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Financial Assistance for Innocent Victims of Violent Crime

Kentucky
Crime Victims Compensation Board



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Letter from the executive director

Budget restraints continued into the 2012 fiscal year, but, undaunted, we forged ahead on behalf of victims. To fulfill our mission to assist in the process of putting lives back together and regaining wholeness, we have sought creative ways to spread an ever-shrinking pot of money.

No significant trends have been identified; claim submission remains fairly constant, with no spikes in any particular category of crime. Unfortunately, annual amounts paid out to claims will continue to drop commensurate with the budget challenges, and court-cost collections – our biggest source of revenue – continue to edge downward.

The Restitution / Recovery Program, which was instituted a little over a year ago, established three new facets of collection: e-pay, enabling payments to be made via credit or debit card; interception, which enables money to be taken from prisoner accounts; and collections, which sends delinquent accounts to Finance to pursue collection.

We said goodbye and offered our appreciation to two board members, Larry Forgy and Tom Handy, both having served for several years as faithful advocates for victims. And we welcomed two new members, Suzanne Cassidy and Larry O'Bryan, who have spent their first year demonstrating concern and support for those who have fallen victim to crime.

Staff attended the National Association of Crime Victims Compensation Boards (NACVCB) annual conference, learning the latest techniques in recovery, trends in funeral costs and billing, grant management (half of our annual budget is a VOCA / Victims of Crime Act grant), human trafficking, assessing contributory conduct, staff management, the role of compensation programs in massive disaster situations like 9/11 and the Virginia Tech shootings, and so much more. I continue to represent Kentucky by serving on this board, which has provided me a unique networking opportunity and entrée into sources of cutting edge information on issues and best practices. In this capacity, I participated in the NACVCB regional conference as well. As always, our focus is on making policies and procedures efficient and effective.

In our commitment to provide respectful and compassionate service to all claimants, we will continue to meet future budgetary challenges with the same steadfast determination to most effectively use the limited resources we have.




A brief agency history / description

The national Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) passed in 1984, and through the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), began disseminating the first assistance grants to the states in 1986. By then, Kentucky's Crime Victims Compensation Board (CVCB) was already more than a decade old. Established on June 19, 1976 (KRS 346), the CVCB was one of the country's first such entities with jurisdiction to assign relief for claims made by innocent victims of violent crime for payment or reimbursement of medical / dental expenses, mental health counseling, funeral expenses and loss of wages resulting directly from the crime.



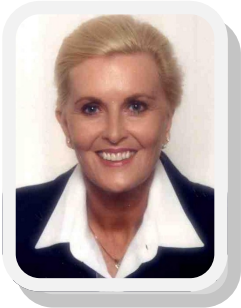
The Crime Victims Compensation Fund has been designated by the Legislature as the payer of last resort. In other words, the Board only considers payment of expenses not covered by any other sources, including: medical, car or life insurance; social security benefits; Medicaid or Medicare; unemployment benefits or Worker's Compensation benefits; lawsuits and restitution.

Currently, the cap for payments is an aggregate of \$25,000, with funeral expenses paid up to \$5000 and loss of wages reimbursed up to \$150 a week. Mental health counseling is reimbursed for up to two years.

Revenue sources for payment of claims include a Kentucky general fund allocation, a restricted fund that is replenished through court costs assessments statewide, and federal matching grants renewed on a yearly basis.

Restitution has previously been a very small part of replenishing the restricted fund, but a newly established Recovery Program and restitution officer provides promise for a more robust collection system in partnership and cooperation with other law enforcement agencies.

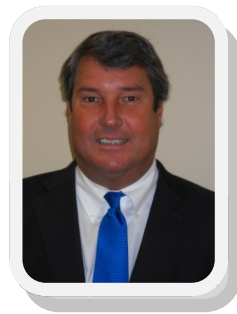
CVC Board Members



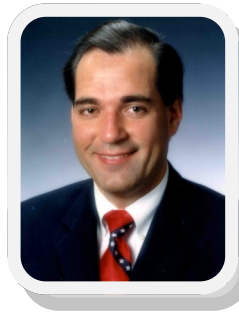
Jo Ann Phillips, chair, Louisville
08/07/2006–07/01/2012



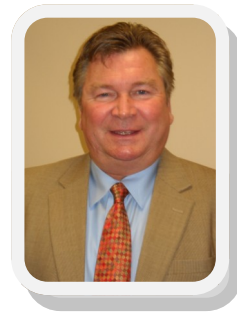
Suzanne Cassidy, Lexington
07/07/2011–07/01/2015



Larry O'Bryan, Louisville
08/11/2011–07/01/2015



Michael Plummer, Fort Mitchell
08/19/2010–07/01/2014



James F. Sullivan, Frankfort
08/07/2008–07/01/2012

In the Voice of Victims...

"I just wanted to write to you and express my sincere appreciation for your award of my claim for assistance with [my son's] funeral expenses. I do not know how long it would have taken me to pay for this expense. I am truly very very grateful for your help. I just believe it is so sad that there is a need for your assistance, but I know that there are many families like me who could not have paid this financial obligation without your board's help...God bless everyone who is associated with your organization." Bourbon County Claimant.

"... you made my day. Thank you for everything you've done."

Christian County grandmother of a child sexual abuse Victim

"I would like to take this moment to express my sincere thanks for your support during this very difficult time. The loss of a baby sister is painful. The amazing thing for me is the realization of how much power people, even strangers, can have over our lives. That power can be demonstrated in either a positive or a negative sense. The latter is the most difficult to deal with. I am forced to learn to accept that aspect of the living process. Thank you for your words of encouragement."

Jefferson County claimant whose sister was killed by a drunk driver

"I wanted to let you know that I deeply appreciate all of the help I received from you and the Board...I so appreciate all that has been done on my behalf. Thank you so very much!"

Pendleton County Assault Victim

Accomplishments

- Executive Director Virginia Woodward continued to serve as the Kentucky member of the National Association of Crime Victims Compensation Boards
- Continued to add information to agency procedural binder
- Continued process of instituting a robust restitution / recovery program, including establishing three new facets of collection: e-pay, enabling payments to be made via credit or debit cards; interception, which enables money to be taken from prisoner accounts; and collections, which sends delinquent accounts to Finance to pursue collection

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CVCB Staff

Lindsay Crawford, policy advisor

5/01/09– present

Larry Hembree, internal policy analyst

12/16/08– present

Jennifer Barrie, restitution officer

02/01/09–present

Leslie Bishop, investigator

09/01/12–present

Patti Bright, investigator

09/16/08–07/26/12

Beth Hicks, clerk,

12/16/08–08/30/12

Mitchell Mattingly, counsel

08/01/00–present

Virginia Woodward, executive director

5/01/09–present

Martin Green, investigator

11/16/04–present

Janet Meyer, admin spec, (temp)

02/01/10–present

Raymond Shields, clerk

10/08/2012–present

Stephanie Vandever, investigator

08/01/1999–present

Kay Young, sexual assault program coordinator (temp)

02/15/09–10/11/12

Sarah Young, sexual assault program coordinator (temp)

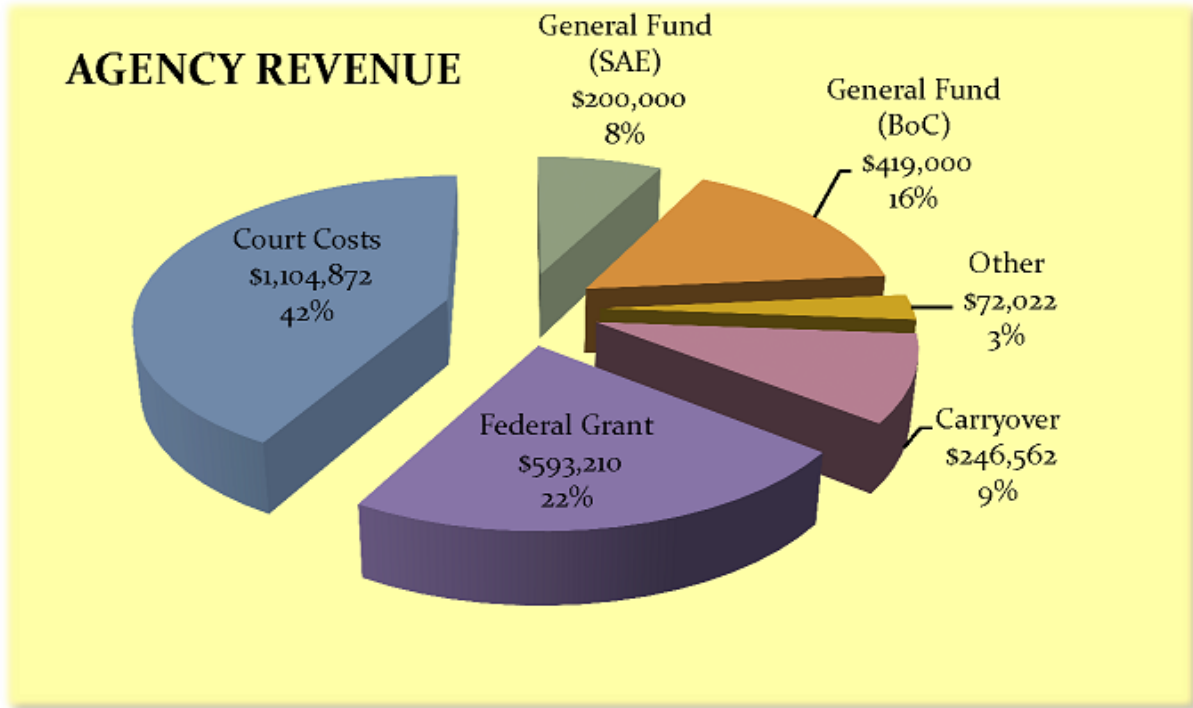
09/16/2012–present

CVCB Snapshot

Claims received:	1149 (CV–338; Sexual Assault Exams–810)
Claims assigned to Board members:	560 (CV only)
Claims assigned to investigators:	432 (CV only)
Claims awarded:	896 (CV–137; Sexual Assault Exams–622)
Claims denied:	202 (CV–85; Sexual Assault Exams–117)

Accomplishments

- Continued work with consortium establishing a state-wide victim assistance academy
- Completed conversion of website to new SharePoint platform
- Presented at annual Sexual Assault / Domestic Violence Conference
- Conducted statutorily mandated victim-related training for board members
- Staff attended national training
- Established new payment policy for sexual assault exam (SAFE) program
- Filed legislative package
- Continued work with state health plan association on billing procedures for SAEs



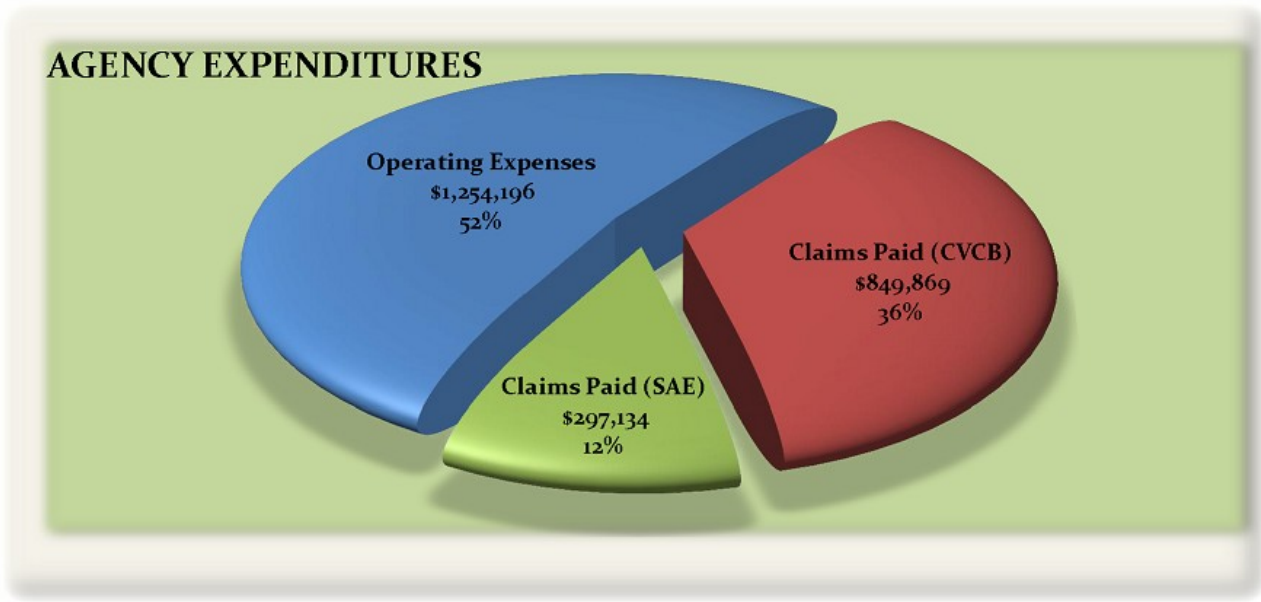
IMPORTANT NOTES:

*Agency means both CVCB and the Board of Claims.

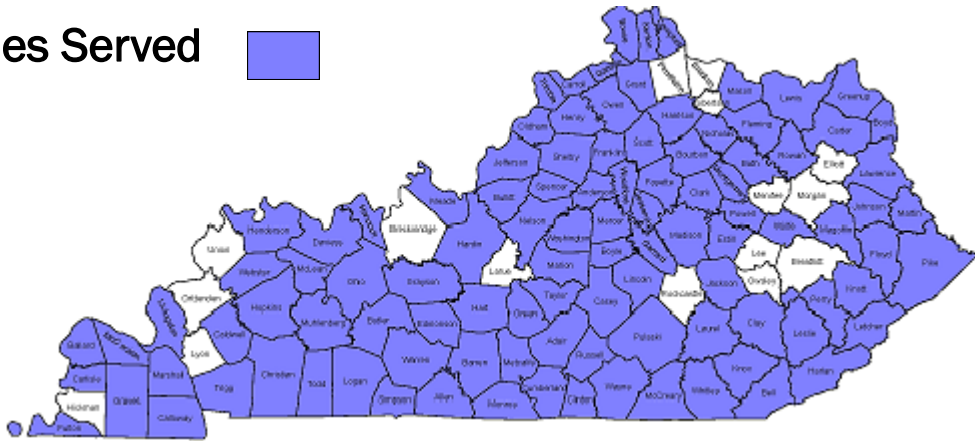
***Federal Grant amount** is reflective of change in management for the spending of three four-year reoccurring federal grants. In FY 2012, the amount spent from this source was \$412,025.

*The "Other" category in Revenue Sources includes restitution, subrogation, refunds, donations and miscellaneous.

*The "Carryover" includes only restricted funds ("Court Costs" and the "Other") that are left over from the previous FY)



Counties Served



County	Award Amount	Claims Received
Adair	\$538.00	3
Allen	\$5,916.87	3
Anderson	\$4,160.00	3
Ballard	\$0	3
Barren	\$32,963.62	12
Bath	\$5,869.52	3
Bell	\$3,661.00	2
Boone	\$20,671.97	35
Bourbon	\$4,770.00	3
Boyd	\$818.00	8
Boyle	\$28,195.00	6
Bracken	\$0	0
Breathitt	\$0	0
Breckinridge	\$1,358.00	7
Bullitt	\$10,820.13	11
Butler	\$900.00	4
Caldwell	\$350.00	2
Calloway	\$5,853.25	7
Campbell	\$47,078.62	27
Carlisle	\$0	1
Carroll	\$13,512.52	4
Carter	\$5,538.00	3
Casey	\$0	1
Christian	\$34,365.68	17
Clark	\$5,674.97	12
Clay	\$0	2

County	Award Amount	Claims Received
Clinton	\$0	4
Crittenden	\$0	0
Cumberland	\$0	1
Daviess	\$26,220.47	32
Edmonson	\$1,614.00	1
Elliott	\$0	0
Estill	\$7,470.51	4
Fayette	\$94,554.28	125
Fleming	\$538.00	2
Floyd	\$1,237.00	9
Franklin	\$25,389.00	18
Fulton	\$0	1
Gallatin	\$0	1
Garrard	\$538.00	2
Grant	\$2,407.80	6
Graves	\$16,166.00	14
Grayson	\$450.00	1
Green	\$538.00	1
Greenup	\$900.00	3
Hancock	\$0	1
Hardin	\$17,542.90	17
Harlan	\$2,823.00	7
Harrison	\$200.00	4
Hart	\$639.55	7
Henderson	\$2,605.00	7
Henry	\$0	5

County	Award Amount	Claims Received
Hickman	\$0	0
Hopkins	\$13,629.58	10
Jackson	\$2,309.70	2
Jefferson	\$306,684.37	310
Jessamine	\$3,612.12	11
Johnson	\$538.00	3
Kenton	\$105,077.06	54
Knott	\$3,841.86	0
Knox	\$4,610.88	9
Larue	\$0	0
Laurel	\$4,959.76	8
Lawrence	\$27,810.13	1
Lee	\$0	0
Leslie	\$0	1
Letcher	\$21,276.30	2
Lewis	\$0	1
Lincoln	\$450.00	1
Livingston	\$0	6
Logan	\$2,602.40	10
Lyon	\$0	0
Madison	\$3,555.89	17
Magoffin	\$0	1
Marion	\$12,825.00	3
Marshall	\$929.00	7
Martin	\$5,250.00	3
Mason	\$538.00	5
McCracken	\$16,538.65	17
McCreary	\$450.00	5
McLean	\$0	2
Meade	\$2,462.00	6
Menifee	\$0	0
Mercer	\$800.00	8
Metcalfe	\$650.00	1
Monroe	\$5,836.95	2
Montgomery	\$0	2

County	Award Amount	Claims Received
Morgan	\$0	0
Muhlenberg	\$2,576.00	8
Nelson	\$988.00	8
Nicholas	\$0	1
Ohio	\$12,252.74	3
Oldham	\$1,988.00	4
Owen	\$966.60	5
Owsley	\$0	0
Pendleton	\$900.00	4
Perry	\$0	4
Pike	\$7,701.00	12
Powell	\$0	3
Pulaski	\$5,757.54	5
Robertson	\$0	0
Rockcastle	\$0	0
Rowan	\$4,960.34	0
Russell	\$2,510.00	9
Scott	\$1,150.00	8
Shelby	\$2,464.00	5
Simpson	\$1,200.00	9
Spencer	\$538.00	1
Taylor	\$1,160.00	5
Todd	\$633.00	2
Trigg	\$1,961.09	6
Trimble	\$2,214.60	0
Union	\$0	0
Warren	\$65,788.32	51
Washington	\$1,389.62	1
Wayne	\$10,919.88	8
Webster	\$1,625.89	2
Whitley	\$1,088.00	6
Wolfe	\$0	0
Woodford	\$0	1
Out of State	\$3,801.85	12

*NOTE: If for any county a "0" appears in one column while a number appears in the other, the following may apply: in the case of SAEs, a crime occurs in one county but the service provider is in another.; a claim may have been filed in one FY, but paid in another; a claim may have been filed, but denied.



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