

# CVSSD Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes

Oregon Department of Justice - CVSSD  
Remote meeting  
June 3, 2024- 1:00pm-2:30pm

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**Committee Members Present,** Amy Benedum, Desiree Coyote, Debra Dority, Perla Estrada, Melissa Erlbaum, Barb Palicki, Geeta Paul, Shannon Rose, Lauri Stewart

**CVSSD DOJ Staff Present:** Mackenzie Gray, Kim Kennedy, Maria Ruiz Ceja, Shannon Sivell

**Committee Members Absent:** Ashley Beatty, Steve Belshaw, Aryel Harrington, Sybil Hebb, Alexandra Hoover, Kimberly Lane, Justin Nelson, Melanie Prummer, Sarah Stewart, James St. Martin, Vanessa Timmons

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### **Welcome and Introductions**

Kim welcomed everyone and each member introduced themselves.

**Minutes:** The group approved the minutes from April 2024.

### **Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) reductions and allocations for 2025-2027**

- The 2024 VOCA award is \$9,906,452.00, which is a 42% decrease from the 2023 award of \$17,153,369.00. Depending upon how they're applied, the budget reductions could impact some programs differently than others. VOCA Non-Competitive grants fund children's advocacy centers, county victim assistance programs, general victim service programs, non-profit domestic and sexual violence victim service programs, culturally specific services and programs, and Tribal Nation victim services. These services are considered foundational, core services and much of the work in the next few months will involve considering impact of reductions to these services and exploring options for equitable distribution of funds.
- Culturally specific services remain a priority and recipients of the VOCA Culturally Specific grants will continue to be funded, although at a reduced rate.
- Recipients of VOCA-Competitive grants have been notified that there will not be a new VOCA-Competitive grant. These grant awards end September 30, 2024, and grantees will be allowed to extend for up to a year if they have unspent funds.
- CVSSD is still exploring options to seek additional funding to cover the VOCA losses but will continue to plan in case additional funding is not secured.
- In upcoming AC meetings CVSSD will present different approaches to apply reductions. It is critical that AC members are present to participate and provide feedback.

### **ACTIONS:**

- Prior to July's meeting, CVSSD will send out materials for reference in the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm

Next remote meeting: July 16, 2024, 9:00 am