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Introduction

Pursuant to House Bill 355 (2014), *Criminal Procedure - Programs for Survivors of Homicide Victims*, the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (Office) created the Survivors of Homicide Grant (SOHG) program to help establish and expand statewide programs for survivors of homicide victims in all parts of the State of Maryland.¹ House Bill 355 (2014) required the programs to (1) serve survivors of homicide victims in all parts of the State; (2) provide or facilitate referrals to appropriate counseling, legal, mental health, and advocacy services for survivors of homicide victims including specialized support services to adult and minor survivors of homicide victims; and (3) provide a toll-free telephone number and assistance to exercise the rights to which the survivors are entitled by law.² The bill also required the Office to administer grant awards to public or private nonprofit organizations to operate the programs for survivors of homicide victims.³ Funds for such programs are to be provided in the annual State budget to be used to supplement, but not supplant, money that the programs receive from other sources.⁴ In addition, House Bill 355 (2014) required the Office to consult, collaborate with, and consider the recommendations of service providers to survivors of homicide victims regarding programs, policies, practices, and procedures that impact survivors of homicide victims.⁵ Furthermore, it required the Act to take effect on July 1, 2014, and required the Office to submit an annual report on the programs for survivors of homicide to the General Assembly, and in accordance with § 2-1246.⁶

Chapter 58 of 2015 (House Bill 67), *General Assembly - Mandated Reports by State Agencies*, clarified the requirement that the annual report be submitted on or before October 1 each year to establish a "date certain" for the submission of the annual report.⁷ Pursuant to this Act, the Office is required to submit a report to the General Assembly by October 1 of each year as it relates to programs for survivors of homicide victims.

¹ Maryland General Assembly. (2014). *House Bill 355, Criminal Procedure - Programs for Survivors of Homicide Victims*. Retrieved from http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2014rs/bills_noln/hb/thb0355.pdf.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Maryland General Assembly. (2015). *Chapter 58 (House Bill 67), General Assembly - Mandated Reports by State Agencies*. Retrieved from http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2015RS/chapters_noln/Ch_58_hb0067E.pdf.

Survivors of Homicide Grant

Pursuant to House Bill 355 (2014), the Office established the Survivors of Homicide Grant (SOHG) program which serves as a grant funding source, through the State’s annual budget, and is administered by the Office. Through its program, funds are available to public or private nonprofit organizations (“subrecipients”) to operate the programs for survivors of homicide victims.

The primary purpose of this program is to establish and expand programs to address the specific needs of survivors of homicide victims. Funds are used to assist subrecipients provide victim assistance, advocacy, support, and other coordinated justice system responses, and to ensure survivors of homicide victims are able to exercise their rights entitled by law.

Awarded funds help subrecipients provide comprehensive services to meet the specific needs of survivors of homicide in ways not otherwise covered by the Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation Board. These services include, but are not limited to, providing or facilitating referrals to appropriate counseling and legal, mental health, and advocacy services to both adults and minors; providing a toll-free telephone number and assistance to offer referrals, information, and links to immediate and long term services; and ensuring survivors of homicide victims receive information about and assistance in filing victim’s compensation requests.

Grant Awards

In FY 2018, the annual State budget provided \$500,000 in general funds for the SOHG program. Through this program, the Office made funding available to state and local government agencies, as well as non-profit, non-governmental victim services programs to include faith-based and community organizations. In FY 2018, the Office awarded the following SOHG programs to assist subrecipients provide victim assistance, advocacy, support, and other coordinated justice system responses, and to ensure survivors of homicide victims were able to exercise their rights entitled by law (*as illustrated below and on the following pages*).

Award Number	Award Amount	Project Title	Implementing Organization	Jurisdiction	Project Summary
SOHG-2018-0001	\$70,581	Comprehensive Services to Survivors of Homicide	Community Advocates for Family & Youth	Prince George’s County	The program provided 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 provided personnel support and operating expenses.

SOHG-2018-0002	\$7,364	Trauma Informed Care	Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program of Baltimore, Inc.	Baltimore City	The program allowed volunteers the opportunity to assist children who had been abused or neglected and had family members of homicide that had resulted in their placement in foster care. The program provided advocacy services and promoted comprehensive information gathering in a written and objective court report. Program funds provided personnel support, contractual services, and travel expenses.
SOHG-2018-0003	\$50,274	Family Bereavement Center	Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City	Baltimore City	The program offered support groups; court accompaniment and court escort services; information and referrals; and liaison services to members of the criminal justice system. Program funds provided personnel support and operating expenses.
SOHG-2018-0004	\$29,200	Child Survivors of Homicide Outreach Program	Baltimore Child Abuse Center, Inc.	Baltimore City	The program provided child survivors of homicide with immediate resources to promote family stabilization and follow-up services to support them in obtaining justice and healing; assisted law enforcement in the collection of evidence; and provided outreach to victims, victim service providers and the community through awareness and training. Program funds provided personnel support and equipment expenses.
SOHG-2018-0005	\$30,000	Helping to Heal Homicide Survivors	Mothers of Murdered Sons and Daughters United, Inc.	Baltimore City	The program provided individual and group therapy for survivors of homicide and anyone with exposure to homicides. Program funds provided personnel support.
SOHG-2018-0006	\$32,312	Homicide Survivors: Empowering to Succeed	Pro Bono Counseling Project, Inc.	Baltimore County	The program linked 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 provided personnel support.
SOHG-2018-0007	\$100,596	Expansion of the Statewide Survivor Network (SSN)	Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc.	Prince George's County	The program provided 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 provided personnel support.
SOHG-2018-0008	\$20,000	Victim Services Specialist	Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) - Maryland, State Office	Statewide	The program provided direct support services to victims who had been affected by the sudden, violent death and/or an injury of a loved one caused by an impaired driving crash. The program offered 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 provided personnel support.

SOHG-2018-0009	\$15,717	First Circuit Homicide Survivors Support	Life Crisis Center, Inc.	Wicomico County	The program assisted homicide victims during and after the investigation and prosecution of perpetrators. The program also offered a crisis hotline, mental health supports and training, as well as notification support for law enforcement. Program funds provided personnel support.
SOHG-2018-0010	\$21,455	Comprehensive Services to Survivors of Homicide	YWCA of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County	Anne Arundel County	The program provided 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 provided personnel support.
SOHG-2018-0011	\$101,277	Multi-site Homicide Transformation Project	Roberta's House, Inc.	Baltimore City	The program provided specialized support services to homicide survivors with grief support by facilitating healthy, adaptive coping and healing mechanisms. Program funds provided personnel support, operating expenses, and contractual services.
SOHG-2018-0012	\$21,224	Behavioral Health Services for Survivors of Homicide	Family & Children's Services of Central MD	Baltimore City	The program provided 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 provided personnel support and contractual expenses.
Total	\$500,000				