

**State of Alaska**  
**FY2006 Governor's Operating Budget**

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

**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.

End Results	Strategies to Achieve Results
<p><b>A: The cost of medical services for eligible victims is reduced.</b></p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> Reduce medical service costs in excess of \$5,000.00 by 15%.</p> <p><u>Measure #1:</u> Percentage increase in number of medical bills paid at 85%.</p>	<p><b>A1: Negotiate agreements with medical service providers to accept Board payment as payment in full.</b></p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> Negotiate settlements on 100% of all medical bills in excess of \$5,000.00.</p> <p><u>Measure #1:</u> Percentage increase in number of settlements.</p>
End Results	Strategies to Achieve Results
<p><b>B: The harmful impact of violent crime on Alaskans and visitors to Alaska are reduced.</b></p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> Identify entities for each Alaskan community to serve as coordinators between crime victims and the Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB).</p> <p><u>Measure #1:</u> Percentage increase of Alaskan communities with coordinators.</p>	<p><b>B1: Instruct different types of groups regarding the VCCB, effective crisis intervention, and effective networking.</b></p> <p><u>Target #1:</u> Instruct 12 different types of groups regarding the VCCB, effective crisis intervention, and effective networking.</p> <p><u>Measure #1:</u> Percentage increase in number of groups instructed.</p>

### FY2006 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

<b>FY2006 Component Budget: \$1,519,600</b>	<b>Personnel:</b>	
	Full time	3
	Part time	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>

## Performance Measure Detail

### A: Result - The cost of medical services for eligible victims is reduced.

**Target #1:** Reduce medical service costs in excess of \$5,000.00 by 15%.

**Measure #1:** Percentage increase in number of medical bills paid at 85%.

**Analysis of results and challenges:** .

07/01/04-09/30/04: 50%, 5 medical bills were paid at 85%. Annually, 10 medical bills are received that exceed \$5,000 by VCCB.

#### A1: Strategy - Negotiate agreements with medical service providers to accept Board payment as payment in full.

**Target #1:** Negotiate settlements on 100% of all medical bills in excess of \$5,000.00.

**Measure #1:** Percentage increase in number of settlements.

**Analysis of results and challenges:** .

07/01/04-09/30/04: 50%, 5 medical service providers agreed to accept board payment as payment in full. Annually, 10 medical bills are received by VCCB.

### B: Result - The harmful impact of violent crime on Alaskans and visitors to Alaska are reduced.

**Target #1:** Identify entities for each Alaskan community to serve as coordinators between crime victims and the Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB).

**Measure #1:** Percentage increase of Alaskan communities with coordinators.

**Analysis of results and challenges:** .

07/01/04-09/30/04: New measure, data available in January 2005.

#### B1: Strategy - Instruct different types of groups regarding the VCCB, effective crisis intervention, and effective networking.

**Target #1:** Instruct 12 different types of groups regarding the VCCB, effective crisis intervention, and effective networking.

**Measure #1:** Percentage increase in number of groups instructed.

**Analysis of results and challenges:** .

07/01/04-09/30/04: 25%, 3 out of 12 groups were instructed.

## Key Component Challenges

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

The main challenge of Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) is to compensate all persons eligible for crime victim compensation under the law to the full extent provided for in the law. In FY2006, VCCB will continue to coordinate with agencies and persons statewide to carry this out. In FY2006, the Board will continue to analyze and seek to reduce 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 continue to negotiate with service providers, particularly medical service providers, to accept Board awards as "Payment in Full".

The VCCB will continue its policy of limiting mental health treatment payments to \$100.00 or less per session. The Board will continue to seek the support of mental health treatment providers statewide to help mitigate any negative 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 continue to determine the best method for making loss of support awards on a case-by-case basis focusing on the best interest of child victims.

### Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2006

No subsequent changes are expected.

### Major Component Accomplishments in 2004

#### 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 Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) relies heavily on the cooperation of a wide variety of agencies across the State. VCCB maintains a close working relationship with the Alaska State Troopers, local and municipal law enforcement agencies, district and municipal attorneys, the Attorney General's office and 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

During calendar year 2004, the Board has had seven claim adjudication meetings. Between these meetings, the Board has met through teleconference to make determinations on requests for emergency assistance. As of November 2004, the Board has paid out the following losses to or on behalf of eligible crime victims:

Service:		Victim of:	
Medical Services	\$398,171.48	Assault*	\$394,875.69
Mental Health Treatment	\$158,480.03 <small>(*some DV included above)</small>	Domestic Violence	\$200,185.86
Lost wages and Support	\$463,617.09	Homicide	\$353,116.52
Funeral Expenses	\$ 77,209.74	Sexual Assault	\$ 78,533.30
Forensic Sexual Assault Exams	\$ 2,283.15	Sexual Abuse of Minor	\$ 88,883.21
Relocation Costs	\$114,990.22	DWI/DUI	\$ 65,724.53
Transportation and Lodging	\$ 43,615.66	Other	<u>\$100,684.75</u>
Other Actual and Reasonable	<u>\$ 23,636.49</u>		
Total to Date CY04		\$1,282,003.86	

#### Claims Received

As of November 2004, the Board has received 532 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 a multitude of remote locations around the State. The Board also considered and awarded claims from visitors to Alaska who were victims of crime while in Alaska and Alaskans who were victimized in locations outside of the United States with no crime victim compensation programs.

### 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*

	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Management Plan	FY2006 Governor
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	173.4	203.8	211.7
72000 Travel	11.2	23.5	23.5
73000 Services	63.2	62.8	63.1
74000 Commodities	8.0	5.9	5.9
75000 Capital Outlay	0.2	3.0	3.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	1,285.0	1,212.4	1,212.4
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>1,541.0</b>	<b>1,511.4</b>	<b>1,519.6</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1002 Federal Receipts	364.7	409.5	409.6
1004 General Fund Receipts	0.0	226.7	381.7
1050 Permanent Fund Dividend Fund	2.7	0.0	0.0
1171 PF Dividend Appropriations in lieu of Dividends to Criminals	1,173.6	875.2	728.3
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>1,541.0</b>	<b>1,511.4</b>	<b>1,519.6</b>

**Estimated Revenue Collections**

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2004 Actuals	FY2005 Management Plan	FY2006 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	364.7	409.5	409.6
Permanent Fund Dividend Fund	51160	1,176.3	875.2	728.3
<b>Restricted Total</b>		<b>1,541.0</b>	<b>1,284.7</b>	<b>1,137.9</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>		<b>1,541.0</b>	<b>1,284.7</b>	<b>1,137.9</b>

**Summary of Component Budget Changes  
From FY2005 Management Plan to FY2006 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2005 Management Plan</b>	<b>226.7</b>	<b>409.5</b>	<b>875.2</b>	<b>1,511.4</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-FY 05 Bargaining Unit Contract Terms: GGU	1.5	0.0	0.0	1.5
-Fund Source Change Due to Overall Statewide Reduction in PFD Criminal Funding	146.9	0.0	-146.9	0.0
-FY06 Cost Increases for Bargaining Units and Non-Covered Employees	6.4	0.0	0.0	6.4
<b>Proposed budget increases:</b>				
-Benefit and Wage Cost Increases	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.3
<b>FY2006 Governor</b>	<b>381.7</b>	<b>409.6</b>	<b>728.3</b>	<b>1,519.6</b>

**Violent Crimes Compensation Board  
Personal Services Information**

<b>Authorized Positions</b>		<b>Personal Services Costs</b>		
	<u>FY2005</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Plan</u>	<u>FY2006</u> <u>Governor</u>		
Full-time	3	3	Annual Salaries	144,024
Part-time	1	1	COLA	1,543
Nonpermanent	0	0	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	79,208
			<i>Less 2.61% Vacancy Factor</i>	<i>(5,875)</i>
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>218,900</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>