

## SURVIVORS OF HOMICIDE GRANT PROGRAM

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.

During the 2014 Legislative session, House Bill 355 – “Programs for Survivors of Homicide Victims” was passed; which 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.

In FY 2016, \$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 2016 SOHG program.

**Award Number:** SOHG-2016-0001  
**Award Amount:** \$40,996  
**Project Title:** First Circuit Homicide Survivors  
**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 offers a 24/7 crisis hotline, mental health support, and training and notification support for law enforcement during and after the investigation and prosecution of perpetrators of homicide.

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**Award Number:** SOHG-2016-1001  
**Award Amount:** \$21,993  
**Project Title:** Trauma Informed Advocacy Training  
**Implementing Org:** Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program of Baltimore, Inc.  
**County:** Baltimore City  
**Project Summary:**

The Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program of Baltimore, Inc.’s Trauma Informed Advocacy Training program assists in developing and implementing strategies specifically intended to provide assistance to survivors of homicide victims in the State of Maryland. Children are able to receive advocacy services by volunteer advocates who provide comprehensive information gathering in a written, objective court report.

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**Award Number:** SOHG-2016-1003  
**Award Amount:** \$30,319  
**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.

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**Award Number:** SOHG-2016-1004  
**Award Amount:** \$129,668  
**Project Title:** Multi-site Homicide Survivor's Transformation  
**Implementing Org:** Roberta's House, Inc.  
**County:** Baltimore City

**Project Summary:**

Roberta's House, Inc.'s Multi-site Homicide Survivor's Transformation 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 supports homicide survivors who are at risk for complicated grief and educates on the grieving process; facilitates healthy, adaptive grieving, and links survivors to other supportive services.

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**Award Number:** SOHG-2016-1005  
**Award Amount:** \$157,087  
**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 assists family members of homicide victims (survivors) by providing a toll free contact line and 24 hour on-line intake access for survivors as well as support groups accessible throughout the State. Services include counseling, legal support, mental health, and advocacy.

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**Award Number:** SOHG-2016-1006  
**Award Amount:** \$69,345  
**Project Title:** Service to Survivors of Homicide Victims (SSHV)  
**Implementing Org:** Community Advocates for Family & Youth  
**County:** Prince George's

**Project Summary:**

The Community Advocate for Family & Youth's Service to Survivors of Homicide Victims (SSHV) 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 toll-free access, long-term solutions through advocacy, services and community support to residents impacted by homicide. Services are provided to co-victims, particularly children, extended family members and friends through extended care, supportive services and education.

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**Award Number:** SOHG-2016-1007  
**Award Amount:** \$50,592  
**Project Title:** Homicide Survivors: Empowering to Succeed  
**Implementing Org:** Pro Bono Counseling Project, Inc.  
**County:** Baltimore County

**Project Summary:**

The 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 provides free therapy statewide to underserved homicide survivors and witnesses in their community while also connecting them with supportive resources, testimony preparation, and advisement of their rights.