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RAHALL ANNOUNCES STATE VICTIM'S COMPENSATION GRANT

WASHINGTON D.C. - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.), today announced the U.S. Department of Justice has awarded the State of West Virginia Court of Claims \$423,000 to enhance the State's victim compensation program payments to eligible crime victims.

These funds are awarded from the Victims Crime Act of 1984 Fund from the U.S. Treasury that is financed with fines and penalties assessed on convicted Federal Defendants. The Fund can receive up to \$125 million from these sources.

"Victims of crime should be aware of this program and can contact the WV Court of Claims for details on how to file a claim for compensation. I am very pleased the Department has made this award."