

House Finance Subcommittee on Public Safety

Department of Public Safety

Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
Violent Crimes Compensation Board
State Crime Laboratory
Child Crime Investigations
Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Investigations

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Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Strengthening victim services and prevention statewide

- Funds 37 community-based agencies serving Alaskans impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault from Utqiagvik to Unalaska
- Grant funds provide services to domestic and sexual violence shelters and crisis services, as well as services to children, prevention programming, and perpetrator rehabilitation programming
- In FY26 managed and monitored a total of 87 grants to equal approximately \$22,619.0
- Support statewide efforts to reduce and end domestic and sexual violence in Alaska (AS 18.66.050)

FY2027 Budget Change and Operational Impact	Amount	Fund Source
General funds added to replace reduced statutory distribution of Restorative Justice Fund.	\$169.2 -\$169.2	Unrestricted General Funds Other (Restorative Justice Fund)

(\$ in thousands)



Violent Crime Compensation Board

Providing financial support to victims of violent crime

"I am incapable of describing the relief and freedom from the deep dark pain I feel, and how much anger and frustration left my body...Thank you for everything you do. For me, for others, for those that aren't here with us anymore and their family. Know that your impact is infinite for me."

- Program Applicant

- Direct assistance - all violent crime
- Average paid per application ~\$3,875 and \$5,500 per crime (over three-year period) for funerals, loss of wages, relocation, medical/dental, mental health expenses, etc.
- Does not indicate the level of need for a survivor; represents costs not covered by an alternative funding source such as insurance and often cannot cover expenses in full

FY2027 Budget Change and Operational Impact	Amount	Fund Source
Reduction in Restorative Justice Fund, based on available revenue.	-\$592.0	Designated General Funds (Restorative Justice Fund)

(\$ in thousands)



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Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory

We provide scientific support to the criminal justice system to help create a safer Alaska



Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP)

Enhancing investigative coordination and accountability

- MMIP Review Commission established (SB 151 Chapter 53, SLA 24)
- National Missing and Unidentified Persons System database
- Identification of human remains
- 22 community visits since FY2025
- Cold case murder investigations
- Two missing persons located alive



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Alaska Bureau of Investigations

Conducting specialized investigations of serious crimes against children

	Bethel & Kotzebue Started FY2024	Nome Started FY2025	TOTAL
Investigations	229	56	285
Arrests	43	4	47
Referred for Prosecution	39	7	46



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Thank You

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