

**Office for Victims of Crime**  
**Victim Compensation Formula Grant Program**  
**Annual Performance Measures Report**  
**October 01, 2022 - September 30, 2023**

**GRANTEE INFORMATION**

ORGANIZATION NAME: PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET- KENTUCKY

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**POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS**

1. Number of people for whom an application was made for victim compensation benefits during the reporting period.

Q1: Oct-Dec 2022:   
 Q2: Jan-Mar 2023:   
 Q3: Apr-Jun 2023:   
 Q4: Jul-Sep 2023:   
 Annual:

2. Number of victims whose victimization is the basis for the application.

Q1: Oct-Dec 2022:   
 Q2: Jan-Mar 2023:   
 Q3: Apr-Jun 2023:   
 Q4: Jul-Sep 2023:   
 Annual:

3. Victim Demographics

Population	Number of Victims				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
<b>A. RACE/ETHNICITY</b>					
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	1	1
Asian	0	2	2	2	6
Black or African American	30	37	29	33	129
Hispanic or Latino	1	7	2	3	13
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	22	39	38	27	126
Some Other Race	1	2	2	2	7
Multiple Races	0	1	6	0	7
Not Reported	270	230	173	160	833
Not Tracked	13	19	15	14	61
Race/Ethnicity Total	337	337	267	242	1183
<b>B. GENDER</b>					
Male	23	36	29	30	118
Female	43	71	65	52	231
Not Reported	271	230	173	160	834
Not Tracked	0	0	0	0	0
Gender Total	337	337	267	242	1183
<b>C. AGE</b>					
Age 0- 12	279	246	189	174	888
Age 13- 17	0	0	0	0	0
Age 18- 24	5	7	8	7	27
Age 25- 59	42	78	61	51	232
Age 60 and Older	11	6	9	10	36
Not Reported	0	0	0	0	0
Not Tracked	0	0	0	0	0
Age Total	337	337	267	242	1183

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

4. Based on your program's general procedure, indicate if

Q1: Oct-Dec 2022:

Victims and indirect victims generally count as separate applications

Q2: Jan-Mar 2023:

Victims and indirect victims generally count as separate applications

Q3: Apr-Jun 2023:

Victims and indirect victims generally count as separate applications

Q4: Jul-Sep 2023:

Victims and indirect victims generally count as separate applications

5. Number of new applications **received** during the reporting period

Q1: Oct-Dec 2022:

Q2: Jan-Mar 2023:

Q3: Apr-Jun 2023:

Q4: Jul-Sep 2023:

Annual:

6. Number of applications **approved** during the reporting period.

Q1: Oct-Dec 2022:

Q2: Jan-Mar 2023:

Q3: Apr-Jun 2023:

Q4: Jul-Sep 2023:

Annual:

7. Number of applications **denied/closed**. (i.e., applications that were not approved) during the reporting period.

Q1: Oct-Dec 2022:

Q2: Jan-Mar 2023:

Q3: Apr-Jun 2023:

Q4: Jul-Sep 2023:

Annual:

Reason(s) for denial or close status applicable for the reporting period:

Population	Number of Victims				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
A. Application not filed within time limit	0	0	0	0	0
B. Failure to report to police	0	0	0	0	0
C. Failure to cooperate with law enforcement, victim/witness coordinator, and/or other official required by program	0	0	0	0	0
D. Incomplete information	14	14	18	9	55
E. Contributory misconduct	2	2	0	1	5
F. Ineligible crime	1	1	3	4	9
G. Ineligible application	97	83	110	33	323
Other	0	0	0	0	0

Denial explanation:

8. Number of applications received for Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations during the reporting period

Q1: Oct-Dec 2022:

Q2: Jan-Mar 2023:

Q3: Apr-Jun 2023:

Q4: Jul-Sep 2023:

Annual:

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PAYMENT STATISTICS BY CRIME TYPE Qtr:1

TYPES OF CRIME	EXPENSE TYPES PAID (in dollars)												TYPES OF VICTIMIZATIONS RELATED TO A CRIME TYPE					
	Total Number of Applications Paid During the Reporting Period	Crime Scene Clean Up	Dependent Care	Economic Support	Funeral Burial	Medical/Dental (except mental health)	Mental Health	Relocation	Replacement Services	Sexual Assault Forensic Exams	Travel	Other (please explain)	Total Paid for this Crime Type	Number of Applications Related to Bullying that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Domestic and Family Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Elder Abuse/Neglect that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Hate Crimes that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Mass Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period
Arson																		
Assault	19	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 30,328	\$ 0	\$ 33,107	\$ 996	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 64,430	0	5	0	0	0
Burglary																		
Child Physical Abuse/Neglect																		
Child Pornography																		
Child Sexual Abuse																		
DUI/DWI																		
Fraud/Financial Crimes																		
Homicide	36	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,959	\$ 112,160	\$ 0	\$ 1,317	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 119,436	0	2	0	0	0
Human Trafficking																		
Kidnapping																		
Other Vehicular Crimes																		
Robbery																		
Sexual Assault	194	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,230	\$ 6,413	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 122,849	\$ 131,492	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking																		
Terrorism																		
<b>Total</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 36,287</b>	<b>\$ 112,160</b>	<b>\$ 35,337</b>	<b>\$ 8,725</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 122,849</b>	<b>\$ 315,358</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**\* Other expense explanations**  
 Sexual Assault Sexual Assault Examination Program Payments (SAEP)

**You added "Other" crime types:** Other - Suicide - Medical/Dental Total \$2,330.70

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PAYMENT STATISTICS BY CRIME TYPE Qtr:2																	
TYPES OF CRIME	EXPENSE TYPES PAID (in dollars)												TYPES OF VICTIMIZATIONS RELATED TO A CRIME TYPE				
	Total Number of Applications Paid During the Reporting Period	Crime Scene Clean Up	Dependent Care	Economic Support	Funeral Burial	Medical/Dental (except mental health)	Mental Health	Relocation	Replacement Services	Sexual Assault Forensic Exams	Travel	Other (please explain)	Total Paid for this Crime Type	Number of Applications Related to Bullying that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Domestic and Family Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Elder Abuse/Neglect that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Hate Crimes that were Paid During the Reporting Period
Arson	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,000	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	19	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 37,922	\$ 0	\$ 31,200	\$ 2,035	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 71,157	0	4	0	0	0
Burglary																	
Child Physical Abuse/Neglect																	
Child Pornography																	
Child Sexual Abuse																	
DUI/DWI	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,850	\$ 0	\$ 1,666	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,516	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud/Financial Crimes																	
Homicide	28	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 7,200	\$ 95,276	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 102,476	0	4	0	0	0
Human Trafficking																	
Kidnapping																	
Other Vehicular Crimes																	
Robbery	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,078	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,078	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	267	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,242	\$ 1,800	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 86,535	\$ 92,576	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking																	
Terrorism																	
<b>Total</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 47,972</b>	<b>\$ 100,276</b>	<b>\$ 41,186</b>	<b>\$ 3,835</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 86,535</b>	<b>\$ 279,804</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**\* Other expense explanations**  
 Sexual Assault Sexual Assault Examination Program Payments (SAEP)

**You added "Other" crime types:** Other (Property Loss, Etc.) - Mental Health Total - \$450.60

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PAYMENT STATISTICS BY CRIME TYPE Qtr:3

TYPES OF CRIME	EXPENSE TYPES PAID (in dollars)												TYPES OF VICTIMIZATIONS RELATED TO A CRIME TYPE					
	Total Number of Applications Paid During the Reporting Period	Crime Scene Clean Up	Dependent Care	Economic Support	Funeral Burial	Medical/Dental (except mental health)	Mental Health	Relocation	Replacement Services	Sexual Assault Forensic Exams	Travel	Other (please explain)	Total Paid for this Crime Type	Number of Applications Related to Bullying that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Domestic and Family Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Elder Abuse/Neglect that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Hate Crimes that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Mass Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period
Arson																		
Assault	24	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 73,720	\$ 0	\$ 64,282	\$ 4,511	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 142,513	0	8	0	0	0
Burglary	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 17,074	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 17,074	0	0	0	0	0
Child Physical Abuse/Neglect																		
Child Pornography																		
Child Sexual Abuse	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,050	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,050	0	0	0	0	0
DUI/DWI	2	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 300	\$ 4,348	\$ 1,803	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 6,452	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud/Financial Crimes																		
Homicide	32	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,155	\$ 150,475	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 152,630	0	2	0	0	0
Human Trafficking																		
Kidnapping																		
Other Vehicular Crimes	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,066	\$ 0	\$ 2,791	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 7,857	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 449	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 449	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	239	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 74	\$ 125	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 62,499	\$ 62,698	0	1	0	0	0	0
Stalking	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 600	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 600	0	0	0	0	0
Terrorism																		
<b>Total</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 81,842</b>	<b>\$ 154,823</b>	<b>\$ 87,523</b>	<b>\$ 4,636</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 62,499</b>	<b>\$ 391,323</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\* Other expense explanations

Sexual Assault Sexual Assault Examination Program Payments (SAEP)

You added "Other" crime types: Other - Strangulation - Medical/Dental Total \$4,575.71

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PAYMENT STATISTICS BY CRIME TYPE Qtr:4																		
TYPES OF CRIME	EXPENSE TYPES PAID (in dollars)												TYPES OF VICTIMIZATIONS RELATED TO A CRIME TYPE					
	Total Number of Applications Paid During the Reporting Period	Crime Scene Clean Up	Dependent Care	Economic Support	Funeral Burial	Medical/Dental (except mental health)	Mental Health	Relocation	Replacement Services	Sexual Assault Forensic Exams	Travel	Other (please explain)	Total Paid for this Crime Type	Number of Applications Related to Bullying that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Domestic and Family Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Elder Abuse/Neglect that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Hate Crimes that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Mass Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period
Arson																		
Assault	16	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 46,836	\$ 0	\$ 60,614	\$ 615	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 108,066	0	4	0	0	0
Burglary																		
Child Physical Abuse/Neglect																		
Child Pornography																		
Child Sexual Abuse	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 30,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 30,000	0	0		0	0
DUI/DWI																		
Fraud/Financial Crimes																		
Homicide	25	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 20,265	\$ 104,306	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 124,571	0	3	0	0	0
Human Trafficking																		
Kidnapping	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 557	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 557	0	0	0	0	0
Other Vehicular Crimes	2	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 7,478	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0		\$ 7,478	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery																		
Sexual Assault	124	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,570	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,205	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 33,556	\$ 38,332	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking																		
Terrorism																		
<b>Total</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 99,672</b>	<b>\$ 111,784</b>	<b>\$ 61,171</b>	<b>\$ 2,820</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 33,556</b>	<b>\$ 309,003</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>* Other expense explanations</b>																		
Sexual Assault	Sexual Assault Examination Payments (SAEP)																	
<b>You added "Other" crime types:</b>	Other - Strangulation - Medical/Dental Total \$3,283.08																	

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PAYMENT STATISTICS BY CRIME TYPE - Aggregated

TYPES OF CRIME	EXPENSE TYPES PAID (in dollars)												TYPES OF VICTIMIZATIONS RELATED TO A CRIME TYPE				
	Total Number of Applications Paid During the Reporting Period	Crime Scene Clean Up	Dependent Care	Economic Support	Funeral Burial	Medical/Dental (except mental health)	Mental Health	Relocation	Replacement Services	Sexual Assault Forensic Exams	Travel	Other (please explain)	Total Paid for this Crime Type	Number of Applications Related to Bullying that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Domestic and Family Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Elder Abuse/Neglect that were Paid During the Reporting Period	Number of Applications Related to Hate Crimes that were Paid During the Reporting Period
Arson	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,000	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	78	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 188,807	\$ 0	\$ 189,203	\$ 8,156	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 386,166	0	21	0	0	0
Burglary	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 17,074	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 17,074	0	0	0	0	0
Child Physical Abuse/Neglect																	
Child Pornography																	
Child Sexual Abuse	2	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 30,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,050	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 31,050	0	0		0	0
DUI/DWI	3	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,150	\$ 4,348	\$ 3,470	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10,968	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud/Financial Crimes																	
Homicide	121	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 35,579	\$ 462,217	\$ 0	\$ 1,317	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 499,113	0	11	0	0	0
Human Trafficking																	
Kidnapping	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 557	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 557	0	0	0	0	0
Other Vehicular Crimes	3	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,066	\$ 7,478	\$ 2,791	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 15,335	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	2	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,528	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,528	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	824	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,570	\$ 0	\$ 6,546	\$ 10,543	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 305,439	\$ 325,098	0	1	0	0	0
Stalking	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 600	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 600	0	0	0	0	0
Terrorism																	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,037</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 265,773</b>	<b>\$ 479,043</b>	<b>\$ 225,218</b>	<b>\$ 20,016</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 305,439</b>	<b>\$ 1,295,489</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

1. **Please explain any significant change in the number of applications received during the reporting period.**

For the period of 07/01/2023 through 09/30/2023, the Office of Claims and Appeals (OCA) has experienced a slight decrease in the number of applications received as compared to the same period last calendar year. For the period of 07/01/2023 through 09/30/2023, OCA received 82 crime victims compensation applications compared to 89 for the same period last calendar year. This represents an approximate 7.8% decrease.

2. **The average length of time to process an application for claim eligibility for compensation**

Count days from time of receipt of application to decision. 187

Please explain your state's procedure for processing an application for claim eligibility, from time of receipt of application to decision. OCA has been experiencing an increase in claims processing time for crime victims compensation claims that is attributable to low staffing levels as compared to the number of applications received. For the period of 07/01/2023 through 09/30/2023, the average processing time for compensation claims was approximately 187 days. Compared to the same period last calendar year, claims processing times have increased by approximately 23 days, or approximately 14%. Upon receipt of a filed claim, the Executive Staff Advisor/Clerk enters the claim into the CVCB's electronic database, generates initiating correspondence to the Claimant, the prosecution if applicable, and to the Claimant's private attorney if applicable. The Clerk then forwards the case file to the investigator. The investigator conducts their investigation into the filed claim, which includes but is not limited to: conversations with law enforcement officials about the circumstances of the crime (individuals involved, relationships amongst involved parties, whether any conduct was exhibited by the survivor to indicate culpability in their injuries or death, etc.); verification on legal obligation of expenses submitted for compensation, outstanding balances, and payments made by survivors and insurance carriers; and obtaining missing information so as to allow the Board to have sufficient information upon which to base an award or denial. The investigator then drafts their investigative report, has the report viewed by the staff attorney, and then submits the full file to the Executive Staff Advisor/Clerk upon assent by the staff attorney. After receiving the complete file from the investigator, the Executive Staff Advisor/Clerk drafts a draft recommended order and after drafting assigns each case to one of the CVCB's three board members. The board member reviews the investigator's report and the draft recommended order prepared by the Executive Staff Advisor/Clerk and indicates their recommendation to the Executive Staff Advisor/Clerk. If the draft order is satisfactory, no edits are made. If the board member's recommendation differs from the draft recommended order, the Executive Staff Advisor/Clerk will edit the draft order to accurately reflect the board member's desire before serving on the claimant, the prosecution if applicable, and the claimant's private attorney if applicable. The claimant is afforded fifteen days to register disagreement with the recommended order in the form of an interagency appeal or exceptions. Once the recommended order has been served, the Executive Staff Advisor/Clerk places each claim on the Board's next available agenda for adjudication. Two weeks prior to the Board's meeting, the Executive Staff Advisor/Clerk submits the complete docket to the full Board, which includes each board member's vote indication, each served Recommended Order, and each investigative report. The full CVCB then meets at its regularly scheduled or specially called meeting to adjudicate all claims on its docket. Once adjudicated, the Executive Staff Advisor/Clerk drafts the CVCB's final orders for all claims on the docket and serves them on all appropriate parties. In the event that a claim is awarded, the Executive Staff Advisor/Clerk submits payment requests to the PPC's Office of Administrative Services (OAS) for processing through the Commonwealth's accounting system and mails checks upon receipt from OAS after processing.

3. **Does your state have a victim satisfaction survey?**

No

4. **Please describe any emerging/major issues or notable trends that were encountered in your state that had an impact on your program's ability to meet the needs of crime victims during the reporting period.**

Over the past reporting period, claims processing times have increased for crime victims compensation claims. This increase is directly attributable to the increase in claim filings combined with low staff levels. This increase in processing time is hampering survivors ability to receive compensation from our program. Steps are being taken to counter this trend, including the hiring of a victim advocate, and working with the legislature to secure more funding for the program.

5. **Please describe in detail efforts taken to serve Victims of Federal Crime during the reporting period.**

No additional steps were taken during the reporting period to serve victims of federal crime because strong relationships already exist between the Kentucky CVCB and both districts of the U.S. Attorney's Office along with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Louisville branch. When a potential claim arises, representatives from both districts of the U.S. Attorney's Office and the FBI's Louisville branch will reach out to the Clerk and discuss the circumstances of the crime to determine if the CVCB may be able to provide compensation to the victim.

6. **Please describe any notable activities during the reporting period that improved the process of victim compensation services.**

The CVCB's Executive Director, Staff Attorney, Executive Staff Advisor, and Sexual Assault Examination Program Coordinator have been taking part in a working group headed by Senator Denise Harper-Angel of the Kentucky Senate to explore potential changes to CVC statutory and regulatory provisions. The Executive Director and Executive Staff Advisor have also testified before the Kentucky General Assembly's Interim Joint Committee on the Judiciary to provide an update on the CVC and SAE programs and detail the impact of recent legislative change on the CVC program.



7. **Please describe in detail ways in which your state used VOCA Administrative funds and the impact of these funds on the state's ability to improve victim compensation services during the reporting period.**

Not Applicable. OCA does not use VOCA Administrative funds. All received VOCA funds are directed to victim compensation payments.

8. **Were there any laws, initiatives, or policy changes in your state regarding victim compensation during the reporting period? If yes, please briefly describe them and their impact.**

Over the last reporting period, there have been some notable activities that have improved the process of victim compensation services. The legislature passed Senate Bill 282 during its 2023 session, which increased award caps on crime victims compensation claims and expanded situations in which compensation could be awarded to a survivor. The overall award cap increased from \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 (or 20%). The cap on funeral/burial expenses increased from \$5,000.00 to \$7,500.00 (or 50%). The cap on lost earnings and loss of financial support increased from \$150.00 per week to \$300.00 per week (or 100%). These increases were long overdue. The cap for lost earnings and loss of support had not been increased since the founding of the program in 1976. All other caps had been increased more recently but had not been increased further over the last couple of decades. Senate Bill 282 also amended the CVCB's statutory language to allow for compensation for motor vehicle accidents in situations where the victim is injured and the perpetrator flees the scene and fails to disclose their identity (hit and run). Additionally, the CVCB issued a policy clarification that further increases compensation to survivors. Effective February 14, 2023, the CVCB can grant compensation to survivors for emotional support animals that are deemed necessary as a direct result of the crime. The policy capped the award amount at \$1,000.00, limits the eligible animals to cats or dogs only, and limits the award to the purchase or adoption of the animal, initial vaccinations, and spaying or neutering. Further, it clarified its ability to grant lost wages in the form of bereavement leave for up to four weeks to close surviving family members of homicide victims without requiring a physician or mental health counselor statement.

9. **Please describe system-coordination efforts with prosecutors, law enforcement, courts, U.S. attorneys' offices, tribal systems, State VOCA Victim Assistance Coordinator, or other key personnel within the criminal justice system in your state to reduce barriers to victims who may apply to receive victim compensation.**

The Executive Staff Advisor sits on several committees that seek to improve access to victims services and ensure that survivors needs are being met: the Sexual Assault Response Team's Advisory Committee, the Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Task Force, the Violence Against Women Act's Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors (STOP) Grant Implementation Committee, and the Steering Committee for the Kentucky Victims Assistance Academy. Likewise, agency staff present to a wide swathe of law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies regarding the programs available benefits, eligibility requirements, and processes.

10. **Please explain any public outreach efforts to improve awareness of your program.**

OCA staff continue to conduct monthly trainings on the crime victims compensation program with prosecutors, victim advocates (both systems-based and community-based), and allied professionals that interact with survivors. The number of professionals that have received training on crime victims compensation has continued to markedly increase. For the period of 07/01/2021 through 09/30/2021, a total of 20 individuals received training. This increased to 32 for the period of 07/01/2022 through 09/30/2022 and to 57 for the period of 07/01/2023 through 09/30/2023. This represents an increase of approximately 185% from Q4 2021 through Q4 2023.

11. **Please list any other outcome measure(s) that are reported to the governor, legislature, or other state entity that have not been reported in this submission. Provide the actual measure(s). The data may be reported separately in your progress report.**

The Kentucky CVCB does not regularly report program outcome measures to the governor, legislature, or other state entities. Pursuant to KRS 49.300(8), by January 1 of each year, CVCB is required to submit an annual report to the Office of the State Budget Director and the General Assembly's Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue setting forth the activities of the CVCB for the preceding state fiscal year, including a complete operating and financial statement. OCA has not yet completed and submitted the FY23 annual report.

12. **Please provide any additional comments that are helpful to improving the Victim Compensation state and/or federal program.**

The expected funding decreases to VOCA are certainly troubling. It is very important that these issues be addressed quickly so that state compensation programs continue to receive much needed funding for their programs through VOCA. No state's compensation program can afford to adequately fund itself through state monies alone.