

Victim Services, Office of

Mission

The Office of Victim Services (OVS) has a three-tiered mission: to provide compensation to innocent victims of crime in a timely, efficient and compassionate manner; fund direct services to crime victims via a network of community-based programs; and advocate for the rights and benefits of all innocent victims of crime.

Organization and Staffing

The Office is headed by a Director, who is appointed by the Governor for a term of three years. The Director coordinates and recommends policy relating to the provision of services to crime victims. In addition to the Director, OVS has a staff to aid in the fulfillment of its mission. Work of the agency is carried out from two locations; a primary office in Albany and one in Brooklyn. Major units of the agency include: Investigations, Rehabilitation and Additional Medical Services, Administrative Services and Grants.

Budget Highlights

The FY 2023 Executive Budget recommends \$217.5 million in appropriations, an increase of \$888,000 from FY 2022. The increase is primarily driven by operational expenses for the storage of sexual offense evidence collection kits, slightly offset by a decrease in capital spending. The Executive Budget recommends 96 FTEs for the Office, an increase of 7 FTEs from the previous year.

Program Highlights

Victim Compensation

Provides compensation to victims of crime and their families by paying unreimbursed crime-related expenses, including but not limited to: medical and funeral expenses, loss of earnings or support, counseling costs, crime scene clean-up expenses, the cost to repair or replace items of essential personal property, the cost of residing at or utilizing the services of a domestic violence shelter and limited attorney fees.

Victim and Witness Assistance

Provides awards through a competitive process to organizations across the State serving crime victims. Currently, OVS administers and processes over 300 contracts with Victim Assistance Programs serving all 62 counties. Additionally, this Unit coordinates with other agencies in the State on victim and witness service initiatives and priorities and serves as a liaison for the agency with various crime victim coalitions, federal authorities, the public and other interested parties.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available FY 2022	Appropriations Recommended FY 2023	Change From FY 2022	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2023
State Operations	14,206,000	17,634,000	3,428,000	13,265,000
Aid To Localities	198,083,000	198,643,000	560,000	434,058,000
Capital Projects	4,300,000	1,200,000	(3,100,000)	3,763,000
Total	216,589,000	217,477,000	888,000	451,086,000

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ALL FUND TYPES
PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM
FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Program	FY 2022 Estimated FTEs 03/31/22	FY 2023 Estimated FTEs 03/31/23	FTE Change
Administration			
General Fund	0	7	7
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	41	41	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	48	48	0
Total	89	96	7

STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Fund Type	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
General Fund	0	2,530,000	2,530,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	7,675,000	8,460,000	785,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	6,531,000	6,644,000	113,000
Total	14,206,000	17,634,000	3,428,000
Adjustments:			
Transfer(s) From			
Special Pay Bill			
General Fund	(297,000)		
Appropriated FY 2022	13,909,000		

STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Program	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
Administration			
General Fund	0	2,530,000	2,530,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5,405,000	5,359,000	(46,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	6,531,000	6,644,000	113,000
Victim and Witness Assistance			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	2,270,000	3,101,000	831,000
Total	14,206,000	17,634,000	3,428,000

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STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2023 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Total	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2023 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	2,030,000	2,030,000	20,000	20,000
Total	2,030,000	2,030,000	20,000	20,000

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	10,000	10,000	1,650,000	1,650,000
Total	10,000	10,000	1,650,000	1,650,000

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration	350,000	350,000
Total	350,000	350,000

STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2023 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	12,003,000	67,000	7,533,000	367,000
Victim and Witness Assistance	3,101,000	831,000	1,671,000	71,000
Total	15,104,000	898,000	9,204,000	438,000

Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Administration	4,470,000	(300,000)
Victim and Witness Assistance	1,430,000	760,000
Total	5,900,000	460,000

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AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Fund Type	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	161,523,000	161,523,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	36,560,000	37,120,000	560,000
Total	198,083,000	198,643,000	560,000

AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Program	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change
Payment to Victims			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	11,523,000	11,523,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	23,520,000	24,080,000	560,000
Victim and Witness Assistance			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	150,000,000	150,000,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	13,040,000	13,040,000	0
Total	198,083,000	198,643,000	560,000

CAPITAL PROJECTS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available FY 2022	Recommended FY 2023	Change	Reappropriations FY 2023
SOECK Storage Facility				
Capital Projects Fund	4,300,000	0	(4,300,000)	3,763,000
Capital Projects Fund - Authority Bonds	0	1,200,000	1,200,000	0
Total	4,300,000	1,200,000	(3,100,000)	3,763,000

Note: Most recent estimates as of 05/11/2020