

OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS - CRIME VICTIMS FUND
(Dollars in Thousands)

	<u>Perm.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2002 Obligations.....	\$590,348
2003 President's Budget.....	625,000
2004 Current Services.....	625,000
2004 Request.....	625,000

<u>Comparison by activity and program</u>	<u>2003 President's Budget</u>			<u>2004 Current Services</u>			<u>2004 Estimate</u>			<u>Program Improvements/Offsets</u>		
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	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Crime Victims Fund.....	\$625,000	\$625,000	\$625,000 1/

1/ This amount reflects the proposed 2004 obligation limitation for the Crime Victims Fund of \$625 million.

Program Description

The Crime Victims Fund is financed by collections of fines, penalty assessments, and bond forfeitures from defendants convicted of federal crimes. These funds support victim assistance and compensation programs around the country and advocates, through policy development, for the fair treatment of crime victims. The Office for Victims of Crime administers formula and discretionary grants for programs designed to benefit victims, provides training for diverse professionals who work with victims, develops projects to enhance victims' rights and services, and undertakes public education and awareness activities on behalf of crime victims. Victim assistance funds help support more than 4,000 local victim service agencies, such as domestic violence shelters, children's advocacy centers, and rape treatment programs. Compensation funds supplement state efforts to provide reimbursement to victims for out-of-pocket expenses resulting from crime, including medical and mental health counseling costs, lost wages, and funeral expenses.