

## 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 2019 Executive Budget recommends \$119.7 million and 92 FTEs for the Office, unchanged from FY 2018.

### 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 200 contracts with Victim Assistance Programs serving all 62 counties. Additionally, this Unit coordinates with other criminal justice 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 2018	Appropriations Recommended FY 2019	Change From FY 2018	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2019
State Operations	12,973,000	12,973,000	0	8,256,000
Aid To Localities	106,725,000	106,725,000	0	223,198,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>119,698,000</b>	<b>119,698,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>231,454,000</b>

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

Program	FY 2018 Estimated FTEs 03/31/18	FY 2019 Estimated FTEs 03/31/19	FTE Change
Administration			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	38	38	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	54	54	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>0</b>

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	6,477,000	6,477,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	6,496,000	6,496,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,973,000</b>	<b>12,973,000</b>	<b>0</b>

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

Program	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change
Administration			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	4,977,000	4,977,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	6,153,000	6,153,000	0
Victim and Witness Assistance			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	1,500,000	1,500,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	343,000	343,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,973,000</b>	<b>12,973,000</b>	<b>0</b>

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND**  
**SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES**  
**FY 2019 RECOMMENDED**  
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	11,130,000	0	5,809,000	0
Victim and Witness Assistance	1,843,000	0	1,038,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,973,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,847,000</b>	<b>0</b>

Program	Nonpersonal Service	
Amount	Change	Change
Administration	5,321,000	0
Victim and Witness Assistance	805,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,126,000</b>	<b>0</b>

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change
General Fund	2,788,000	2,788,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	67,377,000	67,377,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	36,560,000	36,560,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>106,725,000</b>	<b>106,725,000</b>	<b>0</b>

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

Program	Available FY 2018	Recommended FY 2019	Change
Payment to Victims			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	11,523,000	11,523,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	23,520,000	23,520,000	0
Victim and Witness Assistance			
General Fund	2,788,000	2,788,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	55,854,000	55,854,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	13,040,000	13,040,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>106,725,000</b>	<b>106,725,000</b>	<b>0</b>

Note: Most recent estimates as of 01/16/2018