

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Assistance Funds

The purpose of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Assistance Funds is to support agency staff that provides direct services to victims of crime in Arizona.

Services are defined as those efforts that:

- (1) respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims;**
- (2) assist primary and secondary victims of crime to stabilize their lives after victimization;**
- (3) assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and**
- (4) provide victims of crime with a measure of safety and security** such as boarding up broken windows and replacing or repairing locks.

A crime victim is anyone of any age who has suffered financial, physical, sexual or emotional harm as a result of the commission of a crime. Types of victimization include but are not limited to:

Child physical abuse	Elder Abuse	Arson
Child sexual abuse	Adults Molested as Children	DUI/DWI Crashes
Economic Exploitation/Fraud/ID Theft	Survivors of Homicide Victims	Human Trafficking
Domestic Violence	Robbery	Kidnapping
Adult Sexual Assault	Assault	Stalking

Eligible services include:

Crisis Counseling	Criminal Justice Support and Advocacy
Follow-up	Emergency Financial Assistance
Emergency Legal Assistance	Assistance in Filing Compensation Claims
Therapy	Group Treatment/Support
Personal Advocacy	Transitional Housing and Relocation Assistance
Shelter/Safe House	Telephone Contact-Information and Referral
In person-Information and Referral	

Allowable costs can include:

Salaries/Wages and Employee Related Expenses for direct service personnel such as advocates, therapists, counselors, case managers, etc.		
Contracts for Professional Services	Translation/Interpreters	Printing Brochures
Computers, Printers, Monitors, etc.	Advanced Technologies	Equipment and Furniture
Training and Related Travel Costs	Website Design and Maintenance	Membership Dues
Purchasing/Leasing of Vehicles	Cell Phones	Billboards
Operating Costs such as prorated share of rent and utilities, office supplies, telephones, internet, etc.		
Client (Emergency Financial) Assistance such as relocation assistance, security deposits, reasonable moving expenses, transitional housing costs, etc.		

The next Request for Grant Announcement will be announced in late winter/early spring for the project period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2023. For questions, contact DPS-VOCA staff prior to the announcement.

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