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WORKING FOR WEST VIRGINIANS

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FEDERAL AID FOR CRIME VICTIMS ARRIVES IN WEST VIRGINIA

WASHINGTON, DC -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) announced today that the U.S. Department of Justice awarded the West Virginia Court of Claims \$180,000 for victim compensation payments.

Innocent victims of crime who are injured must report the crime within 72 hours and cooperate with the prosecution in order to be eligible for benefits. Victims or survivors can only be compensated for medical expenses incurred and wages lost as a direct result of the crime; victims will not be compensated for expenses covered by another source such as insurance or Medicaid. Benefit claims must be filed within two years. Each victim or survivor may received up to \$20,000 in the case of injury and \$30,000 in the case of death, including up to \$3,000 for funeral costs.

"West Virginia's Crime Victim Fund is doubly good -- its give innocent victims the compensation they deserve and it helps convict more criminals by encouraging the cooperation of victims in criminal investigation and prosecution."

This federal grant is 40% of the total payments made to victims through West Virginia's compensation program in 1991. The payments were funded by assessed court costs.

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1. GRANTEE NAME AND ADDRESS (Including Zip Code) West Virginia Court of Claims Crime Victims Compensation Fund Building 1, Room 4, 1900 Kanawha Blvd E. Charleston WV 25305		4. AWARD NUMBER 94-VC-GX-0054	
2. SUBGRANTEE NAME AND ADDRESS (Including Zip Code)		5. PROJECT PERIOD: FROM 10/01/93 TO 09/30/95 BUDGET PERIOD: FROM 10/01/93 TO 09/30/95	
1A. GRANTEE IRS/VENDOR NO. 550489243	6. AWARD DATE: March 9, 1994	7. ACTION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INITIAL <input type="checkbox"/> SUPPLEMENTAL <i>for this year</i>	
2A. SUBGRANTEE IRS/VENDOR NO.	9. PREVIOUS AWARD AMOUNT \$ 0.00	10. AMOUNT OF THIS AWARD \$ 180,000.00	
3. PROJECT TITLE Victim Compensation Benefits	11. TOTAL AWARD \$ 180,000.00		
12. SPECIAL CONDITIONS (Check, if applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THE ABOVE GRANT PROJECT IS APPROVED SUBJECT TO SUCH CONDITIONS OR LIMITATIONS AS ARE SET FORTH ON THE ATTACHED <u>02</u> PAGE(S).			
13. STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR GRANT <input type="checkbox"/> TITLE I OF THE OMNIBUS CRIME CONTROL AND SAFE STREETS ACT OF 1968. 42 U.S.C. 3701, ET. SEQ., AS AMENDED. <input type="checkbox"/> TITLE II OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT OF 1974. 42 U.S.C. 5601, ET. SEQ., AS AMENDED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT OF 1984, 42 U.S.C. 10601, et. seq., Public Law 98-473 10601, et. seq., Public Law 98-473, as amended. <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify):			
14. FUTURE FISCAL YEAR(S) SUPPORT: SECOND YEAR'S BUDGET PERIOD: _____ N/A AMOUNT OF FUNDS: _____ N/A TYPE OF FUNDS: _____ THIRD YEAR'S BUDGET PERIOD: _____ N/A AMOUNT OF FUNDS: _____ N/A TYPE OF FUNDS: _____			
15. METHOD OF PAYMENT THE GRANTEE WILL RECEIVE CASH VIA A LETTER OF CREDIT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
16. TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF APPROVING OJP OFFICIAL Carolyn A. Hightower, Acting Director Office for Victims of Crime		18. TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED GRANTEE OFFICIAL Cheryle M. Hall, Clerk of the Court	
17. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OJP OFFICIAL <i>Carolyn A. Hightower</i>		19. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED GRANTEE	19A. DATE
20. ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION CODE FISCAL YEAR: X FUND CODE: G BUD. ACT.: V1 OFC.: 35 DIV. REG.: 00 SUB.: 00 POMS: VM		21.	



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GRANT MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM, PT. I:
PROJECT SUMMARY

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PROJECT NUMBER
94-VC-GX-0054

- This project is supported under Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act, 42 USC 3701, as amended.
- This project is supported under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, as amended.
- Other: Victims of Crime Act of 1984, 42 U.S.C. 10601, et. seq., Public Law 98-473, as amended.

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3a. TITLE OF THE PROGRAM
Crime Victim Compensation Grant Program

3b. POMS CODE (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE)
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4. TITLE OF PROJECT
Victim Compensation Benefits

5. NAME & ADDRESS OF GRANTEE
West Virginia Court of Claims
Crime Victims Compensation Fund
Building 1, Room 4, 1900 Kanawha Blvd E.
Charleston WV 25305

6. NAME & ADDRESS OF SUBGRANTEE

7. PROGRAM PERIOD
FROM: 10/01/93 TO: 09/30/95

8. BUDGET PERIOD
FROM: 10/01/93 TO: 09/30/95

9. AMOUNT OF AWARD
\$ 180,000.00

10. DATE OF AWARD
March 9, 1994

11. SECOND YEAR'S BUDGET
N/A

12. SECOND YEAR'S BUDGET AMOUNT
N/A

13. THIRD YEAR'S BUDGET PERIOD
N/A

14. THIRD YEAR'S BUDGET AMOUNT
N/A

15. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT (See instruction on reverse)
THIS GRANT AWARD PROVIDES FUNDS FROM THE FY93 CRIME VICTIMS FUND TO ENHANCE THE WEST VIRGINIA'S VICTIM COMPENSATION PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE CRIME VICTIMS.

last report -> workless insurance est. taken out medical met for property (except medically necessary)

40% of what state paid out 2 yrs ago 1991

21 mos. behind in paying funded by assessed court costs

20,000 injury } max claims per individual
*30,000 death }
*3,000 funeral }
*2 years to file claims for compensation***

innocent victims, injured

must report w/in 72

must cooperate w/prosecution