

**Crime Victims Committee
Minutes
March 5, 2019**

A public meeting of the Crime Victims Committee of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission was convened on March 5, 2019, at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, 1110 W. Washington, Suite 230, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

Members Present:

Charles Ryan, Chairperson, Director, Department of Corrections
Mark Brnovich, Arizona Attorney General, Amy Bocks representing
Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney, Vanessa Helms representing
Greg Mengarelli, Mayor, City of Prescott, by phone
Bill Montgomery, Maricopa County Attorney, Shawn Cox representing
Paul Penzone, Maricopa County Sheriff, Edward Lopez representing
Steve Stahl, City of Maricopa Police Chief
CT Wright, Chairperson, Board of Executive Clemency by phone

Staff Participating:

Larry Grubbs, Program Manager Crime Victim Services
Dorinda Johns, Program Coordinator Crime Victim Services

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Charles Ryan at 1:00 p.m. The roll was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

II. Review and Approval of the Minutes of the October 25, 2018 Meeting

Chairperson Ryan called for the approval of the minutes. Steve Stahl moved to approve the meeting minutes. Edward Lopez seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

III. Crime Victim Compensation Program

a. FY19 Program Benefit Funding Reallocation

Mr. Grubbs provided information on current expenditures for the Victim Compensation Program and presented a proposal to reallocate funding between operational units to meet increased demand in specific counties for the remainder of FY19. Steve Stahl moved to recommend to the Commission that compensation funds for the current FY19 be reallocated to operational units. Reallocations will be made in accordance with Table VS-1 of the agenda, using the county allocation fund sources identified totaling \$70,000, and \$50,000 in State compensation funding held in reserve under program rule (R10-4-102.D). Shawn Cox seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

b. FY20 State and Federal Funding Amount

Mr. Grubbs presented a recommendation for the FY20 total state and federal funding allocation amount. Shawn Cox moved to recommend to the Commission that total state and federal allocated funding for the FY20 Crime Victim Compensation Program be set at \$4,563,887; including \$3,500,000 in state compensation funds and \$1,063,887 in federal VOCA compensation funds. Steve Stahl seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

c. FY20 Designation of Operational Units

Mr. Grubbs presented a recommendation to designate the 15 county attorney's offices as the operational units for FY20. Steve Stahl moved to recommend to the Commission designating the 15 county attorney's offices as operational units for the FY 2020 Crime Victim Compensation Program. Shawn Cox seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

d. FY20 Program Funding Allocation

Mr. Grubbs presented a recommendation to allocate state and federal victim compensation funds to operational units as outlined in table VS-3. Shawn Cox moved to recommend to the Commission the allocation of \$4,563,887 in state and federal crime victim compensation funds, as proposed in Table VS-3 of the agenda, to Operational Units (OU) for the FY20 Crime Victim Compensation Program. Amy Bocks seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

IV. Victim Compensation and Assistance Fund Balance

Mr. Grubbs presented committee members with information on the following: At the end of the current fiscal year 2019, the available fund balance in the Crime Victim Compensation and Assistance Fund is estimated to be \$2.9

million. This is the amount carried over in the fund from year to year. Program allocations from the fund for FY 2020 are budgeted to be \$4.4 million, while revenue for the same period is projected to be about \$3.6 million. Program staff led a discussion to allow for committee guidance related to the fund balance. Discussion included identifying an acceptable fund balance total to maintain in the account from year to year, and the initial steps of identifying possible program area reductions for FY 2021. This agenda item was information only.

V. Call to the Public

No Members of the public were present.

VI. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting

The next Crime Victims Committee meeting is to be determined at a later date. Information with the date of the next meeting will be posted.

VII. Adjournment

Steve Stahl moved to adjourn, Shawn Cox seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew T. LeFevre". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "L".

Andrew T. LeFevre
Executive Director

Audio recording available upon request

