

Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

Crime Victim Services

Crime Victim Assistance FY2016 Grant Overview



Our mission is to continuously address, improve, sustain and enhance public safety in the State of Arizona through the coordination, cohesiveness, and effectiveness of the Criminal Justice System.

The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-2407, has authorized the distribution of Crime Victim Assistance funds through an annual competitive grant process. Crime victim assistance grant funds must be used to provide victim assistance services directly to crime victims in Arizona in compliance with Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) R10-4-201 through R10-4-204 and funding priorities established by ACJC. For Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 the grant application period for the ACJC Victim Assistance Grant Program opened in February 2015. Grant proposals were received from 53 applicants including public agencies and private non-profit organizations. After a formal review process, the ACJC voted to fund 51 applicants with total funding equaling \$1,562,088. As part of the Crime Victim Assistance Grant, grantees are required to track programmatic activity and project outcome data, and report this data to ACJC after the grant period has ended. This report summarizes the data reported to ACJC by all grantees during FY 2016.

Table 1. Number of Victims Served by Type of Crime, FY2015-FY2016		
Type of Crime	FY 2015	FY 2016
Assault	10,028	10,010
Child Abuse (Physical & Sexual)	5,574	6,126
Aggravated Domestic Violence	4,367	4,914
Theft	4,554	4,823
Disorderly Conduct	4,894	4,599
Homicide	2,421	3,634
Criminal Damage	2,702	3,187
Criminal Trespass	2,891	3,053
Sexual Assault - Adults Only	2,169	2,575
DUI	2,570	2,282
Burglary	1,468	2,001
Robbery	1,768	1,445
Financial Exploitation	724	1,239
Interfering with Judicial Process	1,097	1,204
Threatening/Intimidating	893	866
Endangerment	492	557
Kidnapping	419	518
Forgery	207	327
Stalking	217	278
Adults Molested as Children	372	210
Abuse of Vulnerable Adults	120	190
Arson	208	178
Identity Theft	198	148
Aggravated Domestic Violence (Crime type unknown)	17,214	18,345
Other	14,278	13,820
Unknown (i.e. crisis hotline calls)	2,127	3416
Total	83,972	89,945

Victims Served by Type of Crime

During FY 2016 funded programs reported serving 89,945* victims (Table 1). Programs track and report the type of crime experienced by the victims served. If a victim has multiple crimes committed against them then programs count the victim only once under the crime that carries the stiffest penalty for the offender if convicted. Of those offenses where the crime type was known, assault was the number one crime reported by ACJC funded programs with 10,010 being victimized in FY 2016. Following assault in FY 2016, the next highest crime types served were child abuse (6,126), aggravated domestic violence (4,914), and theft (4,823). In addition to tracking the types of crime, programs track how many victimizations were related to domestic violence, regardless of the crime type listed. During FY 2016, funded programs reported 32,768 victimizations related to domestic violence, a decrease of 62 from FY 2015. When looking at the demographics information reported by grantees on victims served, the majority of victims were Caucasian, female, and between the ages of 18 and 65.

Volunteers

As a requirement of the Crime Victim Assistance Grant, programs are required to use volunteers effectively and efficiently in providing services to victims. During FY 2016 agencies reported they had 2,901 volunteers who worked 130,352 hours during the year. This equates to an additional 62.7 full time employees dedicated to providing victim services in Arizona.

*Sixteen of the FY 2016 grants received a 3 month grant extension covering the first quarter of FY 2017. Numbers in their annual reports reflect an additional 3 months of data.

Type of Services Provided

Per program rules (R10-4-204) agencies that receive a grant from ACJC can only use funds to provide crime victim services listed in Table 2. ACJC grant funded programs provided a total of 904,563 services to the 89,945 victims served in FY 2016. This equates to an average of just over 10 services being provided to each victim and shows a slight decrease in services from FY 2015 (5 percent). Grantees were asked to count each time a victim was provided a particular service. Meaning that one victim could receive the same service multiple times. Notification was the largest service category reported during FY 2016 (249,934 victim notifications), this includes notifications regarding significant developments in the case, court proceedings, and final dispositions of cases.

Goals and Outcomes

To further track grantees' performance during the grant period, grantees select outcomes for five different goals: Healing, Justice, Economic Stabilization, Safety, and Quality Measures. Depending on the goal grantees must select between one and three outcomes per goal. Table 3 shows the outcomes selected by the majority of the grantees. Within the Healing goal, 90.44 percent of victims reported an increased knowledge of services available and 88.91 percent of victims report they knew how to access short and long-term resources available to meet their needs. In the Quality Measures goal 91.98 percent of victims reported an overall satisfaction with services and 91.93 percent reported that advocacy services they received were helpful.

Type of Service	FY2015	FY2016
Notification Services	385,630	249,934
Advocate Services	133,379	128,701
Follow-up Counseling	64,597	94,479
Other Services	22,786	91,974
Emergency Temporary Shelter	91,651	89,110
Assistance dealing with Social Services and Criminal Justice Agencies	82,015	84,374
Referral to Other Resources	63,369	66,616
Court Related Services	65,290	59,055
Crisis Intervention Services	31,982	38,279
Emergency Petty Cash	3,404	1,363
Assistance in Dealing with Victim's Landlord or Employer	333	472
Assistance in Obtaining the Return of Property	209	202
Emergency Temporary Repairs	12	4
Total Number of Services Provided	944,657	904,563

Overall the goals and outcomes remained fairly consistent between FY2015 and FY2016, with the largest changes in the percentage of victims who report understanding and initiating safety plans for meeting their immediate and ongoing safety needs.

	FY2015	FY2016
Healing		
Percentage of victims reporting an increased knowledge of services available	87.54%	90.44%
Percentage of victims who report they know how to access short and long-term resources available to meet their needs	88.87%	88.91%
Justice		
Percentage of victims reporting an increased understanding of their legal rights	91.00%	90.51%
Percentage of victims reporting increased knowledge of the legal system	85.26%	85.86%
Economic Stabilization		
Percentage of victims reporting an increased knowledge of the Victim's Compensation Program, restitution, and other financial assistance services	83.70%	86.39%
Safety		
Percentage of victims who report being able to better assess their safety needs	86.00%	89.41%
Percentage of victims who report understanding and initiating safety plans for meeting their immediate and ongoing safety needs	84.65%	88.79%
Quality Measures		
Percentage of victims reporting overall satisfaction with services	92.36%	91.98%
Percentage of victims who reported that advocacy services provided were helpful	90.69%	91.93%

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