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**Notification of Federal Funding Increase—Governor’s Office of Emergency Services,  
Victims of Crime Act Funding**

This informational report is respectfully submitted to inform you that the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) was awarded \$232.723 million as a result of a Victim of Crime Act Formula Grant increase in the Federal Fiscal Year 2015 Budget. This is a significant increase over recent annual awards. This report details the process in developing the increased allocations. The performance period for 2015 funds is October 2014 through September 2018. These funds will be expended within existing federal funds authority approved in the 2015 Budget Act.

Cal OES is the State Administering Agency for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), Victim of Crime Act (VOCA), Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program (VOCA Formula Grant Program). The VOCA Formula Grant Program provides funding to states to support crime victim assistance programs to 1) respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims, 2) help primary and secondary victims of crime stabilize their lives after a victimization, 3) help victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system, and 4) provide victims of crime with a measure of safety and security. States must commit 10 percent of local assistance funds to each of the following: domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and underserved victims of crime. The remaining 60 percent of funds are to support other crime victims assistance programs.

States are expected to conduct strategic planning for funding new programs and services and enhancing existing VOCA funded initiatives. Cal OES created the VOCA Steering Committee (Committee) comprised of key stakeholders to develop this strategic plan. The Committee gathered information on gaps in victim services and training needs, emerging issues, and innovative programs to assist in developing a funding strategy. The Cal OES also sent out surveys to stakeholders and accepted public input.

The following are descriptions of existing programs that will receive increased allocations due to the 2015 VOCA Formula Grant Program funds. Some of these programs require an annual application for service expansion and other funds will be used for one-time investments to improve programs.

**Domestic Violence Assistance Program (\$27.9 million)**

This program provides shelter and comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence and their children and will provide a funding increase for the 103 existing projects. Funds are allocated to individual projects based on a formula developed in collaboration with the Domestic Violence Advisory Council. This is an ongoing program, per Penal Code section 13823.15, which requires an annual reapplication.

**Rape Crisis Program (\$27.0 million)**

This program provides immediate response and comprehensive services to victims of sexual assault and will provide a funding increase for the 84 existing projects. Funds are allocated based on a formula. This is an ongoing program, per Penal Code section 13836, which requires an annual reapplication.

**Child Abuse Treatment Program (\$12.1 million)**

This program provides direct professional therapeutic services to child victims of abuse and will provide a funding increase for the 46 existing projects. Projects are selected through a competitive process and funds are allocated to individual projects based on county size. In addition the Program will be expanded to provide one-time funding, for a 24-month grant period, to another 33 projects.

**American Indian Child Abuse Treatment Program (\$1.1 million)**

This program provides American Indian tribes, consortiums, or non-profit community-based organizations funding to provide direct professional therapeutic services to American Indian child victims of abuse and will provide a funding increase for the nine existing projects. Projects are selected through a competitive process and funds are allocated to individual projects based on county size. In addition the Program will be expanded to provide one-time funding, for a 24-month grant period, to another six projects.

**Youth Emergency Telephone Referral Network Program (\$350,000)**

This program provides toll-free hotline services to connect youth with direct service providers and will provide a funding increase for the project to focus on a new statewide advertising campaign to raise awareness of the availability of chat text communications with counselors. This is an ongoing program which requires an annual reapplication

**Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy & Outreach Program (\$15.0 million)**

This program provides direct victim services to the unserved and/or underserved and will provide a funding increase for the 40 existing projects. In addition the program will be expanded to provide one-time funding, for a 24-month grant period, to another 27 projects. Funds are allocated using a competitive process. This program targets the following victim groups: cultural and ethnic specific, disenfranchised male victims of color, elder abuse, farmworkers, geographically isolated, human trafficking, immigrants, institutionalized and incarcerated, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, teen, youth, and victims with disabilities.

**Victim/Witness Assistance Program (\$32.6 million)**

This program provides direct services to victims of all types of crime and will provide a funding increase for the 59 existing projects. Funds are allocated based on formula of population and violent crime statistics of the county. This is an ongoing program which requires an annual reapplication.

**Additional Training Programs (\$2.3 million)**

There are seven ongoing programs which provide training and technical assistance to advocates and first responders. An additional three training courses will be added with the expanded funds. Training areas include: child abuse, responding to child abduction and drug endangered children, domestic violence, sexual assault, and victim/witness advocacy.

**New Programs**

In addition to augmenting existing programs, new competitive programs will be created for a one-time, 24-month grant period, to focus on specific programs identified as gaps by the steering committee. Below is a brief description of each of the new programs.

**Domestic Violence Housing First (\$2.4 million)**

Create a pilot domestic violence-specific rapid rehousing program that provides immediate safety and housing for victims, as well as ongoing supportive services. This can be done in conjunction with a shelter-based program or as a stand-alone program. This program would be modeled after a successful program in Washington.

**Sexual Assault Response Team (\$4.0 million)**

Create a program to improve community collaboration and response to sexual assault. Required partners would include: law enforcement, victim/witness, sexual assault nurse examiners, hospitals, mental health providers, college campus(es) representatives, correctional facilities, tribes, and military representatives.

**Victims with Disabilities (\$5.0 million)**

Create a program to increase physical and programmatic access to services by providing activities such as: closed captions, communication technology, creating materials in Braille, and the development of language access plans.

**Elder Abuse (\$4.0 million)**

Create a multidisciplinary (e.g., medical facilities, Adult Protective Services, Offices of the Ombudsmen, law enforcement) program to provide a community response to elderly and dependent adult victims of crime. This program would include elderly and dependent adult victims of financial abuse.

**Legal Assistance (\$10.0 million)**

Create a program that provides direct civil and criminal legal services for victims of crime. Projects would be required to hire attorneys instead of merely providing referrals. This program would allow agencies (government and community-based) to compete to create or enhance existing projects that provide civil and criminal legal assistance.

**Transitional Housing (\$12.0 million)**

Create a program that allows agencies (e.g., human trafficking, homeless youth victims, domestic violence, population-specific victims) to create and/or enhance transitional housing for crime victims.

**County Victim Service (\$40.0 million)**

Create a flexible program that allows counties to direct funding to meet local victim needs, subject to a plan.

**Statewide Child Abuse Training and Technical Assistance (\$335,161)**

Coordinate and provide a new training program and technical assistance to child abuse service providers similar to the Cal OES programs that provide this for domestic violence, sexual assault, and victim/witness service providers.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call Brendan Murphy, Assistant Program Budget Manager, at (916) 445-8913.

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2015 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program Distribution Plan

|  |        | TOTAL AWARD   | 232,722,931 | Performance Period - 10/1/14 - 9/30/18 |                 |                       |            |
|--|--------|---|-------------|--|-----------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Category                                     | Prefix | Total Local Assistance Available  | 221,086,784 | Baseline 2015                          | Additional 2015 | Total 2015 Allocation | 2016       |
| Domestic Violence                            | DV     | Domestic Violence Assistance (increase)   | 27,853,981  | 10,172,408                             | 8,840,786       | 19,013,194            | 8,840,787  |
|  | XD     | DV Housing First - NEW/COMP. (4 projects - 24 month grant period)                         | 2,400,000   | -                                      | 2,400,000       | 2,400,000             |            |
|  |        | Total   | 30,253,981  |  |                 |                       |            |
| Sexual Assault                               | RC     | Rape Crisis (increase)  | 27,038,191  | 11,521,770                             | 7,366,105       | 18,887,875            | 8,150,316  |
|  | XS     | Sexual Assault Response Team - NEW/COMP. (23 projects - 24 month grant period)            | 4,000,000   | -                                      | 4,000,000       | 4,000,000             |            |
|  |        | Total   | 31,038,191  |  |                 |                       |            |
| Child Abuse                                  | AT     | Child Abuse Treatment (increase)  | 12,100,625  | 8,799,000                              | 951,625         | 9,750,625             | 2,350,000  |
|  | XI     | Child Abuse Treatment - EXPAND/COMP. (33 projects - 24 month grant period)                | 14,899,375  | -                                      | 14,899,375      | 14,899,375            |            |
|  | CS     | Child Sexual Abuse Treatment  | 200,000     | 200,000                                |                 | 200,000               |            |
|  | NA     | American Indian Child Abuse Treatment (increase)  | 1,125,000   | 1,105,395                              | 19,605          | 1,125,000             |            |
|  | XA     | American Indian Child Abuse Treatment - EXPAND/COMP. (6 projects - 24 month grant period) | 1,400,000   | -                                      | 1,400,000       | 1,400,000             |            |
|  | YT     | Youth Emergency Telephone Referral Network (increase)                                     | 350,000     | 150,000                                | 100,000         | 250,000               | 100,000    |
|  |        | Total   | 30,075,000  |  |                 |                       |            |
| Underserved                                  | HA     | Human Trafficking Advocate  | 1,050,000   | 1,050,000                              | -               | 1,050,000             |            |
|  | UV     | Unserved/Underserved Victim Advocacy & Outreach (increase)                                | 15,043,750  | 4,882,167                              | 4,555,333       | 9,437,500             | 5,606,250  |
|  | XV     | Unserved/Underserved Victim A & O - EXPAND/COMP. (27 projects - 24 month grant period)    | 9,456,250   | -                                      | 9,456,250       | 9,456,250             |            |
|  | XU     | Victims with Disabilities - NEW/COMP. (50 projects - 12-month grant period twice)         | 5,000,000   | -                                      | 2,500,000       | 2,500,000             | 2,500,000  |
|  | XE     | Elder Abuse - NEW/COMP. (10 projects - 24 month grant period)                             | 4,000,000   | -                                      | 4,000,000       | 4,000,000             |            |
|  | Total  | 34,550,000  |             |  |                 |                       |            |
| Victim/Witness                               | VW     | Victim/Witness Assistance (increase)  | 32,606,612  | 11,110,938                             | 9,571,521       | 20,682,459            | 11,924,153 |
|  |        | Total   | 32,606,612  |  |                 |                       |            |
| Other Victim Service Programs                | VI     | Victim Services Information & Enhancement (CDCR)  | 200,000     | 200,000                                | -               | 200,000               |            |
|  | VR     | Victims Legal Resource Center   | 163,000     | 163,000                                | -               | 163,000               |            |
|  | VT     | Victim Notification (Cal DOJ)   | 200,000     | 200,000                                | -               | 200,000               |            |
|  | XL     | Legal Assistance - NEW/COMP. (25 projects - 24-month grant period)                        | 10,000,000  | -                                      | 10,000,000      | 10,000,000            |            |
|  | XH     | Transitional Housing - NEW/COMP. (20 projects - 24-month grant period)                    | 12,000,000  | -                                      | 12,000,000      | 12,000,000            |            |
|  | XC     | County Victim Service - NEW/NONCOMP. (58 projects - 24-month grant period)                | 40,000,000  | -                                      | 40,000,000      | 40,000,000            |            |
|  | Total  | 62,563,000  |             |  |                 |                       |            |
| Total Local Assistance Potentially Allocated |        |   | 221,086,784 |  |                 |                       |            |

Remaining Local Assistance 0

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| Category | Prefix | Total State Operations Available<br>(Total Allowed for Training - 2,327,229)                                 | 11,636,147 | Baseline  | Additional<br>2015 | Total 2015<br>Allocation | 2016    |  |
|----------|--------|--|------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------|--|
| Training | CR     | Crisis Response Training   | 100,000    | 100,000   | -                  | 100,000                  |         |  |
|          | TP     | California Victim/Witness Advocate Training  | 500,000    | 230,000   | 270,000            | 500,000                  |         |  |
|          | TE     | Training & Technical Assistance  | 322,068    | 52,068    | 270,000            | 322,068                  |         |  |
|          | EM     | Medical Training Center  | 25,000     | 25,000    | -                  | 25,000                   |         |  |
|          | NC     | Child Abuse Training   | 75,000     | 75,000    | -                  | 75,000                   |         |  |
|          | BW     | State Coalition Technical Assistance & Training  | 120,000    | 30,000    | 90,000             | 120,000                  |         |  |
|          | AC     | Child Abduction Training   | 150,000    | -         | 75,000             | 75,000                   | 75,000  |  |
|          | CH     | Tribal Crisis Reponse  | 100,000    | 100,000   |                    | 100,000                  |         |  |
|          | DK     | Drug Endangered Children Training  | 600,000    | -         | 300,000            | 300,000                  | 300,000 |  |
|          | CC     | Statewide Child Abuse Training and Technical Assistance- NEW/COMP. (1 project - 12-month grant period twice) | 335,161    | -         | 167,580            | 167,580                  | 167,581 |  |
|          |        |  | Total      | 2,327,229 |                    |                          |         |  |

Total Training Funds Potentially Allocated 2,327,229

Remaining State Operations 9,308,918

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