

74-7334. Crime victims assistance fund; establishment; purpose; administration; grant criteria. (a)

There is hereby created in the state treasury the crime victims assistance fund. All moneys credited to the fund pursuant to K.S.A. 12-4117, 19-101e and 19-4707, and amendments thereto, shall be used solely for the purpose of making grants for on-going operating expenses of programs, including court-appointed special advocate programs, providing: (1) Temporary emergency shelter for victims of child abuse and neglect; (2) counseling and assistance to those victims; or (3) educational services directed at reducing the incidence of child abuse and neglect and diminishing its impact on the victim. The remainder of moneys credited to the fund shall be used for the purpose of supporting the operation of state agency programs which provide services to the victims of crime and making grants to existing programs or to establish and maintain new programs providing services to the victims of crime.

(b) All expenditures from the crime victims assistance fund shall be made in accordance with appropriations acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the attorney general or by a person or persons designated by the attorney general.

(c) The attorney general may apply for, receive and accept moneys from any source for the purposes for which moneys in the crime victims assistance fund may be expended. Upon receipt of any such moneys, the attorney general shall remit the entire amount to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the crime victims assistance fund.

(d) Grants made to programs with funds derived from K.S.A. 12-4117, 19-101e and 19-4707, and amendments thereto, shall be based on the numbers of persons served by the program and shall be made only to programs aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect or providing residential services or facilities to victims of child abuse or neglect. In order for programs to qualify for funding under this section, they must:

- (1) Meet the requirements of section 501(c) of the internal revenue code of 1986;
- (2) be registered and in good standing as a nonprofit corporation;
- (3) meet normally accepted standards for nonprofit organizations;
- (4) have trustees who represent the racial, ethnic and socioeconomic diversity of the county or counties served;
- (5) have received 50% or more of their funds from sources other than funds distributed through the fund, which other sources may be public or private and may include contributions of goods or services, including materials, commodities, transportation, office space or other types of facilities or personal services;
- (6) demonstrate ability to successfully administer programs;
- (7) make available an independent certified audit of the previous year's financial records;
- (8) have obtained appropriate licensing or certification, or both;
- (9) serve a significant number of residents of the county or counties served;
- (10) not unnecessarily duplicate services already adequately provided to county residents; and
- (11) agree to comply with reporting requirements of the attorney general.

The attorney general may adopt rules and regulations establishing additional standards for eligibility and accountability for grants made pursuant to this section.

(e) All moneys credited to the fund pursuant to K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 23-2510, and amendments thereto, shall be set aside to use as matching funds for meeting any federal requirement for the purpose of establishing child exchange and visitation centers as provided in K.S.A. 75-720, and amendments thereto. If no federal funds are made available to the state for the purpose of establishing such child exchange and visitation centers, then such moneys may be used as otherwise provided in this section. Only those moneys credited to the fund pursuant to K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 23-2510, and amendments thereto, may be used for such matching funds. No state general fund moneys shall be used for such matching funds.

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