# New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission

# 2014 REPORT

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Our primary mission is to provide financial assistance to victims of violent crime in regard to expenses incurred as a result of being victimized. In addition to financial assistance for individual victims, CVRC also administers federal flow-through funding from the United States Department of Justice. This funding is sub-granted to private non-profit and governmental programs throughout the State of New Mexico to improve and expand services to victims of crime.

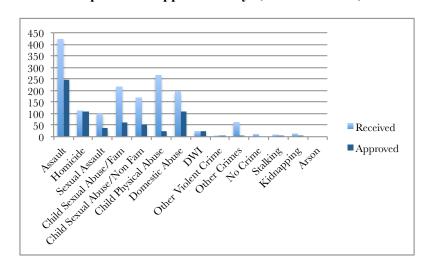
# **Crime Victims Reparations Program**

**Purpose:** To protect the citizens of New Mexico from the impact of crime and to promote a stronger criminal justice system through the encouragement of all citizens to cooperate with law enforcement efforts.

**Source of Funding:** The four types of funding include the federal compensation, general state funding, 15% of inmate wages from the NM Department of Corrections and restitution payments from non-incarcerated offenders.

**Total Reparation Approved:** up to \$20,000.00 per application, with an additional \$30,000.00 for (catastrophic victimization).

# Total Reparations Approved July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014



### Reparation Application Summary July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

Applications Received	1612
Applications Approved	679
Applications Denied	234
Applications Pending (Inactive due to Collateral sources/No expenses eligible)	699

Payments By Benefit Type		
Hospital	\$779,866.52	36%
Medical	\$376,570.50	17%
Funeral	\$309,973.84	14%
Ambulance	\$247,960.44	11%
Loss of Wages	\$233,611.85	11%
Pecuniary	\$88,950.54	$4^{\circ}/_{\circ}$
Mental Health	\$77,866.52	$4^{\circ}/_{\circ}$
Dental	\$53,122.89	3%
Total Approved	\$2,167,373.66	100%

#### **Victim Notification**

New Mexico participates in the automated victim notification systems, NMSAVIN and VINE. Victims and their families can be notified by e-mail, text or by telephone of their offenders change in status.

Websites: <u>www.nmsavin.com</u> www.vinelink.com

#### Grants Program

# Total Federal Dollars Awarded July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014

VOCA Victim Assistance Grant	\$2,900,280.80
STOP VAWA Grant	\$1,033,692.91
SASP Grant	\$245,793.00
Total Awarded	\$4,179,766.71

#### **Victims of Crime Act Assistance Grant**

**Purpose:** The primary purpose of the VOCA Victim Assistance grant is to provide services to victims of crime throughout the state. These funds support state, local, tribal and non-profit victim services organizations to provide direct services to victims of crime which is defined as those efforts that (1) respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims; (2) assist primary and secondary victims of crime to stabilize their lives after a victimization; (3) assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and (4) provide victims of crime with a measure of safety and security.

Source of Funding: Federal Flow Through Funds

**Range of Awards:** \$4,996 to \$139,000

**Statistics:** 61 VOCA funded programs across the State of New Mexico provide services to victims of enumerated crimes. Awards to programs that provide services to Indian Country consisted of 4% of the total award amount.

#### **STOP Violence Against Women Act Grant**

**Purpose:** The primary focus of the STOP Formula Grant Program is to support communities in their efforts to develop and strengthen effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat violent crimes against women and to develop and strengthen victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women. These funds support state, local, tribal and non-profit victim service, law enforcement, prosecution and court based projects. These projects include direct services to victims of violence against women, training and specialized projects that support the federal purpose areas in the Violence Against Women Act.

**Source of Funding:** Federal Flow Through Funds

Range of Awards: \$8,000 to \$70,288

**Statistics:** 36 STOP funded programs provided services across the State of New Mexico. Awards to programs that provide services to Indian country consisted of 22% of the total victim services award amount.

#### **Sexual Assault Services Program SASP**

**Purpose:** SASP funds support intervention, advocacy, accompaniment, support services and related assistance impacting adult, youth and child victims of sexual assault, family and household members of victims and those collaterally affected by the victimization in New Mexico. The 2014 SASP funds supported ten programs in New Mexico. These programs were awarded to promote core services to underserved, inadequately and unserved victims of sexual assault in New Mexico. The SASP funds have helped rape crisis centers in New Mexico grow from four full service rape crisis center providers to seven full service and four agencies that are working to becoming full service centers. Targeted areas include Taos, Dona Ana, Bernalillo, Roosevelt, San Juan, Grant and Santa Fe communities, as well as a program serving the tribes and pueblos throughout the state.

**Source of Funding:** Federal Flow Through Funds

Range of Awards: \$14,963 to \$30,000

**Statistics:** 10 SASP funded programs provided services across the State of New Mexico. Awards to programs that provide services to Indian country consisted of 18% of the total award amount.

# 2013 Advanced Victim Advocacy Training

The New Mexico Advanced Victim Advocacy Training (AVAT) was held August 12 through 15, 2013 in Red River, New Mexico. The training hosted 23 participants. AVAT is a form forum for discussion and mutual learning. The curriculum is based on survey responses by participants who attended basic VAT and includes topics such as domestic violence, sexual assault, legal advocacy, community advocacy, victim rights, professional and personal boundaries and more.

The purpose of this training is to enable victim advocates from all over the state to discuss, challenge, and participate in giving and receiving information, encouragement and supporting new ideas that will benefit all of us.

### 19th Annual Advocacy In Action Conference

The Annual Advocacy in Action Conference is one of New Mexico's premier training events for professionals working with victims of crime. The 19th Annual Advocacy in Action Conference was held in collaboration with the New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Program on April 29th - May 2nd, 2014. More than 500 attendees experienced an array of national and local speakers. While new challenges emerge, we continue to better serve victims of crime. We are encouraged by the hardworking, dedicated people we partner with in victim services, law enforcement, probation and parole, the judiciary and prosecution. We remain committed to enhancing services to victims of crime.