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RAHALL ANNOUNCES JUSTICE 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 a grant in the amount of \$574,000 to help support state and local agencies which provide services for crime victims as well as their families.

This award is from the Crime Victims Fund in the U.S. Treasury that was established by the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, as amended.

"This federal program continues to assist the innocent victims of criminal acts such as sexual assault, spousal and child abuse. It is indeed worthwhile and greatly facilitates the healing process of those who have suffered so terribly." Said Rahall.

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West Virginia Awarded \$574 Thousand in Victim Assistance

The Office for Victims of Crime, which is a U.S. Department of Justice component within the Office of Justice Programs, has awarded \$574,000 to the State of West Virginia to help support state and local agencies that provide services for crime victims and their families.

The award is from monies in the Crime Victims Fund in the U.S. Treasury that was established by the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, as amended. The Fund is financed with fines and penalties assessed on convicted Federal defendants and can receive up to \$125 million from these sources through fiscal year 1991.

Under the grant program, a base amount of \$150,000 is awarded to each state. The remainder of available funds are distributed on a population basis. Statute and program guidelines require States to give priority to supporting programs that provide services to victims of sexual assault, spouse abuse, and child abuse.

Additional information about this award is available from the West Virginia Governor's Office of Community & Industrial Development, Charleston, West Virginia, (304) 348-8814.

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