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Human Trafficking Victim Fund

Purpose

The Human Trafficking Victim Fund was created during the 2014 Legislative Session. The Fund is administered by the Office of the Attorney General. Iowa Code section [915.95](#) establishes the Fund and requires moneys in the Fund to be awarded as grants to programs that provide services and support to human trafficking victims, including public outreach and awareness programs and service provider training programs. Moneys are also used to reimburse the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) for employing an instructor to provide domestic abuse and human trafficking prevention training throughout the State.

Funding

Receipts to are generated by a human trafficking victim surcharge established in Iowa Code section [911.2A](#). The \$1,000 surcharge is imposed when an adjudication of guilt or a deferred judgment has been entered for certain acts of prostitution, human trafficking, pimping, or pandering in violation of Iowa Code section [725.1\(2\)](#), [710A.2](#), [725.2](#), or [725.3](#). In the event of multiple offenses, the surcharge is imposed on each applicable offense. The surcharge was created during the 2014 Legislative Session and took effect January 1, 2015.

The Fund receipts and expenditures vary significantly year to year. From FY 2019 to FY 2023, receipts to the Fund averaged approximately \$13,000 annually, with a high of \$23,000 in FY 2022 and a low of \$5,000 in FY 2021. During this same period, expenditures from the Fund averaged approximately \$10,000 annually, with a high of \$36,000 in FY 2022 and a low of \$0 in FY 2019 and FY 2021. The FY 2023 year-end balance of the Fund was approximately \$16,000. The year-end balance in the Fund carries forward to the next fiscal year.

Related Statutes

Iowa Code sections [915.95](#), [911.2A](#), [725.1](#), [710A.2](#), [725.2](#), and [725.3](#)

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