

**State of Alaska**  
**FY2005 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Administration**  
**Violent Crimes Compensation Board**  
**RDU/Component Budget Summary**

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**RDU/Component: Violent Crimes Compensation Board**

*(There is only one component in this RDU. To reduce duplicate information, we did not print a separate RDU section.)*

**Contribution to Department's Mission**

Mitigate the impact of violent crime on Alaskans and visitors to Alaska who are innocent crime victims, their families, and others who, through a relationship to an innocent crime victim, incur a loss.

**Core Services**

- (1) Pay out-of-pocket medical, mental health, funeral, transportation, documented lost wages, loss of support for minor dependents of homicide victims, and certain other actual and reasonable losses incurred as a direct result of a violent crime; and
- (2) Assist eligible claimants in the restoration of their emotional, physical, and financial stability.

The Board provides direct service and help to Alaskans who are victims of violent crime both in Alaska and in locations without crime victim compensation programs, persons who are victims of violent crimes occurring in Alaska, families of violent crime victims, and others who incur a verifiable loss as a direct result of a violent crime. Each claim is evaluated based on statutory eligibility requirements.

The Board conducts hearings to ensure the rights of crime victims eligible under AS 18.67 are upheld and provides training related to the crime victim compensation program and Alaska's criminal justice system statewide.

**FY2005 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results**

**FY2005 Component Budget: \$1,434,700**

**Personnel:**

Full time	3
Part time	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>

**Key Component Challenges**

**EXAMINATION OF THE NATURE, LEVEL AND SCOPE OF BENEFITS PROVIDED TO VICTIMS**

In FY2005, the Board will continue to analyze medical and mental health treatment costs. The Board will strive to ensure victims receive necessary medical services at a reasonable cost. The Board will continue to strive to assure that prior to the Board's payment for services, any and all other available sources of payment are sought. The Board will examine the appropriateness of negotiating agreements with service providers, particularly medical service providers, to accept Board awards as "Payment in Full", which is a practice of many other state crime victim compensation programs.

The Board expects to continue in its policy of limiting mental health treatment payments to \$100.00 or less per session. The Board will seek the support of mental health treatment providers statewide to help mitigate any effects this level of funding may have.

The Board will continue to seek best methods for ensuring crime victims, especially minor children, benefit from awards made, particularly in lost support awards. The Board will also continue to determine best method for establishing Minor Trust Funds when it is in the best interest of child victims.

**Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2005**

Funding is reduced in FY2005.

**Major Component Accomplishments in 2003**

**CLAIMS PROCESSING**

An important measure of a compensation program's performance is the speed with which it processes a victim's application for benefits. This must be accomplished while ensuring complete confidentiality is upheld and claim processing does not interfere with criminal investigation and/or prosecution.

The Board networks with a wide variety of agencies across the State. This year, the Board continued to develop close working relationships with the Alaska State Troopers, local and municipal law enforcement agencies, District and municipal attorneys, the Attorney general's office and a multitude of others. The Board continued to exceed processing goals established by the National Association of Crime Victim Compensation Boards and the Department of Justice for exceptional crime victim compensation programs.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

This calendar year, the Board has had six claim adjudication meetings and one more is currently scheduled. Between these meetings, the Board has met through teleconference to make determinations on requests for emergency assistance. To date this calendar year, the Board has paid out the following losses to or on behalf of eligible crime victims:

<b>Service:</b>		<b>Victim of:</b>	
Medical Services	\$560,068.56	Assault*	\$388,298.80
Mental Health Treatment	\$ 50,051.84 <small>(*some DV included above)</small>	Domestic Violence	\$126,368.45
Lost wages and Support	\$266,733.13	Homicide	\$227,683.83
Funeral Expenses	\$ 38,209.51	Sexual Assault	\$ 57,399.50
Forensic Sexual Assault Exams	\$ 1,465.29	Sexual Abuse of Minor	\$ 61,777.22
Relocation Costs	\$ 76,513.78	DWI/DUI	\$166,547.11
Transportation and Lodging	\$ 26,752.20	Other	<u>\$ 20,105.85</u>
Other Actual and Reasonable	<u>\$ 28,386.45</u>		
Total to Date CY03		\$1,048,180.76	

**Claims Received**

So far in 2003, the Board has received 493 new requests for compensation and hundreds of requests for compensation of previously awarded claims. The Board has received claims from all Alaskan urban areas and from numerous more remote locations around the State such as Point Lay and Shishmaref. The Board has also received and awarded claims from Alaskans who were terrorist victims in locations such as Bali, Indonesia.

## Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Violent Crimes Compensation Board (AS 18.67)  
Violent Crimes Compensation Board (2 AAC 80.10-110)

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**Violent Crimes Compensation Board  
Component Financial Summary**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2003 Actuals	FY2004 Authorized	FY2005 Governor
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	205.2	203.3
72000 Travel	0.0	23.5	23.5
73000 Contractual	0.0	62.8	62.8
74000 Supplies	0.0	5.9	5.9
75000 Equipment	0.0	3.0	3.0
76000 Land/Buildings	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Claims	0.0	1,286.7	1,136.2
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,587.1</b>	<b>1,434.7</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1002 Federal Receipts	0.0	408.7	409.5
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	0.0	150.0
1050 Permanent Fund Dividend Fund	0.0	2.7	0.0
1171 PF Dividend Appropriations in lieu of Dividends to Criminals	0.0	1,175.7	875.2
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,587.1</b>	<b>1,434.7</b>

**Estimated Revenue Collections**

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2003 Actuals	FY2004 Authorized	FY2005 Governor
<b>Unrestricted Revenues</b>				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Unrestricted Total</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Restricted Revenues</b>				
Federal Receipts	51010	0.0	408.7	409.5
<b>Restricted Total</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>408.7</b>	<b>409.5</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>408.7</b>	<b>409.5</b>

**Summary of Component Budget Changes  
From FY2004 Authorized to FY2005 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2004 Authorized</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>408.7</b>	<b>1,178.4</b>	<b>1,587.1</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-Changes to Retirement and Other Personal Services Rates	0.0	0.8	8.0	8.8
<b>Proposed budget decreases:</b>				
-Fund Source Correction	0.0	0.0	-2.7	-2.7
-Delete unfunded Salary Adjustment	0.0	0.0	-8.0	-8.0
-PFD Felon Fund Reduction	0.0	0.0	-300.5	-300.5
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>				
-Supplant PFD Felon Fund Reduction	150.0	0.0	0.0	150.0
<b>FY2005 Governor</b>	<b>150.0</b>	<b>409.5</b>	<b>875.2</b>	<b>1,434.7</b>

**Violent Crimes Compensation Board  
Personal Services Information**

<b>Authorized Positions</b>		<b>Personal Services Costs</b>		
	<u>FY2004</u>	<u>FY2005</u>		
	<b>Authorized</b>	<b>Governor</b>		
Full-time	3	3	Annual Salaries	144,507
Part-time	1	1	Premium Pay	0
Nonpermanent	0	0	Annual Benefits	64,353
			<i>Less 2.66% Vacancy Factor</i>	<i>(5,560)</i>
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>203,300</b>

**Position Classification Summary**

<b>Job Class Title</b>	<b>Anchorage</b>	<b>Fairbanks</b>	<b>Juneau</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Total</b>
Administrative Assistant	0	0	1	0	1
Administrative Clerk II	0	0	1	0	1
Administrator VCCB	0	0	1	0	1
Project Asst	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>