

OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS - CRIME VICTIMS FUND

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Pos.	FTE	Amount
2006 Appropriation.....	0	0	625,000
2006 Rescission Against Balances.....	0	0	-19,265
2006 Enacted (with Rescissions).....	0	0	605,735
2007 President's Budget (information only).....	0	0	625,000
2007 Continuing Resolution (Information only).....	0	0	625,000
2007 Estimate (direct*).....	0	0	625,000
2008 Request.....	0	0	625,000
Change 2008 from 2007.....	0	0	0
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2008 Current Services.....	0	0	625,000
2008 Request.....	0	0	625,000
Change 2008 from 2007.....	0	0	0
Rescission from Balances.....	0	0	-1,338,000

CRIME VICTIMS FUND PROPOSAL

The Crime Victims Fund is financed by collections of fines, penalty assessments, and bond forfeitures from defendants convicted of federal crimes rather than conventional appropriations. The 2008 Budget proposes to appropriate \$625 million from collections and balances to provide for victim compensation, services, and related needs. The proposed appropriations language would provide this funding upfront at the start of the fiscal year; and would offset this amount by balances and new receipts, coming to an estimated final appropriation of \$0. In addition, the budget proposes that an estimated \$1.338 billion in unobligated balances be rescinded from the fund.

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<u>Comparison by activity and program</u>	<u>2007 Estimate</u>			<u>2008 Current Services</u>			<u>2008 Request</u>			<u>Total Program Changes</u>		
	<u>Perm Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Perm Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Perm Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Perm Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Crime Victims Fund.....	0	0	\$625,000	0	0	\$625,000	0	0	\$625,000 ^{1/}	0	0	0

1/ This amount reflects the proposed 2008 spending for the Crime Victims Fund of \$625 million, including \$50 million for the emergency reserve.

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.