

**Office for Victims of Crime**  
**Victim Compensation Formula Grant Program**  
**Annual Performance Measures Report**  
**October 01, 2021 - September 30, 2022**

**GRANTEE INFORMATION**

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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 2021:   
 Q2: Jan-Mar 2022:   
 Q3: Apr-Jun 2022:   
 Q4: Jul-Sep 2022:   
 Annual:

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

Q1: Oct-Dec 2021:   
 Q2: Jan-Mar 2022:   
 Q3: Apr-Jun 2022:   
 Q4: Jul-Sep 2022:   
 Annual:

3. Victim Demographics

Population	Number of Victims				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
<b>A. RACE/ETHNICITY</b>					
American Indian or Alaska Native	53	72	52	6	183
Asian	1	0	5	1	7
Black or African American	11	7	18	1	37
Hispanic or Latino	5	3	16	0	24
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	4	2	0	7
White Non-Latino or Caucasian	56	65	49	13	183
Some Other Race	5	1	0	2	8
Multiple Races	11	14	2	2	29
Not Reported	0	13	16	28	57
Not Tracked	0	0	0	0	0
Race/Ethnicity Total	143	179	160	53	535
<b>B. GENDER</b>					
Male	36	42	49	19	146
Female	107	136	111	31	385
Not Reported	0	1	0	3	4
Not Tracked	0	0	0	0	0
Gender Total	143	179	160	53	535
<b>C. AGE</b>					
Age 0- 12	13	20	14	8	55
Age 13- 17	11	16	14	6	47
Age 18- 24	14	11	16	6	47
Age 25- 59	52	86	71	19	228
Age 60 and Older	12	6	9	5	32
Not Reported	41	40	36	9	126
Not Tracked	0	0	0	0	0
Age Total	143	179	160	53	535

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

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

Q1: Oct-Dec 2021:

Victims and indirect victims generally count as separate applications

Q2: Jan-Mar 2022:

Victims and indirect victims generally count as separate applications

Q3: Apr-Jun 2022:

Victims and indirect victims generally count as separate applications

Q4: Jul-Sep 2022:

Victims and indirect victims generally count as separate applications

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

Q1: Oct-Dec 2021:

Q2: Jan-Mar 2022:

Q3: Apr-Jun 2022:

Q4: Jul-Sep 2022:

Annual:

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

Q1: Oct-Dec 2021:

Q2: Jan-Mar 2022:

Q3: Apr-Jun 2022:

Q4: Jul-Sep 2022:

Annual:

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

Q1: Oct-Dec 2021:

Q2: Jan-Mar 2022:

Q3: Apr-Jun 2022:

Q4: Jul-Sep 2022:

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	3	1	0	0	4
B. Failure to report to police	0	4	2	0	6
C. Failure to cooperate with law enforcement, victim/witness coordinator, and/or other official required by program	0	0	1	0	1
D. Incomplete information	44	62	21	0	127
E. Contributory misconduct	1	1	2	0	4
F. Ineligible crime	6	0	1	0	7
G. Ineligible application	5	11	5	0	21
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 2021: Not applicable to my state's process

Q2: Jan-Mar 2022: Not applicable to my state's process

Q3: Apr-Jun 2022: Not applicable to my state's process

Q4: Jul-Sep 2022: Not applicable to my state's process

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	3	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 7,913	\$ 0	\$ 766	\$ 3,271	\$ 0		\$ 0		\$ 11,950	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	41	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10,325	\$ 0	\$ 29,821	\$ 13,357	\$ 14,250	\$ 300		\$ 0	\$ 3,039	\$ 71,091	0	24	0	0	0
Burglary																		
Child Physical Abuse/Neglect																		
Child Pornography	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 200	0	0	0	0	0
Child Sexual Abuse	35	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 6,359	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 56,917	\$ 4,193	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,411	\$ 0	\$ 68,880	0	10	0	0	0
DUI/DWI	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud/Financial Crimes																		
Homicide	21	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,963	\$ 5,906	\$ 15,437	\$ 0	\$ 3,499	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 13,315	\$ 0	\$ 50,121	0	5	0	0	0
Human Trafficking																		
Kidnapping	5	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,288	\$ 130	\$ 0		\$ 273	\$ 0	\$ 4,691	0	0	0	0	0
Other Vehicular Crimes																		
Robbery	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 274	\$ 274	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	6	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,190	\$ 0	\$ 11,391	\$ 500	\$ 4,790	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 726	\$ 45	\$ 18,642	0	1	0	0	0
Stalking																		
Terrorism																		
<b>Total</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>	<b>\$ 6,963</b>	<b>\$ 23,779</b>	<b>\$ 23,351</b>	<b>\$ 41,215</b>	<b>\$ 79,526</b>	<b>\$ 26,634</b>	<b>\$ 300</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 15,725</b>	<b>\$ 3,358</b>	<b>\$ 225,852</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\* Other expense explanations  
 Assault Security  
 Robbery Security  
 Sexual Assault Security

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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	Number of Applications Related to Mass Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period
Arson	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,824	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,824	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	13	\$ 0	\$ 175	\$ 1,014	\$ 0	\$ 15,735	\$ 2,098	\$ 10,838	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 51	\$ 29,911	0	7	0	0	0
Burglary																		
Child Physical Abuse/Neglect	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 50	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 50	0	1		0	0
Child Pornography																		
Child Sexual Abuse	21	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 11,993	\$ 1,935	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 13,928	0	3		0	0
DUI/DWI	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 298	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 298	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud/Financial Crimes																		
Homicide	18	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,040	\$ 15,713	\$ 0	\$ 149	\$ 3,333	\$ 0		\$ 15,309	\$ 0	\$ 36,544	0	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking																		
Kidnapping	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 180	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 180	0	0	0	0	0
Other Vehicular Crimes																		
Robbery	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,000	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	6	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,110	\$ 1,625	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,480	\$ 354	\$ 5,569	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking																		
Terrorism																		
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 175</b>	<b>\$ 6,176</b>	<b>\$ 15,713</b>	<b>\$ 17,845</b>	<b>\$ 18,095</b>	<b>\$ 16,106</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 16,789</b>	<b>\$ 405</b>	<b>\$ 91,304</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\* Other expense explanations  
 Assault Security  
 Sexual Assault Security

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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	10	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,904	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 15,525	\$ 0		\$ 804	\$ 3,480	\$ 22,714	0	3	0	0	0
Burglary																		
Child Physical Abuse/Neglect																		
Child Pornography																		
Child Sexual Abuse	5	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 48,953	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 48,953	0	0		0	0
DUI/DWI																		
Fraud/Financial Crimes																		
Homicide	18	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 42,402	\$ 998	\$ 280	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 2,236	\$ 0	\$ 45,916	0	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking																		
Kidnapping	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 840	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 840	0	0	0	0	0
Other Vehicular Crimes																		
Robbery	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,240	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,240	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	3	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,690	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,160	\$ 0	\$ 6,850	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking																		
Terrorism																		
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 2,904</b>	<b>\$ 42,402</b>	<b>\$ 998</b>	<b>\$ 54,003</b>	<b>\$ 18,525</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 5,200</b>	<b>\$ 3,480</b>	<b>\$ 127,512</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>* Other expense explanations</b>																		
Assault	Security																	
<b>You added "Other" crime types:</b> Claims were paid on Threats to do bodily harm to assist with relocation after claimant and family received death threats - total paid (\$4,686.81)																		

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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	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,700	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,700	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	5	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,217	\$ 0	\$ 19,775	\$ 4,834	\$ 9,916	\$ 0		\$ 1,050	\$ 4,980	\$ 43,773	0	2	0	0	0
Burglary																		
Child Physical Abuse/Neglect																		
Child Pornography																		
Child Sexual Abuse	10	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 20,355	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 20,355	0	1		0	0
DUI/DWI																		
Fraud/Financial Crimes																		
Homicide	14	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 9,322	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 24,269	\$ 0	\$ 33,591	0	0	0	0	0
Human Trafficking																		
Kidnapping	3	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,783	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,783	0	0	0	0	0
Other Vehicular Crimes																		
Robbery																		
Sexual Assault	2	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,570	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 93	\$ 0	\$ 5,663	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking																		
Terrorism																		
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 3,217</b>	<b>\$ 9,322</b>	<b>\$ 19,775</b>	<b>\$ 37,242</b>	<b>\$ 9,916</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 25,412</b>	<b>\$ 4,980</b>	<b>\$ 109,864</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

\* Other expense explanations  
 Assault Security

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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	Number of Applications Related to Mass Violence that were Paid During the Reporting Period
Arson	5	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,824	\$ 7,913	\$ 0	\$ 2,466	\$ 3,271	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 16,474	0	0	0	0	0
Assault	69	\$ 0	\$ 175	\$ 17,460	\$ 0	\$ 65,331	\$ 20,289	\$ 50,529	\$ 300		\$ 1,854	\$ 11,551	\$ 167,488	0	36	0	0	0
Burglary																		
Child Physical Abuse/Neglect	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 50	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 50	0	1		0	0
Child Pornography	1	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 200	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 200	0	0		0	0
Child Sexual Abuse	71	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 6,359	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 138,219	\$ 6,128	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,411	\$ 0	\$ 152,117	0	14		0	0
DUI/DWI	2	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 298	\$ 0	\$ 3	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 301	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud/Financial Crimes																		
Homicide	71	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,963	\$ 7,946	\$ 82,874	\$ 998	\$ 3,928	\$ 3,333	\$ 0		\$ 55,129	\$ 0	\$ 166,171	0	5	0	0	0
Human Trafficking																		
Kidnapping	10	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 10,090	\$ 130	\$ 0		\$ 273	\$ 0	\$ 10,493	0	0	0	0	0
Other Vehicular Crimes																		
Robbery	3	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,240	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 274	\$ 4,514	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Assault	17	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,190	\$ 0	\$ 13,501	\$ 9,385	\$ 7,790	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 4,458	\$ 399	\$ 36,723	0	1	0	0	0
Stalking																		
Terrorism																		
<b>Total</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>	<b>\$ 7,138</b>	<b>\$ 36,076</b>	<b>\$ 90,787</b>	<b>\$ 79,833</b>	<b>\$ 188,866</b>	<b>\$ 71,181</b>	<b>\$ 300</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 63,126</b>	<b>\$ 12,224</b>	<b>\$ 554,532</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>57</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.**

Alaska's crime compensation program saw a significant drop in applications over the last few years. Prior to 2020, on average the Violent Crime Compensation Board (VCCB) was receiving around 1,000 applications a year, in FFYs 2020-2022 that number decreased significantly, averaging only 660 applications per year, with FFY 2022 receiving only 544 applications. Alaska's crime rates have not declined at the same rate. Therefore, this was not a product of less need, but rather a result of significant challenges VCCB faced over the past few years. In 2020 VCCB moved from Juneau to Anchorage in an effort to be more accessible to the majority of claimants. This resulted in a complete turnover of staff and board, with positions yet to be filled. The loss of technical expertise and historical knowledge created a gap, not easily filled. A few years later, in 2022, the agency transferred from the Department of Administration (DOA) to the Department of Public Safety (DPS). This was a great benefit, but the agency has experienced administrative transition challenges such as access to past accounting information. This has since been resolved. Another contributing factor may have been the pandemic. With less accessibility to training advocates and providers, there may have been less assistance given to victims with the VCCB process. In recent months, steps have been taken to rectify these issues. A great deal of support has come from the DPS to provide assistance while we are understaffed. A training curriculum has been developed and VCCB is planning to provide a training with our state victim assistance agency (CDVSA), Tribal technical assistance provider (ANWRC), as well as Alaska's Network for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to provide statewide training and outreach. As of October 1, 2022, VCCB has already received over 60 applications. If the current trend remains, the agency should meet or exceed 2019 application rates.

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. 100

Please explain your state's procedure for processing an application for claim eligibility, from time of receipt of application to decision. The average length of time to process an application is just an estimate. VCCB is currently working through an extensive backlog in cases, this means many still have yet to have a resolution date. -----  
 High-Level Overview of Claim Process -- When an application is received, an electronic claim file is created in the CCVC system. The paralegal begins gathering information needed to determine eligibility and understand the victim's needs. Requests for information are sent to the law enforcement, hospitals, doctors, employers, and other service providers as well as the applicant. The information that is needed will depend on what expenses are being requested. A police report is required before a determination can be made as to whether compensation can be paid for the claim. However, when a police report is not available, the paralegal will contact law enforcement to obtain information such as a Law Enforcement Questionnaire (LEQ). Once all the necessary documentation is received, there are two pathways forward: If the case meets basic eligibility requirements and the victim has requested an emergency award, we can ask the Board for an emergency award. This is limited to \$5,000 (per statute) and can only be applied to: -Inability to work -The need to relocate for safety reasons -Mental health therapy expenses -Making or paying for funeral arrangements -Medical or dental expenses -Security measures that will provide a level of safety -Transportation expenses In cases of homicide, two eligible persons may apply for an emergency award if both have incurred an undue hardship because of the crime. Example: Son is murdered and parents are responsible for funeral and burial expenses. If each parent files a claim and are deemed eligible, the VCCB may award up to \$5,000 to each claimant for funeral and burial and transportation related to the funeral or burial. The amount of the emergency award is counted toward the overall claim cap of \$40,000. If the necessary documentation has been received and the victim has not requested an emergency award, the claim is presented at the next Board meeting for approval. If the claim is provided to the Board and the claim is awarded, payments are processed accordingly. If the claim is denied, the claimant has an opportunity to appeal, in which case a hearing will be held before the Office of Administrative Hearings.

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.**

Understaffing at VCCB has been the primary challenge when it comes to meeting the needs of victims in Alaska. The lack of adequate staff has led to not only delays in processing applications, but also an inability to train advocates throughout the state on the VCCB process. When advocates are not equipped to properly assist victims, applications are not appropriately filled out leading to further delays in the process. Similarly, when we are unable to do outreach and education, rural Alaskans suffer most. Without access to social services, there is less awareness of resources and assistance throughout the process. VCCB hopes to fill some of this gap by partnering with new Tribal Victim Advocates as they get set up throughout the State. VCCB has already discussed with Alaska Native Women's Resource Center (ANWRC), a technical tribal assistance agency, how we can best collaborate to meet the urgent and long-term needs of victims.

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



VCCB frequently works with the FBI and US Attorney s Victim Witness Coordinator to provide assistance to individuals who are working with law enforcement and prosecution. Applications from these agencies tend to be more complete and easier to forward directly to the board for approval. Both of these agencies are familiar with the VCCB process and assist in expediting referrals from their agency by providing required backup documentation and communicating frequently with VCCB staff. In addition to referrals from federal agencies, the new executive director of VCCB serves on the Governor s Council for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) as Vice Chair and participates bi-weekly in the MMIP workgroup run by the US Attorney s Office MMIP Coordinator. Through these two workgroups, multiple listening sessions have occurred with Tribes and rural communities throughout Alaska.

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

Current staff were not present for the majority of reporting period FFY22. However, one significant change was the transfer of VCCB to DPS. Being part of DPS has led to a significant increase in access to needed resources and information required to process claims. As part of DPS, VCCB can receive information on crimes within days, whereas in the past it could take months for open cases. Similarly, VCCB developed a Law Enforcement Questioner (LEQ) to be used when a police report is not available. This allows law enforcement to provide necessary information to process a claim without divulging aspects of the incident that may make a case vulnerable.

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.**

No federal administrative funds were spent in FFY22. VCCB has just started spending some federal funding, but everything has been in compensation to claimants.

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.**

No. Not directly for compensation.

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.**

As stated in a prior response, VCCB works frequently with the FBI and US Attorney s Office in multiple capacities. In addition to working with advocates and coordinators at other agencies, VCCB has an opportunity to strengthen its partnership with the State District Attorney s Office. In Alaska, there is currently a plan to set up Victim Witness Paralegals and a Coordinator throughout the state. With training, this should assist in getting victims assistance throughout the criminal justice process.

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

The VCCB released a statement through the Commissioner of DPS explaining delays in processing payments due to being understaffed. This information was also passed to all victim assistance agencies through CDVSA the stated assistance administering agency. It was also posted as a special notice on the main page of VCCB's website.

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.**

With all new staff, prior reports to the Governor are not available. All other metrics have been reported through the PMI reports.

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

VCCB has appreciated the assistance received by both the State Administering Agencies Support Team, as well as the VOCA Center. With all the transition Alaska s compensation program has faced over the last few years, it was necessary to have outside expertise to assist with best practices and creating a foundation for moving forward.