



Prosecuting Attorney - Local Crime Victim Compensation 11701.841.

Mission Statement

Seek the Just Result

Function

The Victim Witness Services Division provides vital support and services to victims and survivors of crime. Employees within this division help crime victims and survivors work through the criminal justice system and ensure that they are treated in accordance with rights conferred through the Washington State Constitution and the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights. They also help coordinate witness participation in trial proceedings.

Trends/Events

Trends

- The recent increase in homicidal violence, felony violent crimes, domestic violence crimes and crimes against children has resulted in a greater number of crime victims and survivors.
- Legislative advocacy at the state level has resulted in additional protections for victims of crime (e.g. expanded protections within No Contact Orders, redirection of victim penalty assessment for exclusive use in victim support and revision of Rape 3 statute to no longer require active resistance).
- Victim penalty assessment revenues have decreased during the first six months of 2020.

Events (first six months of 2020)

- A second position was recently added to the Victim Witness Services Division. This position has been assigned to work cases in the District Court Division, felony property cases, and to cover for the other Victim Witness Coordinator position on an as needed basis.

Goals

- Train the new Victim Witness Coordinator to proficiency in the provision of services to victims and survivors of felony property, domestic violence and misdemeanor crimes.
- Cross-train Victim Witness Coordinators within the Victim Witness Services Division.

- Expand the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office website to better educate the community about victim’s rights, services offered through the Victim Witness Services Division, and to report data that will quantify the work of the division.
- Continue collaboration with all branches of local law enforcement and the Rediscovery program to maximize criminal justice system efficiencies.

Challenges

- The unprecedented increase in homicidal violence coupled with the steady increase in felony violent crimes has resulted in a significant increase in workload and has created a resource challenge within the Victim Witness Services Division.
- One of the two employees within the Victim Witness Services Division will be taking statutorily authorized leave in the months to come, thereby increasing the magnitude and severity of the present resource challenge.
- Employee retention has been a challenge (one or more employees from the Victim Witness Services Division has left over the last few years for higher paying jobs either within the courthouse or with other public sector employers).

Workload Indicators

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	6/30/20 Actual
Total Victims Served	292	426	383
Victims of DV	42	65	127
Adult Sexual Assault Victims	10	7	5
Child Physical/Sexual Abuse Victims	14	27	17
Services Provided: Information and Referral	439	544	547
Services Provided: Accompanying to Court	71	440	171
Services Provided: Restitution Assistance	107	103	63
Services Provided: Criminal Justice Support	844	405	81
Services Provided: Notification of court hearings	1927	901	503

*Workload indicators have changed due to revision in definitional terms at the state level, which changes reported data. While workload indicators are lower, work volume has actually increased. Additionally, in 2017 there was no Victim Witness Coordinator for several months, so data includes 1 quarter of data as an average of the other quarters.

Grant Funding Sources

1. Department of Justice (Federal)
2. Washington State Department of Commerce

Revenues

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	6/30/20 Actual	2021 Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	139,525	130,902	148,823	89,849
Taxes	0	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	81,841	80,692	39,394	78,647

Charges for Goods and Services	33,266	73,374	31,118	80,000
Fines and Forfeits	1	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	0	0	0	0
Other Financing Sources	3,446	2,609	1,182	3,000
Transfers In	0	0	0	0
Total	258,079	287,577	220,517	251,496

Expenditures

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	6/30/20 Actual	2021 Budget
Ending Fund Balance	130,902	148,823	102,349	36,726
Salaries and Wages	49,024	58,019	54,437	115,334
Personnel Benefits	21,937	26,636	24,982	53,518
Supplies	82	82	0	200
Other Services and Charges	39,956	41,933	31,785	37,500
Intergovernmental Services	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlays	0	0	0	0
Interfund Payments for Services	16,178	12,084	6,964	8,218
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total	258,079	287,577	220,517	251,496

Staffing

	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	2021 Budget
Full Time Equivalents	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00