the Commission to review by the November meeting.

This agenda item was presented for informational purposes and did not require Committee action.

V. Call to the Public

Chairperson Scott made a call to the public. No members of the public addressed the Committee.

VI. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

The next Crime Victims Committee Meeting will be at the call of the Chairperson.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



John A. Blackburn, Jr.
Executive Director

Audio recording is available upon request.



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Request for Committee Action

Action Requested:	Type of Action Requested:	Subject:
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TO: Chairperson and Committee Members

FROM: Larry Grubbs, Program Manager
Crime Victim Services

RECOMMENDATION:

The Crime Victims Committee recommend to the Commission approval of the revised funding priorities for the Victim Assistance Program included in Table VS2 of this agenda.

DISCUSSION:

In May 2011, ACJC Victim Services program staff began an analysis of the funding priorities for the ACJC Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program. To supplement this internal review, in late September ACJC program staff distributed an online survey to victim service providers across the state. The purpose of the survey was to assist ACJC Victim Services program staff with identifying funding priorities for the ACJC Crime Victim Assistance grant program within the framework of the current Crime Victim Assistance Program rules. The internal review and feedback gathered through the survey resulted in the revised funding priorities included in Table VS2 of the agenda.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Moderate – Priorities will impact application scoring, and fund allocation methods.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not Approve - Modify - Table

Table VS1

Survey Score (5 max.)	Current Victim Assistance Funding Priorities
4.22	Funding programs that demonstrate a strong collaborative effort with law enforcement, prosecution, service providers, community organizations, and other social service agencies.
4.12	Funding programs that provide multiple service types to a diverse range of victim types.
4.04	Funding programs that demonstrate strong support of established goals and objectives and clearly identify how the success of the program will be measured.
3.99	Funding programs that provide unduplicated services within a 35 mile radius.
3.69	Funding programs operating in counties with the highest crime per capita rate based on the latest Uniform Crime Report.
3.68	Funding programs that demonstrate a strong component of assisting crime victims in filing victim compensation claims.
3.62	Annually providing \$20,000 directly to the Arizona Victim Assistance Academy.
3.61	Funding programs who indicate the highest number of services provided per victim.
3.45	Funding programs who indicate the highest number of victims served per advocate.

Table VS2

Survey Score (5 max.)	Proposed Victim Assistance Funding Priorities
4.41	[NEW] Continue funding from one grant period to the next for programs with a strong performance history, who meet the minimum required application score.
4.22	[NO CHANGE] Funding programs that demonstrate a strong collaborative effort with law enforcement, prosecution, service providers, community organizations, and other social service agencies.
4.12	[REVISED] Funding programs that provide multiple service types to a diverse range of <i>victimization</i> types.
4.04	[NO CHANGE] Funding programs that demonstrate strong support of established goals and objectives and clearly identify how the success of the program will be measured.
3.99	[REVISED] Funding at least one program in each county in the State provided that the program meets eligibility requirements and the minimum required application score.
3.69	[NO CHANGE] Funding programs operating in counties with the highest crime per capita rate based on the latest Uniform Crime Report.
3.68	[NO CHANGE] Funding programs that demonstrate a strong component of assisting crime victims in filing victim compensation claims.
3.62	[NO CHANGE] Annually providing \$20,000 directly to the Arizona Victim Assistance Academy.
	[NEW] Funding programs providing services to address an emerging victim issue, or to an underserved victim population, as designated annually by the ACJC.

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TO: Chairperson and Committee Members

FROM: Larry Grubbs, Program Manager
Crime Victim Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Information Only

DISCUSSION:

At the November 2010 meeting the Commission approved use of up to \$35,000 in state crime victim compensation funds to pay for a focused study of the Arizona Crime Victim Compensation Program conducted by the ASU Morrison Institute for Public Policy. The study titled "Standing with the Victims: A Review of Arizona's Crime Victim Compensation Fund" was completed in August 2011. ACJC Victim Services program staff will present a summary of the study's analysis of the Arizona compensation program, the hypothesis resulting from that analysis, and recommendations for the compensation program suggested in the study.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

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TO: Chairperson and Committee Members

FROM: Larry Grubbs, Program Manager
Crime Victim Services

RECOMMENDATION:

The Crime Victims Committee recommend to the Commission approval of up to \$180,000 from the Crime Victim Compensation and Assistance Fund to support funding the Arizona Victimization Survey.

DISCUSSION:

The Arizona Statistical Analysis Center (AZSAC) has been awarded \$70,000 in financial support from the Federal Fiscal Year 2011 State Justice Statistics (SJS) grant program to conduct, for the first time, an Arizona Victimization Survey. The total cost of conducting a statewide victimization survey that would include a representative sample from each of the 15 counties is projected to be \$250,000. AZSAC, in partnership with ACJC Victim Services Program staff, is requesting up to \$180,000 from the Crime Victim Assistance and Compensation Fund to fully fund a statewide victimization survey.

The Arizona Victimization Survey, which will be modeled after the National Crime Victimization Survey, will provide Arizona with estimates of victimization that are directly relevant to the work of Arizona criminal justice policymakers, practitioners, and victims' community, and will be comparable to data collected at the national level and to other states using similar methodologies.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Minimal – Requested funds are available through reversions of unspent compensation and assistance funds allocated for FY 2011.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not Approve - Modify - Table

The Arizona Victimization Survey

For more than 30 years, the Bureau of Justice Statistics has administered the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS). Although the NCVS has advanced our understanding of criminal victimization and the reporting of crime more generally, the NCVS in its current form has limited practical utility at the local level (i.e., state, county, and municipal) due to unique differences across jurisdictions and the perception among local policymakers that national data do not speak to local concerns. An immediate need for victimization data for local policy and practice compels the Arizona Statistical Analysis Center to request funding to support an Arizona victimization survey that is modeled after, and comparable to, the NCVS.

This proposal is for the AZSAC, in collaboration with Arizona State University, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, to conduct a 2011 Arizona Victimization Survey. More specifically, the AZSAC will sub-contract with the Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety to conduct telephone interviews capturing self-reported victimization information and related data. The Center will complete interviews in English and in Spanish.

The Arizona Victimization Survey instrument will be based on the NCVS instrument but modified for a telephone interview rather than face-to-face interviews. Although the primary goal of the survey is to produce estimates of victimization for the state, additional information will be collected on the reporting of victimization including whether respondents reported their victimization to the police, and if not, the reasons why they chose not to report the victimization. Additional items of local interest will be considered for inclusion on the instrument. AZSAC staff in collaboration with the ACJC Victims Services Program will be meeting with victim service providers, victim advocates, and policymakers to get their input on questions to add to the survey instrument that will aid them in their work.

The AZSAC actively collaborates with other ACJC grant program areas, including the Victims Services Program. Currently the Victims Services Program is investigating the issues and barriers to victims' access to the state's victim compensation program, which the ACJC Victims Services Program oversees. Building on the core NCVS survey instrument by including questions of local and agency (i.e., ACJC) relevance, the 2011 Arizona Victimization Survey will also give the AZSAC the opportunity to build on the work already being done by providing a deeper understanding of the local need for victim compensation and other victim services.

The AZSAC will prepare, and make public through the ACJC web site, a final report on 2011 Arizona Victimization Survey. In addition to the full report, the AZSAC will also publish two one-page research briefs—one that summarizes the project findings and a second that focuses on the reporting of victimization to the police—on the ACJC web site to enhance the accessibility and use of these data research to inform criminal justice policy and practice. Publishing additional research briefs summarizing the data on domestic violence victimization, sexual assault victimization, or other topics will be considered but dependent upon project resources.