



## Prosecuting Attorney - Local Crime Victim Compensation 11701.841.

### Mission Statement

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### Function

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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

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#### Trends

- The steady 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 pandemic.

#### Events (first six months of 2021)

- Additional resource has been needed in this division, due to the use of statutorily mandated leave and significant time devoted to the homicide cases.

### Goals

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- 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, resources available in our community, and 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, community advocacy groups, and the REdiscovery program to maximize criminal justice system efficiencies.
- Re-evaluate compensation for all positions to ensure the office remains competitive in the labor market.

## Challenges

- The 2019 spike in homicidal violence coupled with a steady increase in felony violent crimes over the last five years 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 was out on FMLA for three months in 2020 and an additional two months in 2021, which increased the magnitude and severity of the present resource challenge.
- One Victim Witness Coordinator has been required to devote significant amounts to time in support of several homicide cases, including six weeks upcoming exclusive dedication during a homicide trial. This again adds to the magnitude and servery of the present resource challenge.
- This division is seeing an increased need to support victims in juvenile cases, as juveniles are committing more violent crimes, are committing crimes alongside adults, and/or are being charged as adults.
- 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 or other personal reasons).

## Workload Indicators

	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	6/30/21 Actual
Total Victims Served	426	826	378
Victims of DV	65	264	131
Adult Sexual Assault Victims	7	11	8
Child Physical/Sexual Abuse Victims	27	38	14
Services Provided: Information and Referral	544	1239	699
Services Provided: Accompanying to Court	440	335	189
Services Provided: Restitution Assistance	103	191	81
Services Provided: Criminal Justice Support	405	514	675
Services Provided: Notification of court hearings	901	1916	1093

## Grant Funding Sources

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

## Revenues

	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	6/30/21 Actual	2022 Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	130,902	148,823	79,790	26,667

Taxes	0	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	80,692	79,388	36,427	78,647
Charges for Goods and Services	73,374	63,832	32,984	80,000
Fines and Forfeits	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	0	0	0	0
Other Financing Sources	2,609	2,194	1,471	3,000
Transfers In	0	0	0	17,000
Total	287,577	294,236	150,672	205,314

## Expenditures

	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	6/30/21 Actual	2022 Budget
Ending Fund Balance	148,823	79,791	31,210	14,246
Salaries and Wages	58,019	107,610	56,933	121,789
Personnel Benefits	26,636	49,330	25,697	54,080
Supplies	82	57	0	200
Other Services and Charges	41,933	49,437	32,722	2,000
Intergovernmental Services	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlays	0	0	0	0
Interfund Payments for Services	12,084	8,012	4,110	12,999
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total	287,577	294,236	150,672	205,314

## Staffing

	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	2021 Budget	2022 Budget
Full Time Equivalents	1.00	2.00	2.00	2.00