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Human Trafficking Victim Fund

Purpose

The Human Trafficking Victim Fund is established in Iowa Code section [915.95](#) and administered by the Crime Victim Assistance Division of the [Office of the Attorney General](#). Receipts to the Fund are generated by a \$1,000 human trafficking victim surcharge established in Iowa Code section [911.2A](#). This surcharge is imposed when an adjudication of guilt or a deferred judgment has been entered for a criminal violation of Iowa Code sections [725.1\(2\)](#), [710A.2](#), [725.2](#), or [725.3](#). In the event of multiple offenses, the surcharge is imposed on each applicable offense. This surcharge took effect January 1, 2015, for an adjudication of guilt or a deferred judgment for certain acts of prostitution, human trafficking, pandering, and pimping. The year-end balance in the Fund carries forward to the next fiscal year.

Iowa Code section [915.95](#) 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 domestic abuse and human trafficking training.

Funding

In FY 2016, the human trafficking victim surcharge generated almost \$53,000 in receipts to the Human Trafficking Victim Fund. The FY 2016 year-end balance of \$57,000 was carried forward to FY 2017.

Additional Information

For more information, refer to the following:

- **Fiscal Topic** [Budget Unit: Office of the Attorney General](#) for an overview of this constitutional office.
- **Fiscal Topic** [Crime Victim Assistance Division](#) for information related to administration and funding for victim programs.
- **Fiscal Topic** [Budget Unit: Victim Assistance Grants](#) for a summary of programs currently offered to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and violent crimes.
- **Fiscal Topic** [Budget Unit: Victim Compensation Fund](#) for sources and uses of the Fund, including a summary of services provided to certain crime victims.
- **Fiscal Topic** [Crime Victim Compensation Program](#) for a summary of eligible expenses and funding sources for this Program that pays for certain out-of-pocket expenses of crime victims and their families.
- **Legislative Guide** [Criminal Law Overview](#) for a general overview of the substantive criminal and sentencing laws in Iowa.

More Information

Iowa Office of the Attorney General: <https://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov/>

Iowa General Assembly: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov>

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