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**U.S. ATTORNEY ANNOUNCES \$657,000 GRANT  
AWARD TO CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION PROGRAM**

United States Attorney Colm F. Connolly announced today that the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crimes (OVC) awarded \$657,000 to the Delaware Violent Crimes Compensation Board in an effort to enhance the State's victim compensation payments to eligible crime victims. Established in 1984, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) compensation funds provide financial assistance to victims of both Federal and State crimes. Mr. Connolly stated, "too often victims of crime are an afterthought in our criminal justice system. This grant will help to ensure that the system does a better job of helping those who suffer directly from crime."

For more information, contact United States Attorney Colm F. Connolly.

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