



Memorandum

TO: Members of the Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee
 FROM: Laura Book
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 RE: Victims Assistance – Federal Match Requirements

Background

The Victims Assistance Grant Program under the Department of Justice receives funding from four federal sources. In order to receive the grant, three of the sources require the State to provide matching funds. This burden may also be passed on in whole or in part to the local programs that are awarded the funding.

The current federal funding level for the Victims Assistance Grant Program is approximately \$25.0 million. The following table details the amount of federal funding by source and the corresponding match requirement for the State.

Federal Funding Match Requirements

Federal Grant Program	Current Funding Level	Match Requirement
Family Violence Prevention and Services (FVPS)	\$ 1,274,564	\$ 302,709
Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)	\$ 1,760,043	\$ 556,790
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)	\$ 21,551,984	\$ 5,118,596
VAWA Sexual Assault Services Program	\$ 366,154	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$ 24,952,745	\$ 5,978,095

In FY 2017, the Victims Assistance Grant Program received a General Fund appropriation of \$6.7 million. Approximately \$5.3 million of this appropriation is being used by local programs to meet the federal award match requirement. The remaining obligation of approximately \$750,000 is being met through local support. The amount of local support provided, as well as the need for State funding, varies from year to year. If at any point the local program determines it is unable to meet the match requirement, the program must reject all or part of the award.

Source

Iowa Department of Justice