Victims of Crime Act

Crime Victims Fund

The Crime Victims Fund (the

Victims of Crime Act of 1984

Fund), established by the

Rebuilding Lives through Assistance and Compensation

States and Territories

VOCA administrators distribute VOCA victim assistance and compensation grants. All states and territories, including the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and American Samoa, receive annual VOCA victim assistance grants, which are awarded competitively to local community-based organizations that provide direct services to crime victims. Similarly, all states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico receive VOCA compensation grants after satisfying criteria set forth in VOCA and OVC program cal assistance services, and

Public and Private Organizations

Victim Assistance

Organizations (called "subrecipient programs") use the VOCA victim assistance funds to provide direct services such as crisis intervention, emergency shelter, transportation, and criminal justice advocacy—to crime victims free of charge. Victim advocates in these programs inform victims about the eligibility requirements of compensation and assist victims with the required paperwork.

Crime Victims

Victim Assistance

VOCA and the Crime Victims Fund help victims rebuild their lives by supporting programs that provide services directly to victims, such as crisis intervention, emergency shelter, emergency transportation, counseling, and criminal justice advocacy.

Victim Compensation

Victim compensation helps victims rebuild their lives by reimbursing victims for costs in the immediate aftermath of crime, such as crime-related medical costs, mental health counseling, funeral and burial costs, and lost wages or loss of support. Victim compensation is used as a payment of last resort and is paid when other financial resources (e.g., private insurance and worker's compensation) do not cover the loss.

Office for Victims of Crime

VOCA is administered by the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) within the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. OVC distributes victim assistance and compensation funds to states and U.S. territories, in accordance with the Victims of Crime Act. OVC may (VOCA), is a major funding source also use funds for demonfor victim services throughout the United States and its territories. stration projects, program Millions of dollars collected are evaluation, compliance deposited into the Fund efforts, training and techni-

other related activities.

U.S. Attorneys

U.S. Attorneys' Offices, federal courts. and the Federal Bureau of Prisons collect criminal fines, forfeited bail bonds, penalties, and special assessments, which are deposited into the Crime Victims Fund.

rules.

State programs (sometimes called commissions or boards) distribute compensation directly to victims who must satisfy eligibility requirements.

COLLECTIONS

DEPOSITS

annually and support the

state victim assistance

and compensation pro-

gram efforts. Since 1986,

\$4.8 billion in VOCA victim

assistance funds and \$1.8

billion in compensation

funds have been awarded.

DISBURSEMENTS

STATE ADMINISTRATION

Victim Compensation

DIRECT SERVICES

REBUILT LIVES





