

Guide for Expenditures of Monies Collected for Crime Victim Services in Municipalities and Counties

The following is a list of acceptable expenditures of crime victims' funds retained by county and municipal governments pursuant to Sections 14-1-206, 14-1-207, 14-1-208 and 14-1-211 exclusively for the purpose of providing victim services:

Priority 1/ Article 15, Title 16 mandated services directly related to crime victim programs and services within law enforcement, local detention facilities, prosecutors, and the summary courts:

1. Personnel, salaries/benefits, performing direct services to crime victims (Victim Advocates within law enforcement and solicitor offices, notifiers for detention centers and the summary courts);
2. Automobiles and or travel expenses and or per diem for personnel providing direct crime victim services;
3. Computers, computer software, internet connection, website for personnel providing direct crime victim services;
4. Training and conference registration, hotel accommodations for personnel providing direct crime victim services;
5. Office space, furniture, equipment (telephone, telephone lines, 800 numbers, fax, copier), and equipment maintenance for personnel providing direct crime victim services;
6. Postage relating to notification services and correspondence;
7. Brochures to crime victims describing the entities' crime victim services and contact information;
8. Conference space or meeting arrangements directly related to providing crime victim services;
9. Public service announcements directly related to crime victim services;
10. Telephone charges relating to directly to crime victim services;
11. Pager, cell phone expenses for personnel providing direct crime victim services;
12. Volunteer personnel and training expenses directly providing services to crime victims;
13. Printing cost for programs and direct correspondence;
14. Office supplies for personnel directly involved in providing services for crime victims;
15. Reference materials;
16. For certified officers funded and serving as victim advocates: funding for uniforms, weapons, body armor, radio, credentials, badge, etc.

Priority 2 / Programs (Not appearing in any order of preference) which expand victims' services beyond those required by Article 15 of Title 16:

1. Camera, film, video tape, VCR recording equipment to support evidence documentation for domestic violence and sexual assault cases and viewing of educational materials for victims;
2. Recording or translation services directly related to crime victim services;
3. Funding for Women and Children shelters / treatment centers for crime within the county or municipality;
4. Funding for Rape Crisis Centers;
5. Funding for other local organizations providing direct services for crime victims (Mental Health, etc.);
6. Pawn shop investigators, sex offender registry investigators, CDV investigators, and crime prevention programs directly providing services for crime victims within local law enforcement agencies;
7. Matching funds for grant programs providing direct services to crime victims (CDV grants, dedicated court grants for CDV, etc.);
6. Emergency funding to be paid to service providers for crime victims: day-care for children of crime victims required to be in court, limited rent, utilities for transitional housing for CDV victims, limited groceries, transportation, etc.);
7. Funding for child friendly interview rooms, separate waiting rooms for crime victims;
8. Training for other personnel within local entities concerning crime victim issues;

Priority 1 expenditures should be met first, before proceeding to Priority 2 needs.