

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

	<u>Perm.</u> <u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2000 actuals.....	\$480,566
2001 availability.....	537,500
Increases (see p. 128).....	37,500
2002 base.....	575,000
Program changes.....
2002 estimate.....	575,000

<u>Comparison by activity and program</u>	<u>2001 Appropriation</u>			<u>2002 Base</u>			<u>2002 Estimate</u>			<u>Program Changes</u>		
	<u>Perm</u> <u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Perm</u> <u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Perm</u> <u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Perm</u> <u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Crime Victims Fund.....	\$537,500	\$575,000	\$575,000 1/

1/ This amount reflects the proposed 2002 obligation limitation for the Crime Victims Fund.

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. OVC 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.