Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency

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Agency Overview:

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) serves as a catalyst for the prevention and reduction of crime and delinquency within the Commonwealth and assists victims of crime through support for direct services and by alleviating the financial burdens resulting from the commission of a crime. PCCD strives to effect improvements in the criminal and juvenile justice systems by examining problems, proposing solutions and monitoring and evaluating the impact of those solutions. PCCD assists the criminal and juvenile justice systems to function more productively by fostering interagency coordination and cooperation; developing and coordinating policy issues; providing statewide criminal statistical and analytical services; and granting federal and state funds to provide monies for new efforts or to supplement existing efforts in the areas of victim services and intermediate punishment.

The Commission fosters community-based initiatives in the areas of crime prevention and juvenile delinquency prevention, promotes fair treatment of victims and witnesses of crime, supports local efforts to improve the apprehension and prosecution of those that commit crimes, promotes the use of automated data technology to enhance operational effectiveness in local law enforcement agencies and encourages sound practices in monitoring and treatment of offenders in the community.

Advisory groups and planning committees encompassing Commission and non-Commission members provide insight in dealing with specific areas such as services to victims of crime, juvenile justice, public safety, targeted community revitalization and crime prevention, evaluation, senior citizens, offenders with mental health issues, and cross-system issues.

Services to victims of crime are an important responsibility of PCCD under the provisions of Act 1995-27S which transferred administration of the state's Crime Victims' Compensation Fund to the agency. PCCD also administers various federal and state funding support for victims', which supports grant programs for victim services through the Crime Victims Act.

PCCD implements the County Intermediate Punishment Act, 42 PA C.S.§9801 <u>et.seq.</u>; the victim/witness services provisions and victims of juvenile offenders provisions of the Crime Victims Act; the Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Program under state Act 1984-2 as amended; and the Constables' Education and Training Program under state Act 1994-44.

The significant program areas in which the PCCD operates are as follows:

<u>Policy, Legislative, Program Analyses and Monitoring</u> – PCCD is responsible for providing thorough, accurate and timely analyses of factors causing change in the criminal justice system, including legislation that may impact on the dynamics of the system. PCCD's Office of Research, Evaluation, and Strategic Policy Development (ORESPD) provides an objective, independent and comprehensive source of policy-relevant data.

<u>Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention</u> – PCCD develops policy recommendations and administers federal and state funds to support programs designed to improve the Commonwealth's juvenile justice system, and to prevent violence (committed by and against children and youth), delinquency, substance abuse, school dropout, and related problem behaviors among children and youth.

<u>Safe Schools Advocate</u> – Pursuant to State Act 2000-91, the advocate provides support services, victim advocacy and monitoring of the school district of first class cities (Philadelphia). The advocate is responsible for monitoring data submitted by the School District of Philadelphia to the Department of Education to assure compliance with the Safe Schools Act as well as the Memorandum of Understanding with the Philadelphia Police Department.

<u>Victim Services</u> – PCCD works to help crime victims transcend their trauma by providing funding to victim service agencies that work directly with victims, provide financial help to victims through the Victims Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP), and collaborate with criminal justice and allied professionals that advocate and respond to the needs of victims.

<u>Criminal Justice System Improvements</u> – PCCD advances the criminal justice system by coordinating with all levels of criminal justice agencies in identifying their issues, developing policies and programs and implementing innovative justice improvement solutions that enhance public safety.

Goals and Key Objectives:

The mission of PCCD is to enhance the quality and coordination of the criminal and juvenile justice systems, facilitate the delivery of services to victims of crime, and increase the safety of communities. Ultimately, PCCD strives to serve as a criminal and juvenile justice center of excellence.

Authorized by Act 274 of 1978, PCCD exists to bring diverse and talented stakeholders together to coordinate state and local justice policies and programs, help communities improve the administration of justice, and oversee the allocation of federal and state grant monies.

PCCD strives to make improvements in the criminal and juvenile justice systems by examining problems, proposing solutions and monitoring and evaluating the impact of those solutions. PCCD fosters interagency coordination and cooperation by:

- Developing and coordinating policy issues;
- Providing statewide criminal statistical and analytical services; and
- Granting federal and state funds to provide seed monies for new or existing efforts.

Listed below are the key agency objectives and priorities that were areas of focus during the fiscal year 2013-14. This is not an exhaustive list of PCCD's objectives for this period but a subset that received priority consideration.

Key Agency Objectives:

1. Key Agency Objective: Increase the efficiency and efficacy of local planning efforts through interagency planning and collaboration.

Priority: To provide funding and technical assistance to county criminal justice advisory boards (CJAB's) in developing and maintaining strategic plans, community reentry plans and the priorities identified through the strategic planning process.

Status: PCCD continued to provide support to the CJAB's strategic planning processes during fiscal year 13-14. Five additional strategic planning processes were facilitated with operational CJAB's bringing the total number of CJAB's that have a formal strategic plan to 55.

2. Key Agency Objective: Reduce the number of justice involved individuals with mental illness.

Priority: Increase the number of individuals completing Crisis Intervention Training.

Status: Crisis Intervention Training is designed to improve the manner in which law enforcement and the community respond to individuals who are experiencing a mental health crisis. During the year, 81 individuals participated in the training which is nearly three times what was expected.

3. Key Agency Objective: Increase the use of innovative programs, promising approaches, and evidence-based programs and practices in order to reduce crime and victimization.

Priority 1: Provide funding and support for counties to plan and implement the juvenile justice system enhancement strategy.

Status: PCCD provided funding for six additional counties to be trained in Aggression Replacement Training, an evidenced-based program that has been shown to effectively reduce the likelihood of further penetration into the juvenile justice and criminal justice systems for those who participate in the program. As research has

shown that a significant number of probationers have experienced trauma, funds were also used to pilot test the implementation of a Trauma Informed Cognitive Behavioral Therapy initiative. Additionally, the Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol (SPEP) was piloted in five counties. SPEP is an evidence-based tool that evaluates the likelihood of juvenile justice programs to reduce recidivism. To date, over 60 service providers have participated in this evaluation process.

Priority 2: Provide funding and support to implement evidence-based delinquency and violence prevention programs, including training, technical assistance and outcome data collection.

Status: PCCD provided funding for 74 evidence-based programs and Communities that Care (CTC) coalitions during FY 2013/2014. This funding made services available for nearly 40,000 children and adults. Pennsylvania's Resource Center for Evidence-based Prevention and Intervention Programs and Practices facilitated nearly 100 trainings, networking meetings and presentations; responded to over 1,600 technical assistance questions and facilitated over 62 Professional Development activities for providers of evidence-based programming. Outcomes noted for those who participated in these programs include improved parenting skills and improved peer pressure skills, academic performance and decreased antisocial behaviors for youth.

4. Key Agency Objective: Improve the quality of service available to victims of crime.

Priority 1: Continue to employ methods to reduce the administrative reporting burden in victim service agencies by deploying an automated reporting, outcome and case management system.

Status: A web based automation system called Efforts to Outcome (ETO) was implemented in 2012 for victim service programs that provides a standardized data collection and reporting system and a robust case management component. One hundred percent of funded victim service providers use the application with over 50% opting to utilize the case management features.

Priority 2: Continue to identify opportunities to improve the efficiency of the Victim's Compensation Assistance Program.

Status: By leveraging new technologies, PCCD has improved the system of processing victim compensation claims.

5. Key Agency Objective: Increase the availability and improve the quality of alternatives to incarceration and all placements for adult and juvenile offenders.

Priority 1: Provide funding and support to assist County Intermediate Punishment (CIP) and related drug and alcohol treatment based programming.

Status: Recent research undertaken by PCCD related to the Drug and Alcohol component of this program found that 80% of participants completed successfully, and only 14% recidivated one year following their completion of the program. Additionally, by diverting these substance dependent offenders away from prisontime and treating their addictions, the Commonwealth has avoided annual correctional costs of over \$35 million. As Pennsylvania moves forward with its Justice Reinvestment (JRI) strategy, we anticipate that D&A RIP and its successes will hold significant statewide policy and budgeting implications.

Priority 2: Provide funding and support to assist in the successful implementation of problem solving courts and other diversionary programs. Non-treatment intermediate punishment programs for non-violent offenders were supported in 43 counties and diverted 11,494 offenders from serving a total of 816,031 days of incarceration. Assistance with providing electronic monitoring, halfway houses, work release centers and probation staff salaries was provided. In addition, 40 counties received support for diversionary services for drug and alcohol dependent offenders via problem solving courts, in-patient and out-patient treatment services, halfway houses, day reporting centers and intensive probation services serving 3,840 offenders averting 174,507 incarceration days. Preliminary findings are that only 14% of those completing treatment services are re-arrested after one year, and only 20% after 24 months.

Funding Programs:

Administration of federal and state funding programs continue to be a significant responsibility of the agency. In 2013-14, PCCD awarded 538 grants totaling approximately \$60,000,000. Listed below are the various funding streams that are administered by PCCD to include the revenue or award history of each, the intended purpose of the funds and the number of grants awarded in 2013.

Federal Funds:

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program/Drug Control and System Improvement (DCSI) – The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG)/Drug Control and System Improvement (DCSI) Program provides seed money to assist non-profit agencies and state and local government entities in implementing a wide range of drug enforcement, correctional treatment/supervision, victim services, juvenile justice, and criminal justice system improvement projects; providing technical assistance to state, county and local units of government; and coordinating regional and statewide training events. PCCD uses subject matter-based advisory committees to identify problems within the adult and juvenile justice system. PCCD's advisory committees are comprised of individuals with a range of state, local, and private sector expertise. PCCD engages its

advisory committees in deliberative planning processes to determine how to best utilize JAG funds to improve and build on existing criminal, juvenile, and victim programs.

Grants awarded: 97

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
7,640,322	11,778,144	4,465,804	12,054,188	11,369,932	9,171,205	7,088,289	7,440,154

<u>Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL) Block Grant</u> – The EUDL Program supports and enhances the efforts of states and local jurisdictions to prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors, and the purchase and consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors. (Minors are defined as individuals under 21 years of age.)

Grants awarded: 0

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
350,000	350,000	350,000	360,000	356,400	300,000		

Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) – JABG program funds are available for use only by units of local government and the state to implement programs and projects that make improvements in one or more of the following 17 program purposes areas: graduated sanctions; corrections/detention facilities; court staffing and pretrial services; prosecution (staffing/funding); training for law enforcement and court personnel; juvenile gun courts; juvenile drug courts; juvenile records systems; information sharing strategies; aftercare; accountability-based program for offenders; programs to conduct risk and needs assessments of juvenile offenders; accountability-based programs to enhance school safety; restorative justice programs; programs that enable juvenile courts/juvenile probation to be more effective/efficient in holding offenders accountable and reducing recidivism; and detention/corrections facilities staffing.

Grants awarded: 50

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
1,329,000	1,310,000	1,374,600	1,546,000	1,473,000	1,152,773	700,124	534,103

<u>Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) formula grant</u> – JJDP funds are awarded to private, non-profit, community-based agencies/organizations, and units of local/state government to support local and statewide juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs pursuant to the provisions of federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002. Eligibility for federal JJDP formula grant funds requires states to comply fully with federal requirements prohibiting the placement of status offenders and dependent, neglected or abused juveniles in secure detention facilities or correctional facilities;

removing juvenile offenders from adult jails/lock-ups; and reducing the disproportionate number of minorities who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.

Grants awarded: 11

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
2,131,000	2,204,937	1,993,030	2,159,000	2,056,000	1,728,290	790,949	795,804

Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – The JAG program funded under the Recovery Act is federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. Recovery Act JAG funds support all components of the criminal justice system. Recovery JAG funded projects address crime through the provision of services directly to individuals and communities or by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems, processes, and procedures.

Grants awarded: 6

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
			45,453,997				

John R. Justice Program – Congress enacted the John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act to encourage qualified attorneys to choose careers as prosecutors and public defenders and to continue in that service. The John R. Justice Grant Program provides loan repayment assistance for local, state, and federal public defenders and local and state prosecutors who commit to continued employment as public defenders and prosecutors for at least three years. Upon determinations of eligibility, payments are made directly to loan institutions on behalf to the prosecutor or defender. Funds must be distributed equally between prosecutors and defenders.

Grants awarded: 0

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
				356,661	197,525	80,828	77,086

Mid Atlantic Regional Information Sharing Federated Person Search (MARIS) – This competitive grant program seeks to support implementation of justice information sharing solutions that address critical challenges currently faced by state, local, and tribal criminal justice agencies. The justice information sharing solutions implemented under this solicitation should leverage one or more of the components of the Global Standards Package and support criminal justice policies, practices, and programs that are evidence-based and data-driven. Funds from this award are used to support the Mid-Atlantic Regional Information Sharing consortium efforts sharing arrest, warrant, and criminal

justice data within the four primary partners (Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia).

Grants awarded: 2

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
							353,111

<u>National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP)</u> – The primary objective of NCHIP is to enhance the quality, completeness, and accessibility of the Commonwealth's criminal justice record information, collect the information, and develop the procedures necessary to ensure ongoing accuracy and timely identification of individuals who are ineligible to purchase firearms thereby providing for the safety of the Commonwealth's citizens. Applications are awarded to state agencies and private, non-profit agencies.

Grants awarded: 0

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
534,880	351,763	80,900	436,556	259,375	323,149		

<u>Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act (NFSIA) Grant</u> – This program provides funding for programs designed to improve the quality, timeliness, and credibility of forensic science services for criminal justice purposes. The program permits funding for expenses related to facilities, personnel, computerization, equipment, supplies, accreditation, certification, education, and training. Applications are awarded to counties and the PA State Police.

Grants awarded: 10

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
423,929	559,385	461,528	648,847	1,104,886	772,306	291,631	265,645

<u>Project Safe Neighborhoods (Federal Funds)</u> – The purpose of the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) initiative is to bring together federal, state, and local agencies to focus community attention and energy on reducing gun violence. The initiative utilizes the United States Attorney's Offices to implement or enhance innovative and collaborative efforts to address public safety issues related to gun violence. Each U.S. Attorney is required to establish a task force to develop a comprehensive gun violence reduction strategy and to assess how new resources will impact problem resolution.

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
823,264	959,134	262,956	220,798	232,677	189,506		

<u>Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT)</u> – The overall program purpose of RSAT is to assist states and units of local government in developing and implementing residential substance abuse treatment programs within state and local correctional facilities in which prisoners are incarcerated for a period of time sufficient to permit substance abuse treatment. Upon successful completion of the residential program, participants are released on parole with appropriate follow-up and intensive aftercare services. For local programs, the funding provides intensive aftercare treatment for inmates and provides funds for reentry efforts.

Linkages are also made with the local workforce investment board to provide intensive job referral, training, and education.

Grants awarded: 0

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
271,352	266,318	254,775	288,159	906,178	741,708	279,690	360,067

<u>Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) Implementation</u> – These federal funds are to be used for programs associated with the changes to Pennsylvania's Megan's Law enacted in Act 111 of 2011 (as amended by Act 91 of 2012. Funds are used to provide training, support absconder task forces, and victim notification and outreach.

Grants awarded: 2

2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
								389,117	369,657	360,000

Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) – PCCD was awarded Federal assistance from the U.S. Department of Justice to manage the implementation of a Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) program for the Commonwealth's local correctional facilities. Pennsylvania's Crime Victims Act ensures the victim's right to be informed of, among other things, the release or escape from custody of an offender and the release of an offender to a work release program or any other type of post arrest release. Such information is vital not only to victims, but to members of the law enforcement community as well as the community-at-large. SAVIN has the potential to provide valuable information including, but not limited to: notifications of arrests, releases, transfers, and escapes. An automated system such as SAVIN also links agencies, reduces redundant efforts among agencies, and offers a wide degree of local program control. SAVIN offers the Commonwealth an approach that saves time, human resources, and money for the criminal justice and victims services systems while providing a significant compliance tool for ensuring victims' rights.

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
1,250,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000			

<u>Statewide Justice Statistics Program</u> – PCCD is designated as Pennsylvania's Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) under the Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA). The SAC program is designed to maintain and enhance each state's capacity to address criminal justice issues through the collection and analysis of data. The program provides limited funds to coordinate statistical activities within the state, to conduct research to estimate the

impacts of legislative and policy changes, and to serve as a liaison role to assist the Bureau of Justice Statistics with gathering data from respondent agencies in their states.

Grants awarded: 1

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
49,946	49,976	49,984	49,662	48,050	73,000	70,000	79,288

<u>Victims of Crime Act Victim Compensation Program (VOCA Comp)</u> – This program provides payments to victims for medical expenses, counseling, crime-scene clean-up, relocation expenses, loss of earnings and monies that are stolen or defrauded from individuals on fixed incomes. In the case of a homicide, funeral expenses, and loss of support may be compensated to those who qualify. The maximum award amount is \$35,000. Payments for counseling, crime-scene clean-up, and the forensic rape exam inclusive of related medications are over and above the \$35,000 maximum award. VOCA allocates a 60% federal reimbursement to states based on a formula of prior year payments of claims utilizing state funding streams.

Grants awarded: N/A

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
4,491,000	5,083,000	6,752,000	5,885,000	4,448,000	4,089,000	4,386,000	3,564,000

<u>Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance Program (VOCA)</u> – This VOCA Victim Assistance program provides funding for the provision of direct services as well as financial support to victims of crime. Victims of Crime Act funding is distributed primarily to community-based victim services agencies, although several system-based programs also may receive funding. Victims of Crime Act funding is distributed to all 67 counties in the Commonwealth. In FY 2012-13, PCCD allocated \$14.6 million to county programs. While federal legislation has been introduced to raise the cap on the federal Crime Victims Fund to \$705 million, it is unknown how much would be received at the state level. On average these funds make services available to 120,000 victims per year.

Grants awarded: 3 (Predominated - awarded every other year.)

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
15,858,000	14,666,000	12,048,000	14,088,213	16,086,343	16,779,293	14,730,846	16,479,712

<u>Sexual Assault Services Program</u> - This funding may be used to establish and maintain rape crisis centers for direct services to victims of sexual assault and to allow for the establishment, maintenance, and expansion of culturally specific programs to assist and advocate for victims of sexual assault in racial and ethnic communities. While the Sexual Assault Services Program was authorized in 2005, the program was first allocated in 2009.

In 2013, the Sexual Assault Services Grant Program allowed for the provision of services to 2,834 victims and 1,124 significant others.

Grants awarded: 1

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
			348,079	245,564	244,984	372,294	381,024

<u>STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program</u> – This program provides support to improve the criminal justice system's response to violence against women and to enhance the services available to women who have been victims of violent crime. STOP funding is distributed on a competitive basis to counties or community-based victim services agencies with the money being used to implement program plans that incorporate a law enforcement, prosecutorial and victim services component to address violence against women at the local level. By federal requirement, 25% of funds must be used for prosecution; 25% for law enforcement; 30% for victim services; 5% for judiciary; and 15% discretionary. Of the 30% allocated to victim services, 10% must be used for linguistically and culturally specific services.

During 2013, federal STOP Violence Against Women funding was used to serve 16,360 victims and significant others of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking and dating violence across Pennsylvania.

Grants awarded: 33

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
2006							
4,362,339	3,747,289	3,906,278	4,263,994	4,751,747	4,771,277	4,650,737	4,363,240

State Appropriations:

<u>Violence Prevention Programs</u> — The overall purpose of this state appropriation is to support the proliferation of high quality and effective juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs that are cost-effective and produce positive outcomes for youth, families and communities. These funds also supported community mobilization efforts through the *Communities That Care* (CTC) risk-focused prevention planning process, the Resource Center for Evidence-Based Prevention and Intervention Program and Practices and other priorities as identified by the PCCD's Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee. Funding is provided to private non-profit community-based agencies/organizations and units of local government. These programs, on average, yield a \$5 dollar return for every

dollar invested. Examples of the types of outcomes achieved through the utilization of these types of programs include improved academic performance, improved school attendance, decreased anti-social behaviors, improved social skills and improved family relations. In 2013, nearly 215,000 children took the Pennsylvania Youth Survey, which helped local communities plan prevention initiatives and 19,520 children were provided risk-focused prevention services as a result of this funding.

Grants awarded: 84

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
10,470,000	10,503,000	8,638,000	3,196,000	1,908,000	1,863,000	2,113,000	4,563,000

Intermediate Punishment Program (Combination of IP D&A RIP and IP in 2011) – The County Intermediate Punishment Act, 42 Pa. C.S. §9801 et. seq., provides for various intermediate punishment program options for non-violent offenders. Eligible offenders are placed in intermediate punishment programs in lieu of incarceration. Counties must submit intermediate punishment plans to PCCD in order to receive funding and they must agree to comply with minimum program standards. The number of jail days saved through the utilization of intermediate punishment programs projects was a significant cost-saving measure for the Commonwealth. Ongoing research on the Drug and Alcohol Restrictive Intermediate Punishment participants has demonstrated a significant reduction in recidivism and that only 12.4% of participants recidivate within the first year of successfully completing the program.

The goal of these programs are to reduce confinement costs by providing alternatives to incarceration and secure placement for low-risk offenders and by enhancing opportunities for offenders to successfully reintegrate into society.

During 2013-14 the average numbers of jail days saved by having an individual participate in an Intermediate Punishment program was 71.

In 2013-14 the average number of jail days saved for each participant in a Drug and Alcohol Intermediate Punishment Program was 157.

Grants awarded: 81

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
19,255,000	21,330,000	19,859,000	19,859,000	18,167,000	17,259,000	18,167,000	18,167,000

<u>Victims of Juvenile Offenders (VOJO)</u> – This program provides financial support, training, and technical assistance using state funds as statutorily created by the Commonwealth's Crime Victims Act specifically for victims whose offenders are under the age of 18. Under the provisions of the Crime Victims Act, PCCD provides grants and technical assistance to District Attorney's offices, Juvenile Probation offices, and community-based victim service programs to carry out mandated victim's rights to victims of juvenile offenders as established by the Crime Victims Act. Sixty-five of the Commonwealth's 67 counties

participate in this program. In 2012, funds from the Victims of Juvenile Offenders Program supported the provision of services to 21,060 victims, witnesses and significant others of crime victims. In 2013, funds from the Victims of Juvenile Offenders Program supported the provision of services to 38,249 victims, witnesses and significant others of crime victims.

Grants awarded: 0

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
3,454,000	3,462,000	3,358,000	1,798,000	704,000		1,300,000	1,300,000

<u>Safe School Advocate</u> – This appropriation provides funding to support school districts in cities of the first class (i.e., Philadelphia School District). The Safe School Advocate is tasked with assuring the accuracy of school district reporting crime data, advocating for those that have been victimized by crime while at school, working with the school district to implement strategies, and eliminating barriers that would improve the overall safety of those in the school. OSSA submitted an annual report that discussed observations and made recommendations on school safety. OSSA attends disciplinary, delinquency and expulsion hearings to advocate for victims and/or to observe testimony regarding incidents of violence that take place on school grounds.

During 2013-14 the Safe School Advocate attended 144 Philadelphia School District disciplinary and expulsion hearings and received 172 requests for assistance from those that have been a victim of violence at the district.

Grants awarded: 3

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
					388,000	380,000	384,000

State Restricted Revenue Funds:

<u>Victim/Witness Services (RASA)</u> – RASA provides financial support, training, and technical assistance via state funds pursuant to Commonwealth's Crime Victims Act. Under the provisions of the Act, PCCD provides grants and technical assistance to District Attorney's Offices and community-based victim service programs to carry out mandated victim's rights. Currently, all of the Commonwealth's 67 counties participate in this program. Funds are made available through a \$25 penalty assessment on convicted/diverted offenders.

In 2013, funds from the Victim/Witness Services Program supported the provision of services to over 205,093 victims, witnesses and significant others of crime victims.

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
7,727,000	7,458,000	7,463,000	6,802,000	6,729,000	6,680,000	6,176,000	\$5,961,000

<u>Crime Victim Payments</u> – This program provides payments to victims for medical expenses, counseling, crime-scene clean-up, relocation expenses, travel/transportation costs, replacement services, loss of earnings and monies that are stolen or defrauded from individuals on fixed incomes. In the case of a homicide, funeral expenses and loss of support may be compensated to those who qualify.

The Victims Compensation Assistance Program developed the Dependable Access for Victimization Expenses (DAVE) automated processing system for Crime Victims Compensation claims services. DAVE is web-based and can be accessed by crime victims and Victim Service Providers throughout the Commonwealth to enable them to file compensation claims electronically. During the period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 the program received 9,259 requests for financial assistance and made payment on 6,220 claims which included 422 emergency award payments.

Grants awarded: 4

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
11,740,000	12,967,000	11,639,000	11,361,000	11,418,000	11,609,000	9,795,000	9,892,000

<u>Constables Education and Training Account</u> – Under Act 2009-49, PCCD provides basic training, continuing education, and firearms training for Pennsylvania's constables through the Constables' Education and Training Board. The Board and its programs are underwritten in whole by a surcharge on fees for constable services. Initiated in September 1996, the basic training, continuing education, and firearm training programs are offered through six regional training contractors with a total of 4,050 individuals certified.

Grants awarded: N/A

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
2,046,000	2,099,000	2,112,000	2,007,000	2,006,000	1,929,000	1,944,000	1,935,000

<u>Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Account</u> – Under Act 1984-2, PCCD is required to provide basic and continuing education training to deputy sheriffs through the Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Board. The Board, its staff, and training programs are supported independent of PCCD's General Fund budget through a \$10 surcharge on each fee levied by sheriffs for every legal service executed.

Continuing education is presented at 17 sites across the state in a two-year cycle and is attended by approximately 900 deputies each year. Since the program began in 1985 a total of 5,552 deputy sheriff's have been certified.

Grants awarded: N/A

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
4,099,000	4,394,000	4,794,000	5,057,000	5,490,000	4,275,000	4,105,000	4,028,000

Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Fund (SAEDRF) – Established pursuant to Act 2002-198 and amended by Act 2006-36, the Substance Abuse Education and Demand Reduction Fund (SAEDRF) provide funds to develop projects that provide research-based approaches to prevention, intervention, training, treatment, and education services to reduce substance abuse; create statewide programs to educate about the dangers of substance abuse and increase public awareness of the benefits of a drug-free Pennsylvania; support development, enhancement, or maintenance of victim impact panels; and devise statewide programs to educate employers, unions, and employees about the dangers of substance abuse in the workplace. The fund collects fees imposed on individuals who violate the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device, and Cosmetic Act as well as laws relating to driving under the influence of alcohol of a controlled substance. Ten percent (10%) of this fund is utilized by the Attorney General's Office. Funds are awarded to private non-profit agencies.

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
3,220,477	3,655,069	3,513,805	3,537,000	4,874,143	3,791,049	3,656,816	3,567,150

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ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee

Chair: Honorable David W. Heckler

The Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Committee (CACAC) was established by Act 28 of 2014 to advise the Commission on the development and promotion of programs and projects related to children's advocacy centers (CACs) and multidisciplinary investigative teams (MDITs). CACAC was also directed by the Act to advise the Commission in the distribution of grants to support both existing and developing CACs and MDITs throughout the Commonwealth. The CACAC is comprised of a variety of experts representing the office of district attorney, children and youth services, child advocacy centers, state and municipal police, victim services, physicians, nurses, mental health professionals and hospital administrators. All of the members of the committee have experience in the multidisciplinary investigation of child abuse through the operation of a CAC.

Criminal Justice Advisory Committee

Chair: Phillip Damiani

The Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) develops long-range plans and policies and sets priorities for justice projects supported by PCCD's various funding streams. CJAC was created to continue the work of the Public Safety Advisory Committee which was supported by two subcommittees, the County Systems Subcommittee and the Local System Subcommittee. CJAC has two subordinate committees with specific focus and expertise to provide guidance to CJAC: the Law Enforcement Subcommittee and the Local Technology Workgroup.

Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee

Chair: Honorable John Zottola

The Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee provides guidance and structure to ensure statewide coordination and effectiveness of Pennsylvania's criminal justice and mental health systems. The Committee includes representatives from state agencies, county leadership, the courts, district attorneys, public defenders, consumers, families, and other criminal justice and mental health advocates and practitioners from across the Commonwealth.

The Committee also oversees a strategic plan, which calls for a Center of Excellence (CoE) for developing and improving programs to serve adults with mental illness who are involved in the criminal justice system. The CoE supports statewide strategies that: direct technical assistance to evidence-based practices; guide the operation and sustainability of jail diversion and re-entry programs; and provide a clearinghouse for resources related to criminal justice, mental health, and substance abuse.

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee

Chair: James E. Anderson

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Committee is the official juvenile justice planning, coordinating, and policy-setting body for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The committee develops a comprehensive, long-range plan and related policies for the

Commonwealth's juvenile justice system. Additionally, the group sets priorities for juvenile justice projects supported by PCCD's various funding streams.

Victims' Services Advisory Committee

Chair: John Delaney

The Victims' Services Advisory Committee advises PCCD on policies, priorities, and performance standards for victims' services and compensation.

Research, Evaluation and Data Analysis Advisory Committee

Chair: Mark H. Bergstrom

The Research, Evaluation and Data Analysis Advisory Committee promotes effectiveness of justice programs in Pennsylvania by providing quality research, evaluation, data collection, and analysis to policymakers, program managers, and practitioners.

Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Board

Chair: Commander Carmen C. Deluca

The Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Board advises PCCD in the development, implementation and operation of legislatively mandated basic training and continuing education that serve as the basis for certification of deputy sheriffs within the Commonwealth's 67 counties.

Constables' Education and Training Board

Chair: Constable Fred J. Contino, Jr.

The Constables' Education and Training Board advises PCCD in the development, implementation and operation of legislatively mandated basic training, continuing education and firearms qualification that serve as the basis for certification of constables and deputy constables within the Commonwealth.