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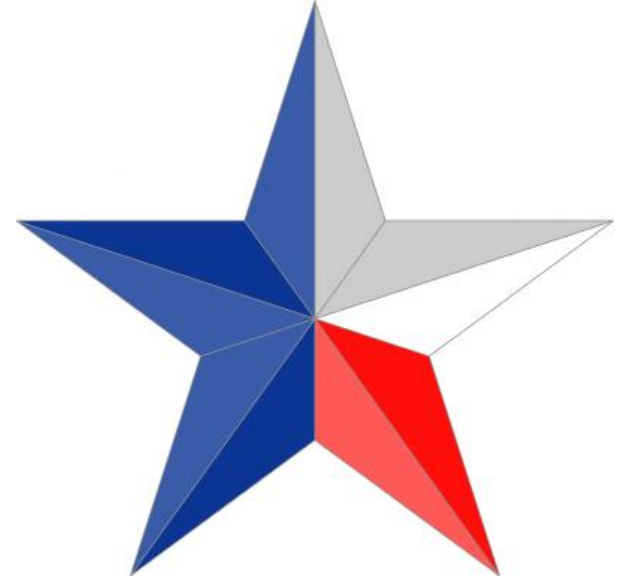
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PSO Org Chart & Personnel Updates

Public Safety Office
Aimee Snoddy, Executive Director

Grants Administration
Angie Martin, Director

6 Staff

Robert Cottle
Deputy Director
Homeland Security and Justice Programs

Hillary England
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Victim Services and Prevention Programs

Preparedness Programs
Will Ogletree, Administrator

9 Staff
525 Active Grants
$82M

Federal Justice Programs
Alyssa Smith, Administrator

6 Staff
260 Active Grants
$25M

State Justice Programs
Chelssie Lopez, Administrator

5 Staff
450 Active Grants
$65M

Child Sex Trafficking
Janet Kasper, Administrator

6 Staff

Victim Services
Don Stout, Administrator

10 Staff
600 Active Grants
$225M

Border Programs
Vacant, Administrator

6 Staff
300 Active Grants
$196M

Crime Stoppers
Lyndsay Ysla, Director

2 Staff

Sexual Assault Survivors Task Force
Nicole Martinez, Administrator

2 Staff

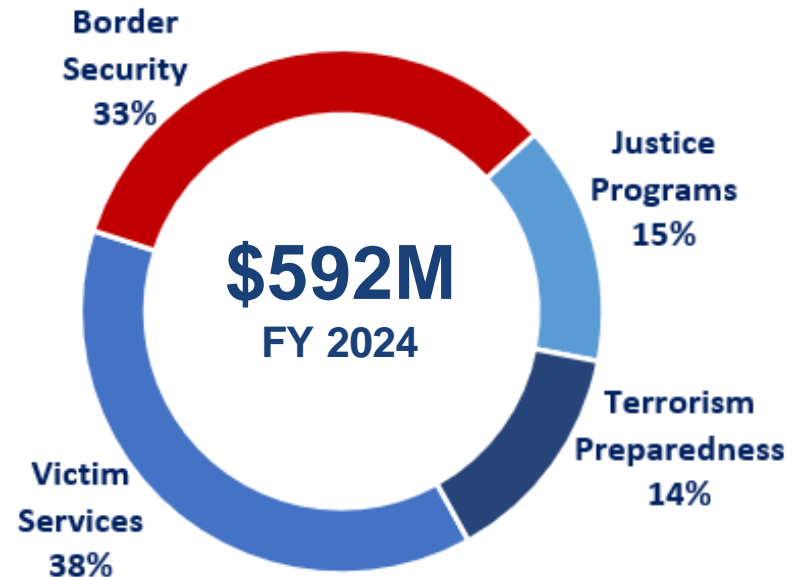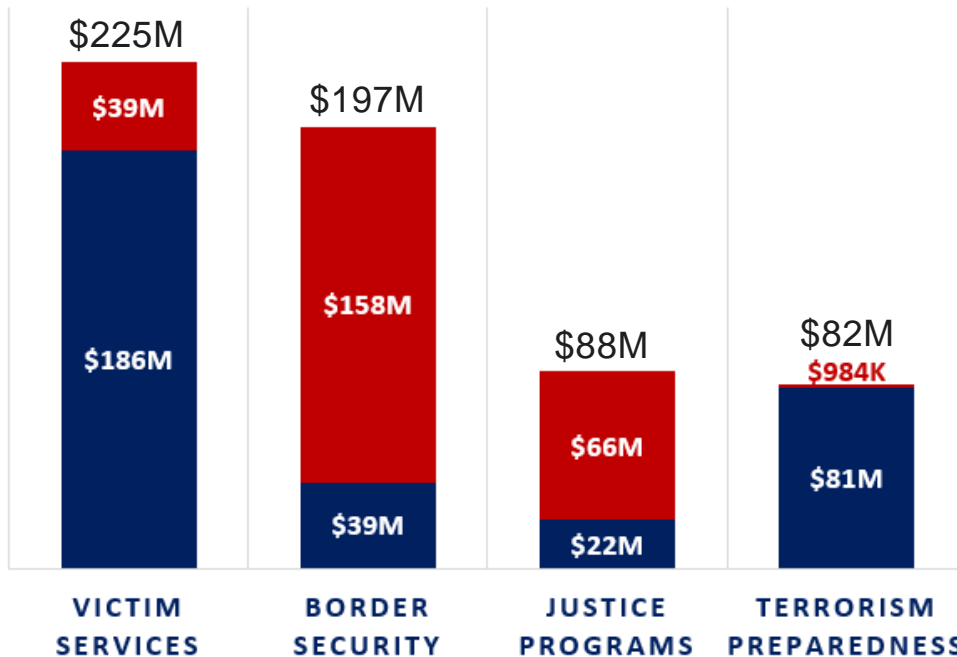# FY 2024 Funding Summary

32 Programs with dedicated state or federal funding currently being administered.

2100 Individual grants

FY 2024 Funding Distributions by Program Area

Federal $328M   **State** $263M

- Victim Services: $225M ($39M State, $186M Federal)
- Border Security: $197M ($158M State, $39M Federal)
- Justice Programs: $88M ($66M State, $22M Federal)
- Terrorism Preparedness: $82M ($984K State, $81M Federal)

$592M FY 2024

- Border Security 33%
- Justice Programs 15%
- Terrorism Preparedness 14%
- Victim Services 38%

FY24 Interlocal Agreement

Kim Hild, Contract Manager

eGrants User Accounts

Each COG has multiple types of relationships with the Office of the Governor (OOG):

- **Contractor** - Contractor responsibilities are covered in the OOG-COG Interlocal Agreement (Contract) and Statement of Work (SOW).
  - Prioritize applications
  - Tasks related to prioritizing applications
  - Provide technical assistance to agencies within your region

- **Grantee** - Grant responsibilities/requirements found in the grant record and various other resources (e.g. 2 CFR 200; TxGMS, GTG; NOFO; funding announcement, etc.).

eGrants User Accounts

	Subrecipient User Role (GRANT)	Peer Review User Role (CONTRACT)	External Grant Review User Role (CONTRACT)
User Name Structure	Chosen by User	[COG][cj/hs][Admin/Coord][#] **Examples:** ATCOGcjAdmin1 ATCOGhsAdmin1 ATCOGhsCoord1 ATCOGhsCoord2 ATCOGcjhsCoord1 ATCOGcjhsAdmin1	[COG][cj/hs][Review][#] **Examples:** ATCOGcjReview1 ATCOGhsReview2 ATCOGcjhsReview1
Primary Activities	• Apply for grant funding • Prepare/submit grant adjustments • Prepare/submit FSRs	• Prepare priority lists • Submit priority lists (Admin only) • View snapshots of the Region's applications/grants • View Vendor Holds within the Region • Upload documentation required by Interlocal agreement* • View historical priority list submissions	• View live application and grant records within your region • View grant notes, both internal and external • Export groups of records to Excel • Provide technical assistance to local jurisdictions within your region • Run informational reports

eGrants - Prioritization Process

- Log in with Peer Review Account (**Coord or Admin**)
- From the dropdown, select a fund source and then click "View Outstanding"
- Click on the pencil icon to begin

eGrants - Prioritization Process

- **Rank** - Starting with number 1, rank the projects to the end of list; no zeros.
- **Score** - If you score applications, you must provide a score; if you don't score, enter "0".
- **Recommended Amount** - Enter "0.00" if **not recommended** for funding.
- **Note** - Enter any additional information you feel important for PSO to know.

eGrants - Prioritization Process

The Administrator must submit the **approved** priority listings by the date required in the contract.

CJ priority lists are due by **May 10** (CJ5.4)

HS priority list is due **14 days from date of batch** (HS4.4)

COG may be sanctioned if the list is:

- not submitted by due date.
- not approved by the Executive Committee prior to submission.

Upload Contract Related Documents

- Log in using your "Peer Review" user account (Admin or Coord). This is the only user account that will allow you to upload contract files in the proper area of eGrants.

- File names should always include the appropriate fiscal year (FY).

- Follow the steps below to upload contract documents into eGrants.
  1. Go to Upload Files tab.
  2. Choose HS (or CJ).
  3. Provide the file description.
  4. Browse to your file and upload.

- **Required Upload FY24 Contract:** Signed resolution or approved meeting minutes containing the authorized Executive Committee's approval of the priority lists.
  - **CJ5.5** Due 6/10/2024
  - **HS4.5** Due on or before the 45th calendar day from the date the OOG batches applications to the COG

Conflict of Interest CJ3.2 / HS3.2

The COG shall ensure that members of the COG's governing body, the CJAC [or HSAC], and COG staff abstain from scoring and voting on any grant application, other than a grant application submitted by a COG during the prioritization process if the member or an individual related to the member within the third degree by consanguinity (blood) or within the second degree by affinity (marriage):

a. Is employed by the applicant agency and works for the unit or division that would administer the grant, if awarded;

b. Serves on any governing board that oversees the unit or division that would administer the grant, if awarded;

c. Owns or controls any interest in a business entity or other non-governmental organization that benefits, directly or indirectly, from activities with the applicant agency; or

d. Receives any funds, or a substantial amount of tangible goods or services, from the applicant agency as a result of the grant, if awarded.

If a CJAC [or HSAC] member has a conflict of interest regarding a particular grant application, the COG will ensure that the committee member abstains from voting, commenting, or otherwise influencing the prioritization process for that application.

Consanguinity			Affinity	
First Degree	**Second Degree**	**Third Degree**	**First Degree**	**Second Degree**
Parents	Grandparents Grandchildren	Great-grandparents Great-grandchildren	Spouse Spouse's Parents	Spouse's Grandparents Spouse's Grandchildren
Children	Brothers & Sisters	Nephews & Nieces Uncles & Aunts	Children's Spouses Spouse's Children	Spouse's Bothers & Sisters Bothers & Sisters' Spouses

Conflict of Interest

Example 1: A local non-profit (NP) agency is applying for VOCA funding. One of the NP agency's board members is also a member of the CJAC. Would s/he need to abstain from scoring and voting on the NP agency's application?

Yes. The CJAC member serves on a governing board that would oversee the unit or division that would administer the grant, if awarded.

Would s/he need to abstain from scoring and voting on **all** VOCA applications? *Maybe. Depends on COG policies.*

May the CJAC member stay in the room during the prioritization process?

Maybe. Depends on COG policies. The current OOG-COG Contract does not require those with a conflict of interest to leave the room.

Conflict of Interest

Example 2: The COG's Regional Law Enforcement Academy is interested in applying for a JAG grant. Would this be a conflict of interest?

No. COG staff are not required to abstain from scoring and voting on a grant application submitted by a COG.

Example 3: The COG is applying for a HS planning grant. The Project Director for the planning grant is the HS Planner who oversees the prioritization meetings and submits the priority list to the PSO. Is this a conflict of interest?

No. COG staff are not required to abstain from scoring and voting on a grant application submitted by a COG.

The COG ED is a member of the governing board that approves the priority lists. Is this a conflict of interest?

No. Members of the COG's governing body are not required to abstain from scoring and voting on a grant application submitted by a COG.

Conflict of Interest

Example 4: An HSAC member's sister-in-law is listed in the budget of an application and a portion of her salary would be paid by the grant, if awarded. Is this a conflict of interest and would the HSAC member need to abstain from scoring and voting on the application?

Yes. The HSAC member is related to someone (by second degree of affinity) who would receive funds from the applicant agency as a result of the grant, if awarded.

Conflict of Interest

Guidance found in the *Procurement and Contract Management Guide*

Clear, well-written policies
- help mitigate complaints.
- support your actions/decisions in the event of a complaint.

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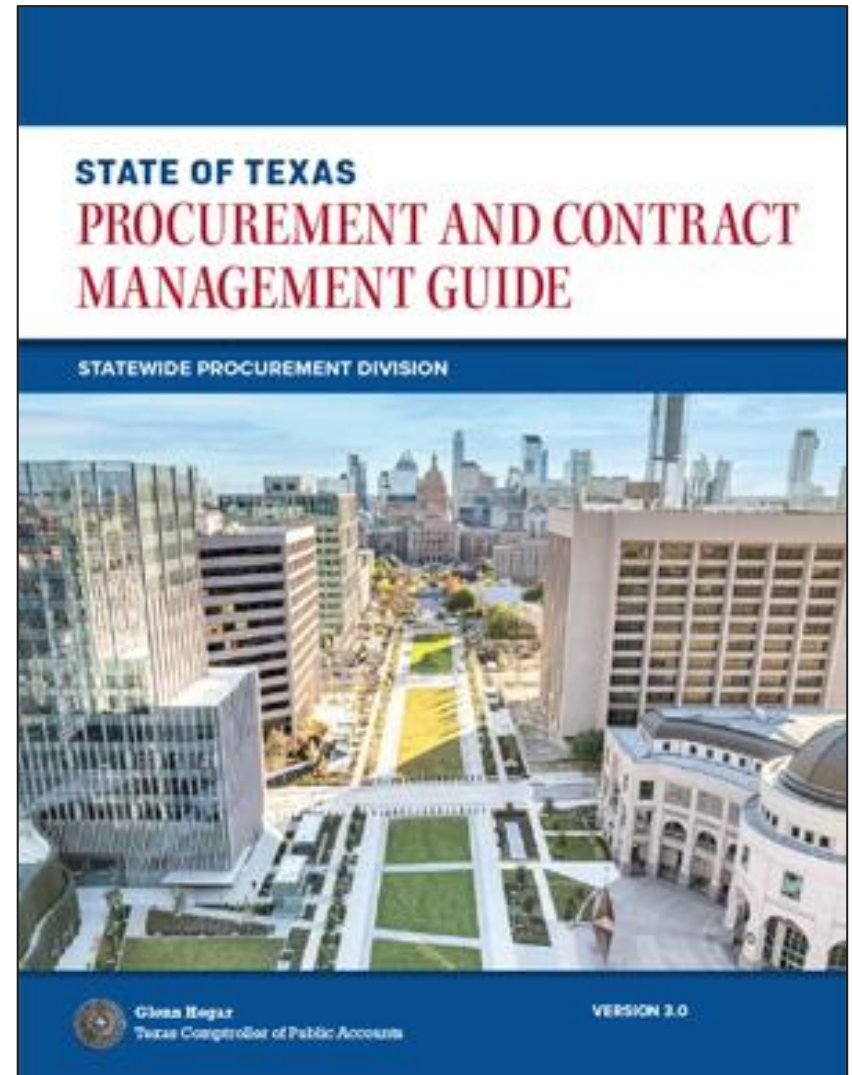
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Preparedness Programs Updates

Will Ogletree, Administrator

Homeland Security Grant Programs

- **FY 2021 through FY 2024 HSGP updates**

  - 2021 – Closing out the award (Closes 8/31/2024)
  - 2022 – Ongoing
  - 2023 – Ongoing
  - 2024 – Currently Accepting Applications. Planning to release awards early to mid-Oct.
  - Applications opened 12/11/2023 and close 2/8/2024.

- The FY 2023 NCSR will close on 2/28/2024. Multiple email notifications have been sent to all sub-recipients. Any sub-recipients that do not meet the NCSR requirement will have their grant terminated.

Homeland Security Grant Programs

FY 2025 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure(SERI)

- The SERI grant supports state and regional efforts to improve or sustain interoperable emergency radio infrastructure.

- No subscriber units (mobile/portable)

- Only Regional Councils of Governments and State Agencies can apply

- SERI applications opened – 1/15/2024

- SERI applications will close – 3/14/2024

- Estimated funds available: $20 million

- *New* - Application Minimum: $10,000.00

- *New* - Application Maximum: $2,000,000.00

- *New* - Application limit: One application per applying organization.

- No Match Requirement

Preparedness Programs Updates

National Priority Areas (NPA) and Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA)

Making the pieces fit!

Homeland Security Grant Programs

The NPA/LETPA Puzzle – Making the Pieces fit

Current Predictions

- FY 2024 Appropriation has not been passed.
- Texas SHSP allocation: Unknown, pending release of the NOFO
  - 6 National Priority Areas, 30% of total allocation*
    - Combating Domestic Violent Extremism (3%)
    - Community Preparedness and Resilience (3%)
    - Enhancing Cybersecurity (No Minimum Required)
    - Information and Intelligence Sharing/Cooperation (3%)
    - Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places (3%)
    - Election Security (3%)
  - LETPA requirement expected to remain at 35%
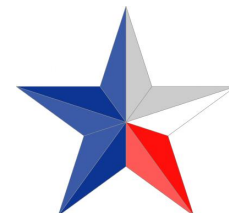
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Homeland Security Grant Programs
FY2023 Allocation Breakdown

Texas SHSP Allocation: $18,210,451.00

FY2023 SHSP Funding by Investment Area			
Investment Areas	Funds Allocated	Percent Allocated to Investment	Number of Applications Funded
Planning - Homeland Security	$ 4,633,793.49	25%	26
Support of First Responder Capabilities	$ 3,362,236.47	18%	51
Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places (NPA)	$ 2,297,837.69	13%	34
Interoperable Emergency Communications	$ 2,028,110.68	11%	27
Information and Intelligence Sharing/Cooperation (NPA)	$ 1,710,253.95	9%	16
Community Preparedness and Resilience (NPA)	$ 1,140,124.48	6%	15
Enhancing Election Security (NPA)	$ 603,343.28	3%	5
Enhancing Cybersecurity (NPA)	$ 570,334.00	3%	3
Combating Domestic Violent Extremism (NPA)	$ 546,313.52	3%	6
Emergency Operations Center Technology and Enhancements	$ 407,580.89	2%	9

National Priority Area Totals		
Required SHSP NPA (30%)	Total SHSP NPA Funds Allocated	Total NPA % (30% Required)
$5,463,135.30	$6,868,206.92	37%

LETPA Totals		
Required SHSP LETPA (35%)	Total SHSP NPA Funds Allocated	Total NPA % (35% Required)
$6,373,657.85	$6,945,556.59	38%

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What is LETPA?

Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) are expenditures intended to build capabilities and meet resource requirements of law enforcement and supporting agencies in order to fulfill their unique and central role in preventing and protecting against acts of terrorism*

*(Abstract definition based on multiple DHS documents)

Preparedness Programs Updates
LETPA Requirements

- Per section 2006 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended (6 U.S.C. §607), DHS/FEMA is required to ensure that at least 25% of grant funding appropriated for grants awarded under HSGP's authorizing statute are used for LETPA.

- For FY 2023, DHS/FEMA required that at least 35% of grant funding appropriated under HSGP is used for LETPA.

- The 35% LETPA allocation may be met by funding projects in any combination of the six National Priority Areas identified above and any other investments.

- For an activity to be counted towards the LETPA requirement, it must have a **law enforcement terrorism prevention nexus**.

- If an activity is listed in the [authorizing legislation](#) or can be directly tied to a capability in the [National Prevention Framework](#) or a shared capability in the [National Protection Framework](#), then it is presumed to have a law enforcement terrorism prevention nexus and be a LETPA.

- The [Preparedness Grants Manual](#), [Information Bulletin (IB) 473](#) and [Information Bulletin (IB) 485](#) include additional information on project selection considerations and allowable activities for LETPA investments. Also see [Section D.14.f "Allowable Costs Matrix."](#)

Preparedness Programs Updates

LETPA
Mission and Core Capabilities

Prevention	Protection	Mitigation	Response	Recovery
Planning				
Public Information and Warning				
Operational Coordination				
Intelligence and Information Sharing		Community Resilience	Infrastructure Systems	
Interdiction and Disruption		Long-term Vulnerability Reduction	Critical Transportation	Economic Recovery
Screening, Search, and Detection			Environmental Response/Health and Safety	Health and Social Services
Forensics and Attribution	Access Control and Identity Verification	Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment	Fatality Management Services	Housing
	Cybersecurity	Threats and Hazards Identification	Fire Management and Suppression	Natural and Cultural Resources
	Physical Protective Measures		Logistics and Supply Chain Management	
	Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities		Mass Care Services	
			Mass Search and Rescue Operations	
	Supply Chain Integrity and Security		On-scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement	
			Operational Communications	
			Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services	
			Situational Assessment	

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LETPA
Mission Areas and Core Capabilities

Prevention	Protection
Planning	
Public Information and Warning	
Operational Coordination	
Intelligence and Information Sharing	
Interdiction and Disruption	
Screening, Search, and Detection	
Forensics and Attribution	

Preparedness Programs Updates

FY2023 SHSP - Most Commonly Used Overall Core Capabilities	
Core Capability	**Count of Grant CoreCapability**
Interdiction and Disruption	34
Planning	29
Operational Communications	25
Intelligence and Information Sharing	19
Screening, Search, and Detection	19
Community Resilience	14
Operational Coordination	14
Environmental Response/Health and Safety	11
Cybersecurity	7
Physical Protective Measures	6
Public Information and Warning	5
Infrastructure Systems	2
Access Control and Identify Verification	1
Fire Management and Suppression	1
Mass Care Services	1
Mass Search and Rescue Operations	1
On-scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement	1
Threats and Hazards Identification	1

FY2023 SHSP - Most Commonly Used LETPA Core Capabilities	
Core Capability	**Count of Grant CoreCapability**
Interdiction and Disruption	33
Intelligence and Information Sharing	18
Screening, Search, and Detection	15
Operational Coordination	4
Public Information and Warning	4
Planning	2

Preparedness Programs Updates

LETPA Activities

Allowable LETPA Activity	Source
Building and sustaining preventive radiological and nuclear detection capabilities, including those developed through the Securing the Cities initiative;	IB473, PGM 2023
Coordination of regional full-scale training exercises (federal, state, and local law enforcement participation) focused on terrorism-related events	FY2023 HSGP NOFO
Delay, divert, intercept, halt, apprehend, or secure threats and/or hazards. These threats and hazards include people, materials, or activities that pose a threat to the Nation, including domestic and transnational criminal and terrorist activities and the malicious movement and acquisition/transfer of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) materials and related technologies.	National Protection Framework
Development of countering violent extremism programs, projects, and initiatives, addressing prevention, intervention, and diversion efforts, including training on roles of law enforcement and how to effectively partner with law enforcement; developing and promoting training specifically for law enforcement executives and frontline officers on potential behaviors and indicators of violent extremism and how to appropriately analyze and report them; supporting community and law enforcement engagement strategies such as table top exercises, round table events, town hall meetings, and peer to peer activities; funding for existing and/or expansion of law enforcement community relations efforts, support for the development of community engagement plans, and joint projects to increase the awareness of violent extremist threats and community mitigation solutions.	PGM 2023, IB473
Efforts to enhance coordination between fusion centers and other intelligence, operational, analytic, or investigative efforts including, but not limited to, Joint Terrorism Task Forces, Field Intelligence Groups, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas, Regional Information Sharing Systems Centers, criminal intelligence units, real-time crime analysis centers, and DHS intelligence, operational, analytic, and investigative entities	IB473, FY2023 HSGP NOFO, PGM 2023
Establishing, enhancing, and staffing with appropriately qualified personnel state, local, and regional fusion centers that comply with the guidelines established under section 210A(i) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended;	IB473
Identify, discover, or locate threats and/or hazards through active and passive surveillance and search procedures. These activities may include the use of systematic examinations and assessments, biosurveillance, sensor technologies, or physical investigation and intelligence.	National Protection Framework
Implementation and maintenance of the Nationwide Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Initiative, including training for front-line personnel on identifying and reporting suspicious activities, tips/leads, and online/social media-based threats, as well as the execution and management of threat assessment programs to identify, evaluate, and analyze indicators and behaviors indicative of terrorism, targeted violence, threats to human life, and other criminal activity;	IB473, PGM 2023, FY2023 HSGP NOFO
Implementation of the "If You See Something, Say Something®" campaign to raise public awareness of indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime and associated efforts to increase the sharing of information with public and private sector partners, including nonprofit organizations.	FY2023 HSGP NOFO, IB473
Increase physical security, through law enforcement personnel and other protective measures, by implementing preventive and protective measures at critical infrastructure sites or at-risk nonprofit organizations;	FY2023 HSGP NOFO, IB473, PGM 2023

Preparedness Programs Updates

LETPA Activities (Cont.)

Allowable LETPA Activity	Source
Information sharing and analysis	IB473
Integration and interoperability of systems and data, such as computer aided dispatch (CAD) and record management systems (RMS), to facilitate the collection, evaluation, and assessment of suspicious activity reports, tips/leads, and online/social media-based threats;	FY2023 HSGP NOFO, IB473, PGM 2023
Intelligence analysis and information sharing capabilities, including the maturation and enhancement of designated state and major urban area fusion centers, to include reporting of tips, leads, and suspicious activity reports, information sharing and analysis, threat recognition, terrorist interdiction, and intelligence analyst training and salaries (subject to certain conditions);	IB473
Law enforcement Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and high yield Explosives detection and response capabilities, such as bomb detection/disposal capability development, sustainment, or enhancement, including canine teams, robotics platforms, and x-ray technology	FY2023 HSGP NOFO, IB473, PGM 2023
Management and operation of activities that support the execution of the intelligence process and fusion centers, including but not limited to Fusion Liaison Officer programs, security programs to protect the facility, personnel, and information, and the protection of privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties;	PGM 2023, IB473
Management and operation of activities that support the execution of the intelligence process and fusion centers, including but not limited to: Fusion Liaison Officer (FLO) programs, security programs to protect the facility, personnel, and information, and the protection of privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties	PGM 2023
Maturation and enhancement of designated state and major urban area fusion centers, including information sharing and analysis, threat recognition, terrorist interdiction, and intelligence analyst training and salaries (subject to certain conditions);	FY2023 HSGP NOFO, PGM 2023
Monitor, analyze, and assess the positive and negative impacts of changes in the operating environment as it pertains to threats and hazards to public safety, health, and security. Share analysis results through	National Protection Framework
Overtime expenses consistent with a state homeland security plan, including for the provision of enhanced law enforcement operations in support of federal agencies, including for increased border security and border crossing enforcement	IB473
Paying salaries and benefits for personnel, including individuals employed by the grant recipient on the date of the relevant grant application, to serve as qualified intelligence analysts;	IB473
Regional counterterrorism training programs for small, medium, and large jurisdictions to exchange information and discuss the current threat environment, lessons learned, and best practices to help prevent, protect against, and mitigate acts of terrorism;	FY2023 HSGP NOFO, IB473, PGM 2023
Support for coordination of regional full-scale training exercises (federal, state, and local law enforcement participation) focused on terrorism-related events	PGM 2023
Target hardening	IB473
Terrorist interdiction	IB473
Threat recognition	IB473
Training exercises to enhance preparedness for and response to mass casualty and active shooter incidents and security events at public locations, including airports and mass transit systems	IB473, IB485

Homeland Security Grant Programs

What are the National Priority Areas?

Investment areas prioritized by the Department of Homeland Security in order to address the most serious threats to the nation.

Homeland Security Grant Programs

National Priority Areas

- Pending release of the NOFO, the PSO Anticipates:
  - 6 National Priority Areas, 30% of total allocation*
    - Combating Domestic Violent Extremism (3%)
    - Community Preparedness and Resilience (3%)
    - Enhancing Cybersecurity (Not accepting applications for FY24 SHSP)
    - Information and Intelligence Sharing/Cooperation (3%)
    - Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places (3%)
    - Election Security

* Based on FY 2023 NOFO; subject to change by FEMA

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NPA Project Examples
Combating Domestic Violent Extremism (3%*)

Supporting Core Capabilities:

- Interdiction and disruption
- Intelligence and information sharing
- Planning
- Public information and warning
- Operational coordination
- Risk management for protection programs and activities

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Homeland Security Grant Programs

NPA Project Examples
Combating Domestic Violent Extremism (3%*)

- The salary of a fusion center analyst focused on domestic terrorism
- Projects aimed at countering DVEs online
- Open-source analysis of misinformation campaigns, targeted violence and threats to life, including tips/leads, and online/social media-based threats
- Projects to bolster sharing and leveraging intelligence and information
- Projects to support threat assessment programs to identify, evaluate, and analyze indicators and behaviors indicative of domestic violent extremists
- Training and awareness programs (e.g., through social media, suspicious activity reporting [SAR] indicators and behaviors) to help detect and prevent radicalization
- Sovereign Citizens awareness training
- Staff and outreach efforts related to PVE programs
- Training and awareness programs (e.g., through social media, SAR indicators and behaviors) to educate the public on misinformation campaigns and resources to help them identify and report potential instances of domestic violent extremism
- Equipment for first responders to Prevent, Protect and Respond to domestic violent extremist terrorist attacks, (e.g., active shooter scenarios, CBRNE Threats)

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Homeland Security Grant Programs

NPA Project Examples

Community Preparedness and Resilience (3%)

Supporting Core Capabilities:

- Planning
- Public Information and Warning
- Community Resilience
- Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities
- Mass Care Services
- Intelligence and Information Sharing
- Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment
- Long Term Vulnerability Reduction

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NPA Project Examples

Community Preparedness and Resilience (3%)

- Community Emergency Response Team programs
- Volunteer or donations management projects
- "Ready" campaigns for community preparedness and resilience
- Mass care and sheltering plans, exercises, or training
- Emergency response planning, homeland security strategies
- Alert and warning systems, planning or training
- Critical infrastructure database management
- See something, say something campaigns
- Vulnerability reduction at critical infrastructure and key resources
- Educational programming to guide schools and students on how to create emergency kits and family communications plans for disasters
- Execute *You are the Help Until the Help Arrives* workshops in concert with community-based organizations to bolster individual preparedness

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Homeland Security Grant Programs

NPA Project Examples
Information and Intelligence Sharing/Cooperation (3%)

Supported Core Capabilities

- Intelligence and information sharing
- Interdiction and disruption
- Planning
- Public information and warning
- Operational coordination
- Risk management for protection programs and activities

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Homeland Security Grant Programs

NPA Project Examples

Information and Intelligence Sharing/Cooperation (3%)

- Fusion center intelligence analyst salaries, or fusion center planning, equipment, training, exercises
- TLO training or equipment
- Intelligence and counter terrorism planning and training
- Projects involving information sharing with all DHS components; other operational, investigative, and analytic entities; and other federal law enforcement and intelligence entities
- Projects involving cooperation with DHS officials and other entities designated by DHS in intelligence, threat recognition, assessment, analysis, and mitigation
- Projects involving the identification, assessment, and reporting of threats of violence

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Homeland Security Grant Programs

NPA Project Examples

Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places (3%)

Supported Core Capabilities:

- Operational coordination
- Public information and warning
- Intelligence and information sharing
- Interdiction and disruption
- Screening, search, and detection
- Access control and identity verification
- Physical protective measures
- Risk management for protection programs and activities

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Homeland Security Grant Programs

NPA Project Examples

Protection of Soft Targets/Crowded Places (3%)

- Operational overtime
- Physical security enhancements (i.e., Cameras, lighting, gates, bollards, fencing, etc.)
- Security screening equipment for people and baggage
- Access control Systems
- Unmanned aircraft system detection technologies
- Special event security planning and exercises
- Public information and warning systems at soft targets and crowded places
- Bomb squad and hazardous materials team equipment and training to conduct screening, search, and detection operations at soft targets and crowded places
- Equipment for first responders to Prevent, Protect and Respond to terrorist attacks against Soft Targets and Crowded Places (e.g., active shooter scenarios, CBRNE Threats)

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Homeland Security Grant Programs

NPA Project Examples
Election Security

Supported Core Capabilities:

- Cybersecurity
- Intelligence and information sharing
- Planning
- Long-term vulnerability reduction
- Situational assessment
- Infrastructure systems

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NPA Project Examples

Election Security

- Physical/site security measures – e.g., locks, shatter proof glass, alarms, etc.
- General election security navigator support
- Cyber navigator support
- Cybersecurity risk assessments, training, and planning
- Projects that address vulnerabilities identified in cybersecurity risk assessments
- Iterative backups, encrypted backups, network segmentation, software to monitor/scan, and endpoint protection
- Distributed Denial Of Service protection
- Migrating online services to the ".gov" internet domain
- Online harassment and targeting prevention services
- Public awareness/preparedness campaigns discussing election security and integrity measures

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Homeland Security Grant Programs

Regional Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) and National Priority Area (NPA) allocation targets.

- The PSO requires Regions to work with their Homeland Security Advisory Committee to prioritize projects for funding based on a risk informed methodology (THIRA/SPR).
- The PSO will calculate a regional target allocation based on a funding formula, based on a set of available data that can be applied evenly to all regions.
- The PSO provides LETPA and NPA requirements to regions based on the total allocated. (Previous year used as a guide)
- Regions must meet their LETPA and NPA requirements or risk losing funds if needed else where to meet the minimum allocations. (Not Punitive)

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Homeland Security Grant Programs

Regional Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) and National Priority Area (NPA) allocation targets.

- In some cases, regions can prioritize individual applications that meet both the NPA and LETPA requirements. For example:
  - An application is submitted that provides metal detectors for the Texas County Court House to be used by the Sheriff's department when screening persons and packages in order to prevent acts of terrorism. The application is submitted under the "Protection of Soft Targets and Crowded Places" investment area using the core capability of Screening Search and Detection.
  - This example would:
    - This example would meet the LETPA requirement since it has a **law enforcement terrorism <u>prevention</u> nexus**.
    - Uses a Core Capability assigned to the prevention mission area (i.e., Screening, Search and Detection).
    - Aligns with the Protection of Soft Targets and Crowded Places National Priority Area activities and assigned core capability of Screening Search and Detection.
    - Count towards both NPA and LETPA prioritization requirements.

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- NOFO release: includes SHSP and UASI allocations, application timeline, updated program information.
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  - Regional Prioritizations used to inform final funding decisions for projects.
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HSGP funding – Appropriation to Allocations

FY 2023 SHSP and UASI Risk Methodology
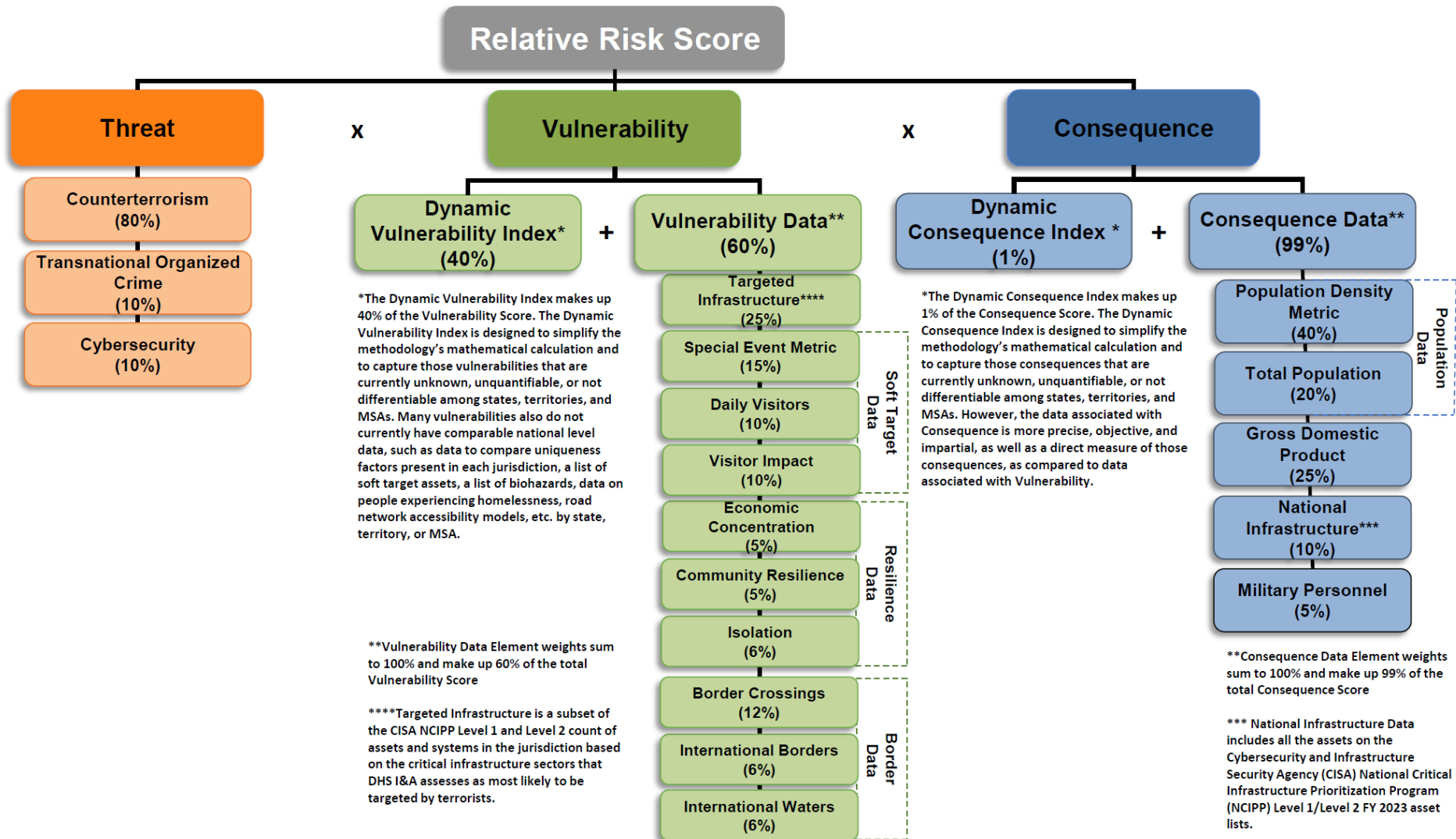
HSGP funding – Appropriation to Allocations

- The State funding formula uses 24 data points to determine the relative terrorism risk carried by each region. Examples include:
  - Infrastructure
  - Economic factors
  - Population
  - Alternate fund sources (UASI, OPSG, PSGP, TSGP)
- A regions' relative risk score is translated into a percentage of risk.
- This percentage is used to determine the amount of funding for each region
- Considerations:
  - The PSO retains 5% of the state allocation for M&A.
  - Up to 15% is used for state agency projects.
  - Funding set aside for Fusion Centers located outside of designated urban areas.
  - Programmatic requirements – NPAs, LETPA, 80% pass-thru, any new requirements outlined in the NOFO.
  - PSO defined minimum/maximum allocations.
- Regional allocations can change when scores change in other regions, the state allocation changes or other programmatic changes influence how funding must be invested.

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State Crisis Intervention Grant Program (SCIP)

The State Crisis Intervention Grant Program (SCIP) supports projects that promote the prevention, intervention, and reduction of crime and violence and provide essential crisis services to at-risk populations within Texas communities.

Federal Funds are authorized under the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act established by S. 2938 to the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (Byrne SCIP). Byrne SCIP funds are made available through a Congressional appropriation to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The supplemental appropriation included a total of $750 million ($150 million per year) for five years.

- Consolidated FY 2022 – 2023 Federal Award: $21.2 Million

State Crisis Intervention Grant Program (SCIP)

- Eligible Organizations:
  - State agencies;
  - Public and private institutions of higher education;
  - Independent school districts;
  - Native American tribes;
  - Councils of governments;
  - Non-profit corporations (including hospitals and faith-based organizations);
  - Local mental health authorities as defined in the Health and Safety Code, Sec. 533.035;
  - Local behavioral health authorities as defined in the Health and Safety Code, Sec. 533.0356; and
  - Units of local government.

- Project Period: Projects must begin on or after 10/01/2024 and may not exceed a 12-month project period.

- Final Date to Submit and Certify an Application: 03/14/2024 at 5:00PM

State Crisis Intervention Grant Program (SCIP)

- Funding Levels:
    - Minimum: $10,000
    - Maximum: None
    - Match Requirement: None

- Selection Process:
    - The Texas State Crisis Intervention Program Committee (TSCIP) will review all eligible projects and make funding recommendations to PSO.
    - The PSO retains final decision-making authority.
    - All projects selected for funding must be submitted to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for review and approval prior to being awarded.

- Once awards are made, all budget adjustments made at the subrecipient level must receive approval from BJA prior to being approved by PSO. This will not affect the process for how grantees submit adjustments, but approval of adjustments may take longer than usual.

State Crisis Intervention Grant Program (SCIP)

Interpersonal violence prevention and intervention programs.

State Priority Areas include:
- Domestic violence courts that hold individuals accountable (pre- and/or post-adjudication) and domestic violence high-risk teams.
- Training for investigators, prosecutors, and judges on the dynamics of interpersonal violence.
- The enhancement of current domestic violence protection order infrastructure.

Crisis intervention programs including crisis screening.

State Priority Areas include:
- Crisis screening response services for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis or psychiatric episode.
- Community-based crisis facilities that offer assessment, support, and services to individuals with behavioral health needs to reduce emergency room or jail utilization.
- Specialized services for youth with trauma and serious mental illness and their families.
- Expansion of mental health services to include mobile crisis outreach teams, crisis facilities, specialized counseling approaches, and peer support specialists.

State Crisis Intervention Grant Program (SCIP)

Violence prevention and intervention programs including those with a focus on youth and gang-related violence.

State Priority Areas include:

- Community treatment, resources, and violence intervention programs involving a multidisciplinary approach to provide a person-centered, coordinated care response.
- Specialized training for law enforcement and other professionals that respond to high-risk situations.
- Violence prevention and intervention programs for at-risk youth.

State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)

The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) supports cybersecurity efforts to address imminent cybersecurity threats to local information systems including implementing investments that support local governments with managing and reducing systemic cyber risk associated with the SLGCP objectives listed below:

- **Objective 1 – Governance and Planning:** Develop and establish appropriate governance structures, including developing, implementing, or revising cybersecurity plans, to improve capabilities to respond to cybersecurity incidents and ensure continuity of operations.
- **Objective 2 – Assessment and Evaluation:** Understand the current cybersecurity posture and areas for improvement based on continuous testing, evaluation, and structured assessments.
- **Objective 3 - Mitigation:** Implement security protections commensurate with risk.
- **Objective 4 – Workforce Development:** Ensure organization personnel are appropriately trained in cybersecurity, commensurate with responsibility.

State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)

- Projects awarded under the FY 2025 solicitations will be funded by the State's FY 2022 award.

- Federal Award: $8.4 Million.

- Eligibility:
    - Local units of government*
    - Federally recognized Native American tribes.

- Funding Levels:
    - Minimum: $10,000.00
    - Maximum: None.
    - Match Requirement: 10%

*While the federal guidance lists additional eligible subrecipients, legislative guidance limits the PSO awarding funds to local units of government. Local units of government include municipalities, counties, ISDs, junior college districts, ESDs.

State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)

- PSO has opened four separate solicitations that align with the State's four SLCGP objectives.

- Each objective covers one or more project types (Please refer to the RFAs). Applicants should apply under the solicitation that covers their project type.*

- The Texas SLCGP Planning Committee will review projects and make funding recommendation to the PSO.

- The PSO retains final decision-making authority for projects submitted for FEMA/CISA review.

- All projects must be submitted to FEMA/CISA for final approval. FEMA will release fund holds for approved projects.

- Please note prohibitions listed in the RFAs.

*Similar to SHSP, applicants should only select one project type under the activities tab. This mirrors the method SAAs are required to submit project to FEMA for approval.

SLCGP Objective and Project Types

Objective	Activity Type	Description of Activity
1: Governance and Planning	Incident and Response Planning	Projects that establish and test an incident response plan at a local government entity.
	Cloud Migration Strategy	Projects that develop a cloud migration strategy.
2: Assessment and Evaluation	Enhanced Logging	Projects that prohibit use of known/fixed/default passwords and credentials on all systems within a local government entity.
	Security Assessments	Projects that conduct security assessments to evaluate an entity's maturity level and provide recommendations for improving the security maturity and posture of the organization.
	Automated Asset Discovery	Projects that implement/install automated asset discovery to identify and catalogue all the systems, services, hardware, and software.
	Vulnerability Scanning	Projects that implement scanning solution to scan IT assets for vulnerabilities.
	Penetration Testing	Projects that conduct penetration testing to check for exploitable vulnerabilities on a computer network.
3: Mitigation	Multi Factor Authentication	Projects that implement multi-factor authentication for all remote access and privileged accounts within a local entity.
	Data Encryption	Projects that implement data encryption for data at rest and data in transit for a local government entity.
	End-of-support/End-of-life Hardware/Software	Projects that end use of unsupported EoS/ EoL software and hardware within a local government entity.
	Default Passwords	Projects that prohibit use of known/fixed/default passwords and credentials on all systems within a local government entity.
	Backups	Projects that ensure the ability to reconstitute critical systems within a local government entity.
	Migration to .gov Domain	Project that migrate systems to a local government entity to the .gov domain
	Endpoint Detection and Response	Projects that implement Endpoint Detection and Response (EDR).
	Cloud Migration	Projects that migrate an organization's applications and data to cloud-based systems.
	Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) Backup Power	Projects that deploy UPS systems to support critical systems.
	Firewalls	Projects that implement web application firewalls to monitor and filter web traffic.
	Intrusion Detection System/Intrusion Prevention System	Projects that implement Intrusion Detection Systems/Intrusion Prevention Systems (IDS/IPS) to detect and prevent cyber-attacks.
	Vulnerability Patching	Projects that implement patching solutions to patch vulnerabilities in IT assets.
	Web Filtering	Projects that implement web filtering solutions to scan web traffic for cyber threats.
	Virtual Private Network (VPN)	Projects that implement VPN solution to encrypt all traffic to/from remote users.
4: Workforce Development	Cyber/IT Staff Training	Projects that provide cybersecurity training to organizational staff

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Governor's Child Sex Trafficking Team
FY2025 Funding Announcements

Grant Programs Administered by the Child Sex Trafficking Team (CSTT)

Specialized Advocacy for Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth

− Projects to support advocacy services for children and transition-aged youth within CSEY Advocacy model.

Community-Based Services for Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth

− Projects to support community-based programs for children and transition-aged youth (non-CSEY Advocate programs).

Statewide Solutions to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation

− Projects to support statewide training and technical assistance to service providers and tools to improve the response to children and transition-aged youth (non-direct service programs).

County Solutions to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation

− County projects to prevent, investigate, or prosecute the commercial sexual exploitation of persons in Texas.

Grant Programs Administered by Other Teams within the Public Safety Office

General Victim Assistance Grant Program

− Projects to support services and assistance to victims of crime. Services to adult survivors of human trafficking, inclusive of sex and labor trafficking, are eligible activities under this grant program, as are long-term residential programs (shelters) to serve child and transition-age youth.

Specialty Courts Grant Program

− County projects to support specialty court programs. Commercially Sexually Exploited Persons (CSEP) Specialty Courts, are eligible for funding under this grant program.

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Victim Services Programs Updates

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Victims Team Updates

The match requirement is back for all VOCA supported Programs:

- General Victim Assistance Program

- First Responder Mental Health Program

- Specialized Advocacy for Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth

- Community-Based Services for Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth

Victims Team Updates

- Match on General Victim Assistance Grant Program is 20% of total project funds

- Match on Violence Against Women Justice and Training Program is 30% of total project funds

Victims Team – Calculating Match

EXAMPLE:

- County estimates that it will need $100,000 to hire an advocate along with the cost of supplies and training for the new employee

- 80% of that cost can come from grant funds

- 20% would have to be covered by the county

- County would submit an application requesting $80,000 from OOG

- They would have to provide at least $20,000 in matching funds
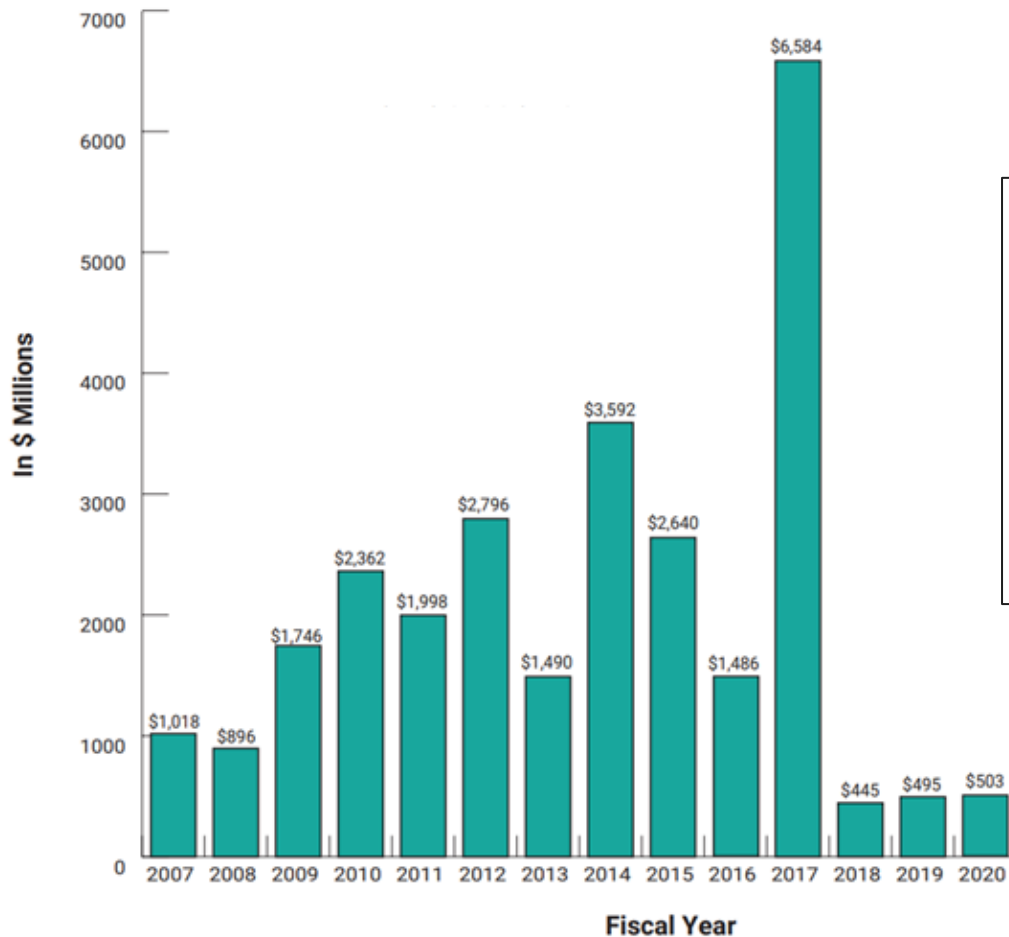
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Victims of Crime Act
## *Funding Outlook*

August 2023

Crime Victims Fund (CVF)
FY2007 – FY2020 Annual Receipts (Deposits)

Bar chart titled "In $ Millions" by Fiscal Year:

Fiscal Year	Amount
2007	$1,018
2008	$896
2009	$1,746
2010	$2,362
2011	$1,998
2012	$2,796
2013	$1,490
2014	$3,592
2015	$2,640
2016	$1,486
2017	$6,584
2018	$445
2019	$495
2020	$503

- *Deposits are fickle and fluctuate depending on criminal fines/fees collected by DOJ.*

- *Unprecedented deposit in FY17 followed by a drought in FY18-20*
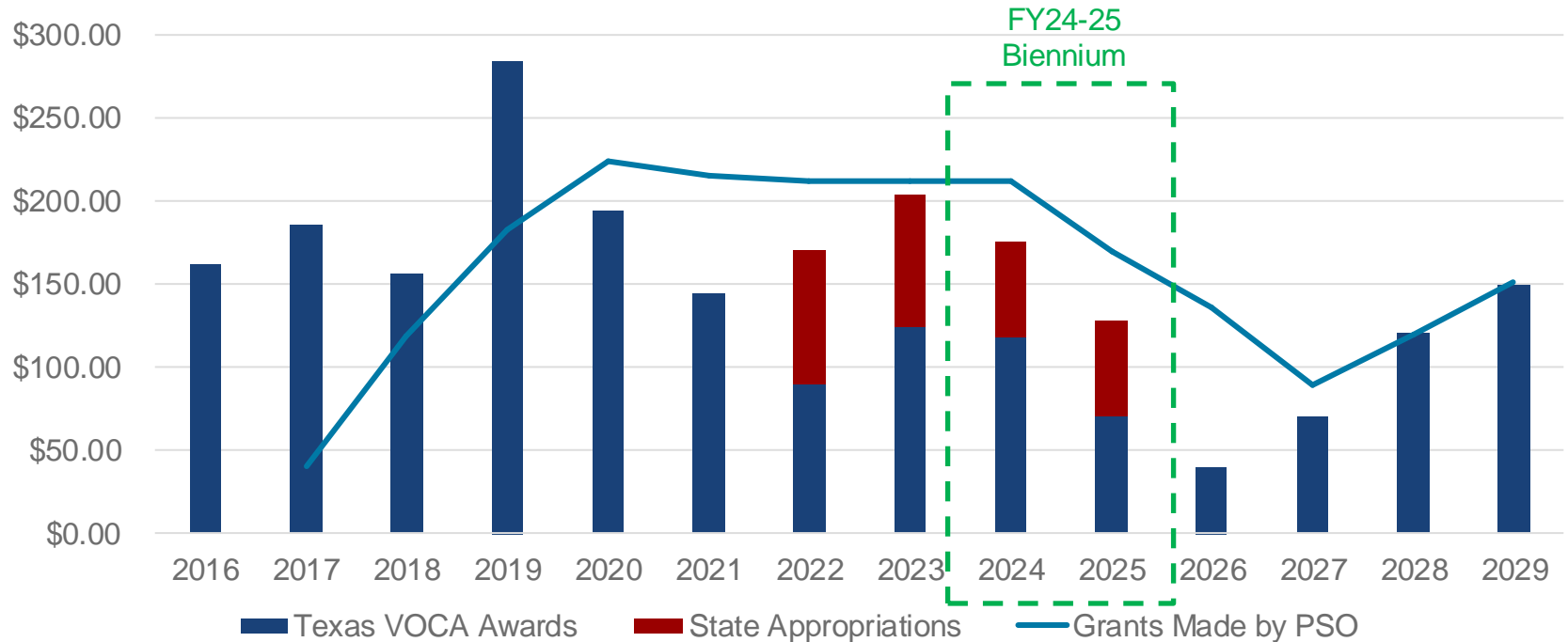
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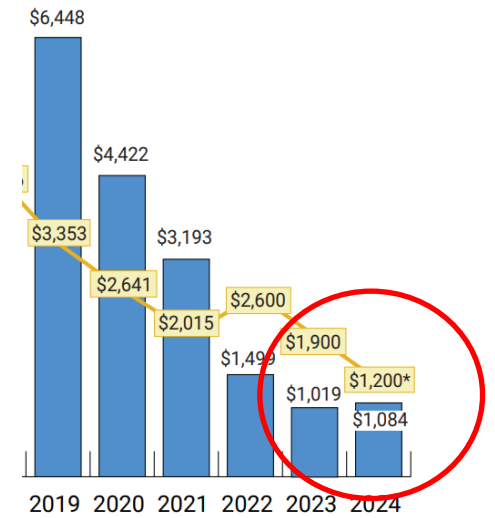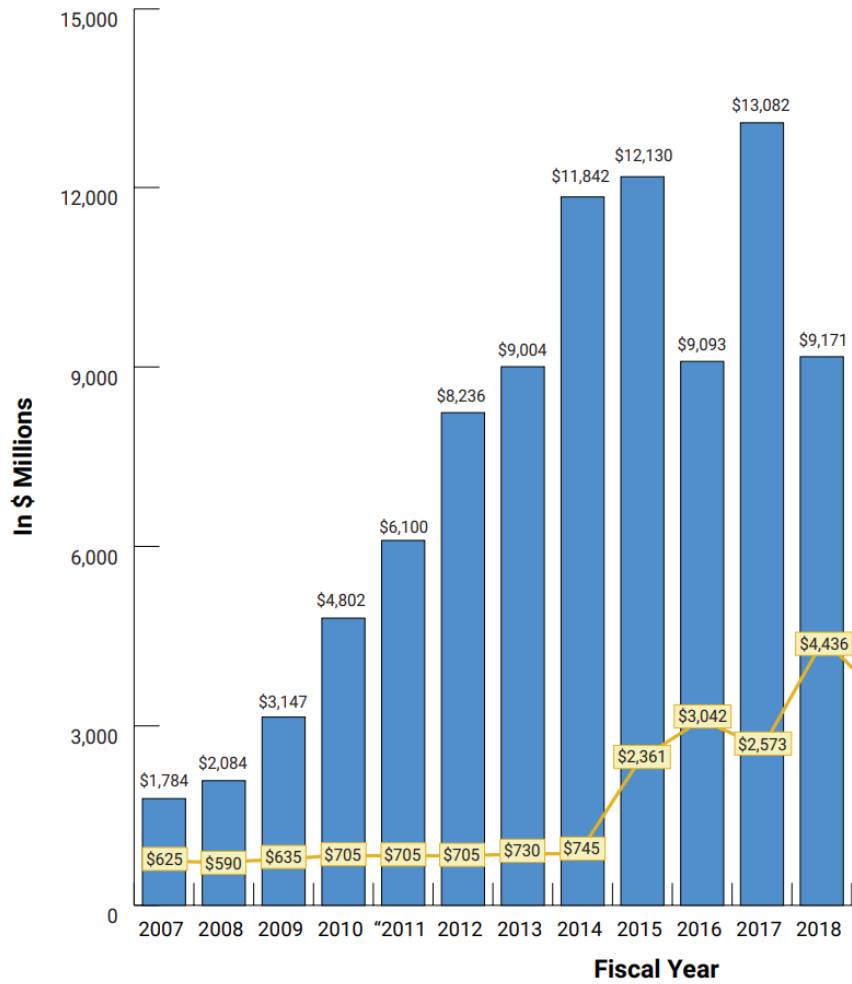
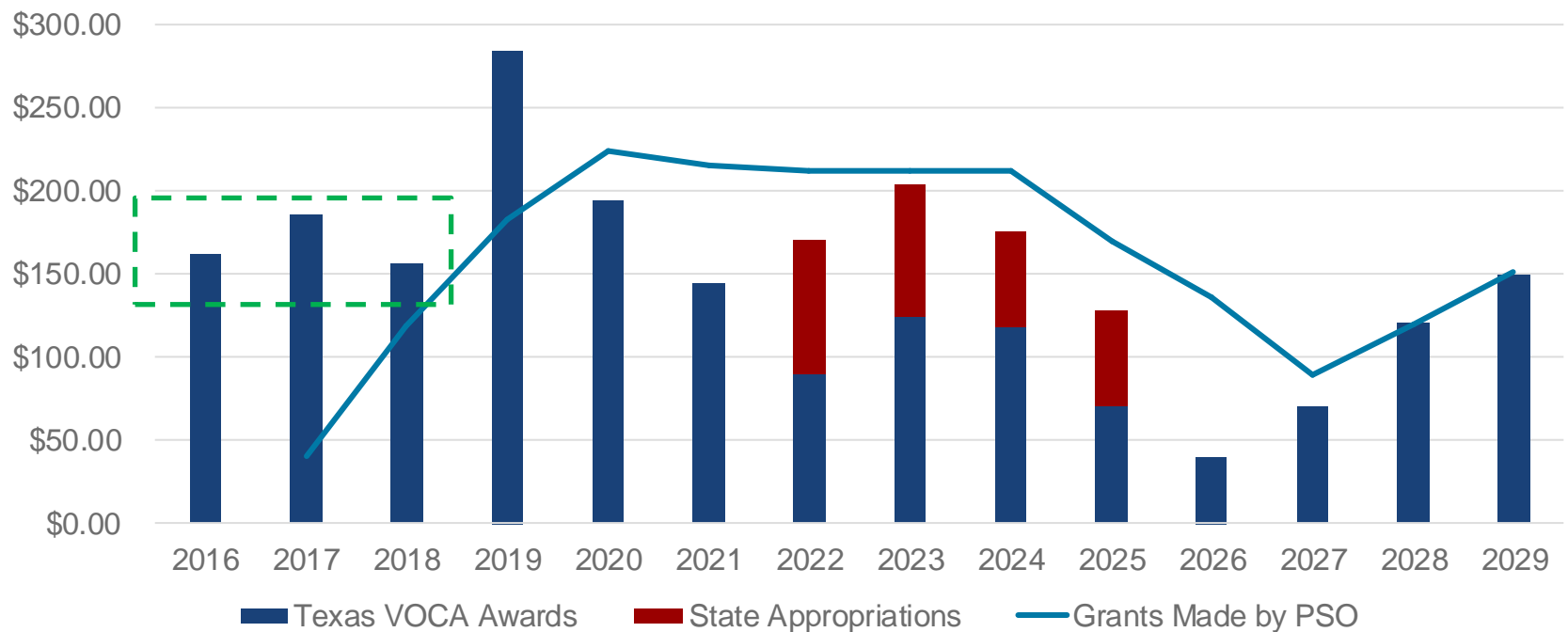# Texas Impact

Federal Awards vs. PSO Grants

87(3) Legislative Session. *Appropriated $160M in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.*

88(R) Legislative Session. *Appropriated $115M in General Revenue (GR) funds.*

Chart is for illustrative purposes only. Future amounts will most likely change based on federal award amounts.

Texas Impact

Long-Term Projection

The Office of Victims of Crime (OVC), which administers the CVF, is projecting annual awards to return to 2016-2018 levels at some point in the future.

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# VOCA "Fix" Legislation
Long Term Solution

The VOCA Fix Bill is expected to increase deposits **but**:

- 1) The rate may take years to begin collecting deposits

- 2) The unprecedented previous funding levels seen in 2017 are not expected to be restored

- 3) U.S. Congress still maintains its authority to annually set the obligation cap at their discretion

The VOCA "Fix" Bill is projected to stabilize the CVF year-over-year but will most likely not restore capacity to recent levels.

VOCA "Fix" Legislation

Positive Signs
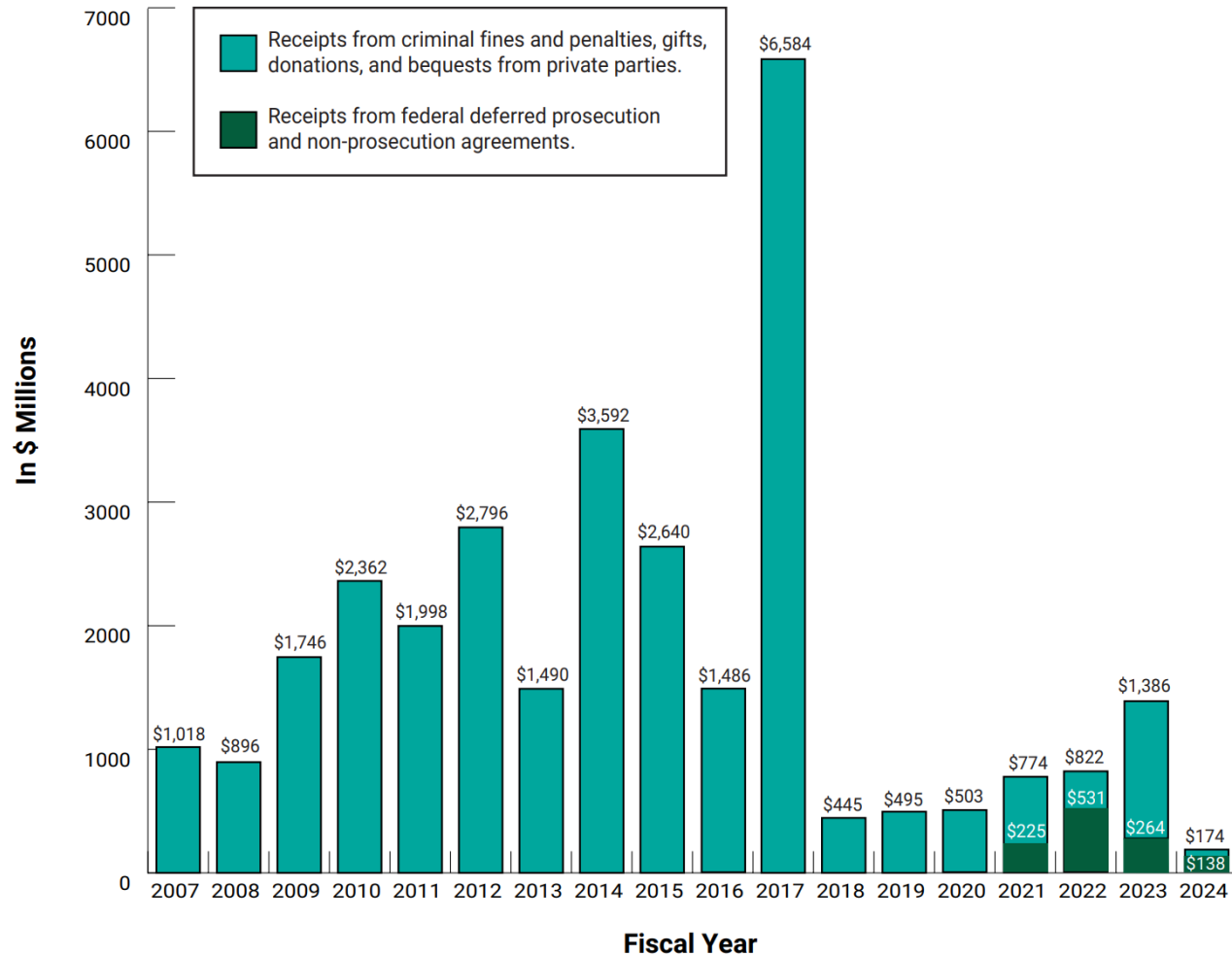
Victim Services

Rider 29. $6M in General Revenue to provide annual grants to designated facilities for education, training, and maintenance of the facilities' SAFE-ready program. Grants to a single facility may not exceed $250,000.

- *Increases the maximum award from $50k to $250K.*

Senate Bill 30. $115M in General Revenue to maintain victim services.

- *The $115M will be used to supplement the continued decline in VOCA funding.*

SB2085. Establishes a grant program to provide financial assistance to a law enforcement agency for purposes of purchasing or developing a crime victim notification system.

- *PSO did not receive an appropriation. Applicants are encouraged to apply under the General Victim Assistance RFA, if interested.*

Questions?