

# The Office of Crime Victims Advocacy

OCVA

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# We strengthen communities



HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS



INFRASTRUCTURE AND BROADBAND



SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE



ENERGY



PLANNING AND TECH ASSISTANCE



COMMUNITY SERVICES



CRIME VICTIMS AND PUBLIC SAFETY



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# About OCVA

Vision, Mission, and What We Do



# Vision and Mission

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- We envision a future where all people have access to support, healing, and the ability to reach their full potential; where all people experience autonomy, dignity, freedom of identity and expression, and safety in their homes and communities.
- To that end, it is the mission of the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy to identify the opportunities and resources needed for prevention and intervention, and to facilitate the availability of those opportunities and resources in communities statewide.

# What We Do

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- OCVA serves as a voice within government for the needs of crime victims in Washington state.
- See RCW 43.280.080
  - [RCW 43.280.080: Office of crime victims advocacy. \(wa.gov\)](#)
- Established in 1990, OCVA serves the state by:
  - Advocating on behalf of victims obtaining needed services and resources.
  - Administering grant funds for community programs working with crime victims.
  - Assisting communities in planning and implementing services for crime victims.
  - Advising local and state government agencies of practices, policies, and priorities that impact crime victims.

# OCVA Grant Programs

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- OCVA currently has approx. 470 grants to nonprofits, Tribal Governments, and local governments totaling over 66 Million in pass-through funding
  - *This includes both state and federal resources*
  - *OCVA has Interagency Agreements that total approx. 10.7 million*

# OCVA Grant Programs

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- Domestic Violence Legal Advocacy
- Domestic Violence High Risk Teams
- Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecution
- Victim Witness Assistance
- Safety and Access for Immigrant Victims
- Crime Victim Service Centers
- Civil Legal Aid
- Unmet Victim Service Needs
- Family Violence Prevention and Services Act
- Human Trafficking
  - Services and Outreach
  - Wraparound Services and Awareness Campaign: Indigenous Survivors of Human Trafficking
  - Rental Assistance
  - Healing Support and Transition Services
- Children's Advocacy Centers Child Centered Services
- Victims of Child Abuse and Neglect
- Tribal Government Initiative
- By and For Victim Services
- Enhancement and Expansion of Services
- Sexual Assault Services for DOC Prison and Re-entry Facilities Grant
- Sexual Assault Services Funding Formula
  - Core Sexual Assault Services
  - Specialized Sexual Assault Services
  - Marginalized Communities Sexual Assault Services
  - Native American Communities Sexual Assault Services
- Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Exam
- Rape Prevention and Education
- Sexual Assault Services Program
- Provisos

# Advising Local and State Government

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- **Share feedback from communities**
  - Grantees
  - Tribes
  - State coalitions and associations
  - Listening sessions
- **Share best practices**
  - National technical assistance providers
  - Federal agencies
  - Colleagues and partners across the state



# Advising Local and State Government

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- **Task Forces, Committees, etc.**
  - Sex Offender Policy Board
  - Sexual Assault Forensic Exam Committee
  - Human Trafficking Task Force
  - Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Statewide Coordinating Committee
- **Legislative Reports** *examples from 2023*
  - Increasing Nurse Forensic Exam Training
  - Workplace Response to Domestic Violence
  - Services for Indigenous Survivors of Human Trafficking

# Where to learn more?

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- [Office of Crime Victim Advocacy](#)
  - Grants and Funding
  - Human Trafficking Clearinghouse
  - Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Best Practices
  - U & T Visa Certification
  - Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Information
  - Crime Victim Resource Guide (under construction)

<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/crime-victims-advocacy/>

# Thank you!

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