



# **FY 2018 Maryland Survivors of Homicide Grant Program Legislative Report**

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The Honorable Larry Hogan  
Governor of Maryland  
100 State Circle  
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The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
State House, H-107  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

The Honorable Michael Erin Busch  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
State House H-101  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

Dear Governor Hogan, President Miller, and Speaker Busch:

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's requirement to produce a legislative report on the Survivors of Homicide Grant program. Should you have any questions relating to the information provided in this report, please feel free to contact my office at (410) 697-9338.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Glenn Fueston, Jr.', written in a cursive style.

V. Glenn Fueston, Jr.  
Executive Director

# Introduction

During the 2014 Legislative session, House Bill 355 – “Programs for Survivors of Homicide Victims” was passed. This piece of legislation established a grant program within the Governor’s Office of Crime Control & Prevention 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. This grant program provides victim assistance, advocacy, support, and other coordinated justice system responses and ensures survivors of homicide victims are able to exercise their rights entitled by law.

Agencies funded through the program provide comprehensive services to meet the specific needs of survivors of homicide in ways not otherwise covered by the Maryland 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 requests.

## Survivors of Homicide Awards

In FY 2018, \$500,000 in state General Funds was 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. See below for a listing of current projects funded through the FY 2018 Maryland Survivors of Homicide Grant program.

***Award Number:*** SOHG-2018-0001

***Award Amount:*** \$70,581

***Project Title:*** Comprehensive Services to Survivors of Homicide

***Implementing Org:*** Community Advocates for Family & Youth

***County:*** Prince George’s

***Project Summary:***

Community Advocates for Family & Youth’s Comprehensive Services to Survivors of 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 home intervention services from a multi-disciplined team, long-term solutions through advocacy with human service agencies, support groups, and access to mental health services and community education to residents impacted by homicide. Program funds provide personnel and operating expenses.

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**Award Number:** SOHG-2018-0002

**Award Amount:** \$7,364

**Project Title:** Trauma Informed Care

**Implementing Org:** Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program of Baltimore, Inc.

**County:** Baltimore City

**Project Summary:**

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program of Baltimore, Inc.'s Trauma Informed Care program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to survivors of homicide victims in the State of Maryland. The program allows volunteers the opportunity to assist children that have been abused or neglected and have family members of homicide that have resulted in their placement in foster care. The program provides advocacy services and promotes comprehensive information gathering in a written and objective court report. Program funds provide personnel support, contractual services, and travel expenses.

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**Award Number:** SOHG-2018-0003

**Award Amount:** \$50,274

**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 program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to survivors of homicide victims in the State of Maryland. The program offers support groups; court accompaniment and court escort services; information and referrals; and liaison services to members of the criminal justice system. Program funds provide personnel support and operating expenses.

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**Award Number:** SOHG-2018-0004

**Award Amount:** \$29,200

**Project Title:** Child Survivors of Homicide Outreach Program

**Implementing Org:** Baltimore Child Abuse Center, Inc.

**County:** Baltimore City

**Project Summary:**

The Baltimore Child Abuse Center, Inc.'s Child Survivors of Homicide Outreach 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; assists law enforcement in the collection of evidence; and provides outreach to victims, victim service providers and the community through awareness and training. Program funds provide personnel support and equipment expenses.

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**Award Number:** SOHG-2018-0005

**Award Amount:** \$30,000

**Project Title:** Helping to Heal Homicide Survivors

**Implementing Org:** Mothers of Murdered Sons and Daughters United, Inc.

**County:** Baltimore City

**Project Summary:**

Mothers of Murdered Sons and Daughters United, Inc.'s Helping to Heal Homicide Survivors 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 individual and group therapy for survivors and anyone with exposure to homicides. Program funds provide personnel support.

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**Award Number:** SOHG-2018-0006

**Award Amount:** \$32,312

**Project Title:** Homicide Survivors: Empowering to Succeed

**Implementing Org:** Pro Bono Counseling Project, Inc.

**County:** Baltimore County

**Project Summary:**

Pro Bono Counseling Project, Inc.'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 personnel expenses.

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**Award Number:** SOHG-2018-0007

**Award Amount:** \$100,596

**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, Inc.'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 provides family members of homicide victims a toll-free contact line and on-line intake access for services to include counseling, legal services, mental health and advocacy services with specialized support to adult and minor survivors. Program funds provide personnel support.

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**Award Number:** SOHG-2018-0008

**Award Amount:** \$20,000

**Project Title:** Victim Services Specialist

**Implementing Org:** Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) - Maryland, State Office

**County:** Statewide

**Project Summary:**

Maryland Mothers Against Drug Driving Victim Services Specialist 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 direct support services to victims who have been affected by the sudden, violent death and/or an injury of a loved one caused by an impaired driving crash. The program offers comprehensive services consisting of a detailed assessment of the victim's needs, empathetic listening and emotional support, referral services, opportunity to participate in the criminal justice process; and support information for the family members who are directly affected as requested by the victim. Program funds provide personnel support.

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**Award Number:** SOHG-2018-0009

**Award Amount:** \$15,717

**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 assists homicide victims during and after the investigation and prosecution of perpetrators. The program also offers a crisis hotline, mental health supports and training, as well as notification support for law enforcement. Program funds provide personnel expenses.

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**Award Number:** SOHG-2018-0010

**Award Amount:** \$21,455

**Project Title:** Comprehensive Services to Survivors of 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 Survivors of 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 to licensed therapy, and administrative support to adult and child survivors of homicide victims. Program funds provide personnel expenses.

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**Award Number:** SOHG-2018-0011

**Award Amount:** \$101,277

**Project Title:** Multi-site Homicide Transformation Project

**Implementing Org:** Roberta's House, Inc.

**County:** Baltimore City

**Project Summary:**

Roberta's House, Inc.'s Multi-site Homicide Transformation Project assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to survivors of homicide victims in the State of Maryland. The program provides specialized support services to homicide survivors with grief support by facilitating healthy, adaptive coping and healing mechanisms. Program funds provide personnel support, operating expenses, and contractual services.

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**Award Number:** SOHG-2018-0012

**Award Amount:** \$21,224

**Project Title:** Behavioral Health Services for Survivors of Homicide

**Implementing Org:** Family & Children's Services of Central MD

**County:** Baltimore City

**Project Summary:**

The Family and Children's Services of Central MD's Behavioral Health Services for Survivors of 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 a comprehensive, holistic, and regional approach to behavioral health services developed to move individuals and families from crisis and vulnerability to safety and stability. Program funds provide personnel support and contractual expenses.