

# House Bill 116

## RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ACCOUNT

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## Legislative Intent

Increase prevention and intervention programs, and aid to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, through the Restorative Justice Account *(previously the Criminal Fund originally established in 1988)*.

# Restorative Justice Account

- ▶ In 1988, the Legislature passed a law making certain convicted criminals ineligible for a Permanent Fund Dividend. The intent was that those funds should be used for the primary purpose of helping restore victims of crime to a pre-offense condition.
- ▶ Since the fund was established, it transitioned from mainly assisting crime victims to paying for inmate healthcare. More recently, it has been used by the Department to pay for institutions, which was not the intention of the fund.
- ▶ There is no better way to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in getting their lives back together after this type of assault and victimization, than to put our state resources into caring for those victims, as well as into prevention and intervention programs to reduce the number of these crimes from occurring in the first place.

- ▶ 57.7% of adult women in Alaska have experienced domestic violence or sexual violence throughout their lifetime. (Alaska Victimization Survey)

**Figure 1. Lifetime estimates of adult women's experiences with intimate partner violence and sexual violence.**



# Current Restorative Justice Account

AS 43.23.048(b)

The legislature may appropriate amounts from the account to the following recipients in the priority order and percentages listed:

**10-13%** to the crime victim compensation fund for payments to crime victims and for operating the Violent Crimes Compensation Board.

**2-6%** to the Office of Victims' Rights for payments to crime victims and for the operation of the OVR.

**1-3%** to nonprofit organizations to provide grants for services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

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Restorative Justice (1171)							Statutory Verification		AS 43.23.048	
	FY20 Actuals	FY21 Actuals	FY22 Mgt Pln	FY22 Actuals	FY23 Budget	FY24 GovAmd			Min	Max
Amount available under AS 43.23.028(a)	21,137.6	14,485.5	9,370.4	9,370.4	8,577.8	25,109.5				
<b>Operating (priority order per statute)</b>										
Fund Cap - Crime Victim Comp Fund	2,115.0	1,518.6	937.1	937.1	857.8	3,264.2	13.0%		10%	13%
Office of Victims Rights	796.2	607.3	374.8	374.8	343.1	1,004.4	4.0%		2%	6%
HSS	215.0	100.0	93.7	79.0	85.8	502.2	2.0%		1%	3%
Public Safety	215.0	16.4	93.7	75.4	81.8	502.2	2.0%		1%	3%
Corrections	17,796.4	12,139.1	7,871.1	5,745.2	7,206.4	19,836.5	79.0%		79%	88%
<b>Operating Appropriations</b>	<b>21,137.6</b>	<b>14,381.4</b>	<b>9,370.4</b>	<b>7,211.5</b>	<b>8,574.9</b>	<b>25,109.5</b>				
<b>Capital</b>										
<b>Capital Appropriations</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>				
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>106.1</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2,161.9</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>(0.0)</b>				

# 5-Year Look Back

# FY12 – FY24

## Multi-year Agency Summary - Operating Budget - FY 2024 Senate Subcom Structure

Numbers and Language  
Fund Codes: 1171 Rest Just

Agency	ID⇒ Session⇒ Column⇒	[1] 2012 12Fn1Bud	[2] 2013 13Fn1Bud	[3] 2014 14Fn1Bud	[4] 2015 15Fn1Bud	[5] 2016 16Fn1Bud	[6] 2017 17Fn1Bud	[7] 2018 18Fn1Bud	[8] 2019 19Fn1Bud	[9] 2020 20Fn1Bud	[10] 2021 21Fn1Bud	[11] 2022 22Fn1Bud	[12] 2023 23MgtPln	[13] 2023 24GovAmd+
Agency Operations														
Corrections		15,920.3	14,890.4	10,047.4	8,445.9	20,830.4	20,232.7	11,591.0	11,063.3	17,796.4	12,139.1	7,871.1	7,234.8	19,836.5
Health		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	215.0	144.8	93.7	85.8	502.2
Public Safety		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	215.0	144.8	93.7	81.8	502.2
Legislature		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	251.4	796.2	607.3	374.8	343.1	1,004.4
<b>Total</b>		<b>15,920.3</b>	<b>14,890.4</b>	<b>10,047.4</b>	<b>8,445.9</b>	<b>20,830.4</b>	<b>20,232.7</b>	<b>11,591.0</b>	<b>11,314.7</b>	<b>19,022.6</b>	<b>13,036.0</b>	<b>8,433.3</b>	<b>7,745.5</b>	<b>21,845.3</b>
Statewide Items														
Fund Capitalization		1,648.6	1,798.0	1,116.4	1,502.7	1,510.1	1,411.4	1,022.5	1,257.2	2,115.0	1,448.5	937.1	857.8	3,264.2
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,648.6</b>	<b>1,798.0</b>	<b>1,116.4</b>	<b>1,502.7</b>	<b>1,510.1</b>	<b>1,411.4</b>	<b>1,022.5</b>	<b>1,257.2</b>	<b>2,115.0</b>	<b>1,448.5</b>	<b>937.1</b>	<b>857.8</b>	<b>3,264.2</b>
<b>Statewide Total</b>		<b>17,568.9</b>	<b>16,688.4</b>	<b>11,163.8</b>	<b>9,948.6</b>	<b>22,340.5</b>	<b>21,644.1</b>	<b>12,613.5</b>	<b>12,571.9</b>	<b>21,137.6</b>	<b>14,484.5</b>	<b>9,370.4</b>	<b>8,603.3</b>	<b>25,109.5</b>



## In Wrap-Up...

- ▶ HB 116 will ensure that the intent of the restorative justice account is upheld, specifically for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, one of the worst types of victimization possible.
- ▶ It will reverse the percentages allowed under current statute for CDVSA (from 1-3% to 79-88%) and for the Department of Corrections (from 79-88% to 1-3%).
- ▶ This will reinforce Alaska's commitment to reducing our abysmal rate of these crimes through prevention and intervention programs, as well as stabilize the funding source for shelters throughout the state.

# Thank you!

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