



Survivors of Homicide Grant Program

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The Honorable Larry Hogan
Governor of Maryland
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Dear Governor Hogan,

As required under House Bill 67 (Chapter 58), Criminal Procedure Art. §11-1006, please accept this letter as fulfillment of the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) requirement to produce a legislative report on the Survivors of Homicide Grant program.

The State provided \$500,000 in General Funds to State and Local Government agencies; and Non-Profit, Non-Governmental victim services programs including Faith-Based and Community Organizations to assist in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to survivors of homicide victims. This report outlines the services provided by multiple agencies throughout the State of Maryland. Should you have any questions relating to the information provided in this report, please feel free to contact my office at (410) 697-9305.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Glenn Fueston, Jr.", is written over a white background.

V. Glenn Fueston, Jr.
Executive Director

Enclosure

Introduction

As indicated in House Bill 67 (Chapter 58), the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP) shall include a report on the programs for survivors of homicide victims in the annual report submitted by GOCCP to the General Assembly. In lieu of the annual report, GOCCP is submitting the information below to satisfy this reporting requirement.

History

During the 2014 Legislative session, House Bill 355 – “Programs for Survivors of Homicide Victims” was passed. This bill established a grant program within GOCCP to address the specific needs of family members and other survivors of homicide victims whose lives have been traumatized by these violent acts. The Maryland Survivors of Homicide Grant (SOHG) program assists in establishing and expanding program services to homicide victims throughout the State. The SOHG program ensures survivors of homicide victims are able to exercise their rights entitled by law.

Results

In FY 2017, \$500,000 in state General Funds have been made available for this grant program. Eligible entities throughout Maryland include State and Local Government agencies; and Non-Profit, Non-Governmental victim services programs including Faith-Based and Community Organizations.

Agencies funded through the program provide comprehensive services to meet the specific needs of survivors of homicide in ways not otherwise covered by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board. Services include but are not limited to providing or facilitating referrals to appropriate counseling, legal, mental health, and advocacy services to both adults and minors; toll-free telephone number and assistance to offer referrals, information, and links to immediate and long term services; and lastly, to assure survivors of homicide victims receive information about and assistance in filing Victim’s Compensation. Currently, funds support services to six jurisdictions; two of which provide support state-wide.

See below for a listing of current projects funded through the FY 2017 SOHG program.

Award Number: SOHG-2017-0001
Award Amount: \$75,400
Project Title: Family Bereavement Center
Implementing Org: Office of the State’s Attorney for Baltimore City
County: Baltimore City

Project Summary:

The Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City’s Family Bereavement Center assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to survivors of homicide victims in the state of Maryland. The program provides individual counseling to survivors of homicide victims as well as support groups, court accompaniment and court escort services, information and referrals, and liaison services to members of the criminal justice system. Program funds provide salary support.

Award Number: SOHG-2017-0002
Award Amount: \$23,600
Project Title: Comprehensive Services to Individuals Affected by Homicide
Implementing Org: YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County
County: Anne Arundel

Project Summary:

The YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County’s Comprehensive Services to Individuals Affected by Homicide program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to survivors of homicide victims in the State of Maryland. The program provides comprehensive support services including legal representation, resource/referral coordination, licensed therapy, and administrative support to adult and child survivors of homicide victims. Program funds provide salary support and other expenses.

Award Number: SOHG-2017-1103
Award Amount: \$20,000
Project Title: Child Witness to Homicide Victim Services
Implementing Org: Baltimore Child Abuse Center, Inc.
County: Baltimore City

Project Summary:

The Baltimore Child Abuse Center's Child Witness to Homicide Victim Services program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to survivors of homicide victims in the State of Maryland. The program provides child survivors of homicide with immediate resources to promote family stabilization and follow-up services to support them in obtaining justice and healing; and assists law enforcement in the collection of evidence. Grant funds provide salary support.

Award Number: SOHG-2017-1105
Award Amount: \$149,180
Project Title: Expansion of the Statewide Survivor Network (SSN)
Implementing Org: Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc.
County: Prince George's

Project Summary:

The Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center's Expansion of the Statewide Survivor Network (SSN) program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to survivors of homicide victims in the State of Maryland. The program continues to assist family members of homicide victims through a toll free contact line and 24 hour online intake access for survivors and expanding services including group and individual support, counseling, legal, mental health, and advocacy services. Program funds provide salary support, operating expenses, and travel expenses, and contractual services.

Award Number: SOHG-2017-1107
Award Amount: \$48,161
Project Title: Homicide Survivors: Empowering to Succeed
Implementing Org: Pro Bono Counseling Project, Inc.
County: Baltimore County

Project Summary:

The Pro Bono Counseling Project's Homicide Survivors: Empowering to Succeed program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to survivors of homicide victims in the state of Maryland. The program links underserved, homicide survivors and witnesses to free therapy statewide in their community as well as supportive resources, preparation for testimony, and legal services. Program funds provide salary support, operating expenses, contractual services, travel, equipment, and other expenses.

Award Number: SOHG-2017-1201
Award Amount: \$20,000
Project Title: First Circuit Homicide Survivors Support
Implementing Org: Life Crisis Center, Inc.
County: Wicomico

Project Summary:

The Life Crisis Center, Inc.'s First Circuit Homicide Survivors Support program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to survivors of homicide victims in the State of Maryland. The program supports these victims during and after the investigation and prosecution of perpetrators of homicide while also offering a 24/7 crisis hotline, mental health support, training, and notification support for law enforcement. Program funds provide salary support and operating expenses.

Award Number: SOHG-2017-1301
Award Amount: \$95,024
Project Title: Multi-Site Homicide Survivor Transformation
Implementing Org: Roberta's House, Inc.
County: Baltimore City

Project Summary:
Roberta's House, Inc.'s Multi-site Homicide Survivor Transformation program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to survivors of homicide victims in the State of Maryland. The program provides grief support to homicide survivors in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Prince George's County serving families, youth, and adults while facilitating healthy, adaptive coping, including preventing or decreasing complicated grief. Program funds provide salary support, operating expenses, travel, contractual services, and other expenses.

Award Number: SOHG-2017-1306
Award Amount: \$68,635
Project Title: Strengthened Survivors of Homicide Service Program
Implementing Org: Community Advocates for Family & Youth
County: Prince George's

Project Summary:
The Community Advocates for Family & Youth's Strengthened Survivors of Homicide Victims program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to survivors of homicide victims in the State of Maryland. The program provides expanded services to include home intervention service of a multi-disciplined team, public toll-free access, long-term solutions through advocacy with human service agencies, support groups, access to mental health services and community education to residents impacted by homicide. Program funds provide salary support, operating expenses, travel, and other expenses.