

As you might be aware; in 1987 the Utah Legislature created the Utah Crime Victim Reparation (CVR) Fund for the purpose of providing services and treatment to innocent victims of violent crime. The Fund provides payment for eligible victims for things like funeral and burial, medical, dental, mental health counseling and other crime related needs. Eligible victims must first utilize insurances, Medicaid, Worker's Comp or other resources they might have. The Fund is intended to cover those needs for which they have no other resources. Property crimes are not covered and stolen property is not replaced.

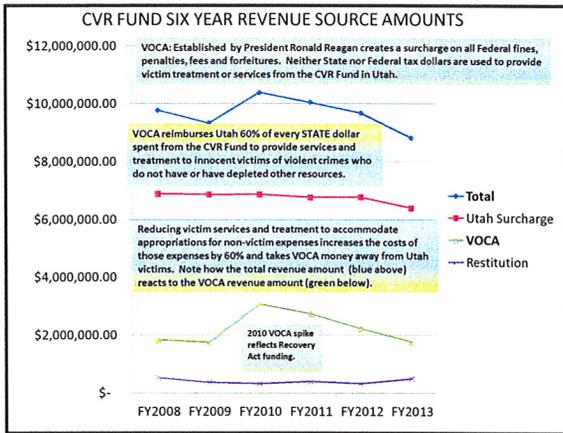
The program uses neither Federal nor State tax dollars; it is funded through surcharges assessed to convicted violators of Utah laws. Funding for the program is patterned after and partially supported by the Victims Of Crime Act (VOCA) Fund created by President Ronald Reagan in 1984.

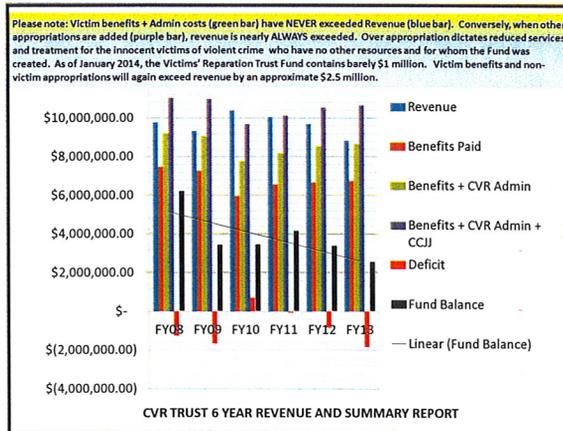
Originally, only victim services and treatment plus administrative costs for the CVR Office to disburse the benefits, were permitted to be funded from the CVR Fund. However, in the 5th Special Session of the 2002 legislature, SB5002 changed that law to add the funding of criminal justice and substance abuse needs and the administrative costs for the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ), "as appropriated by the legislature". The legislature has subsequently appropriated \$6.75 million for the Lone Peak diagnostic unit at the prison (terminated in 2009), more than \$5 million for the VINE program and more than \$16.5 million in administrative costs for CCJJ. These appropriations are "non-victim expenses".

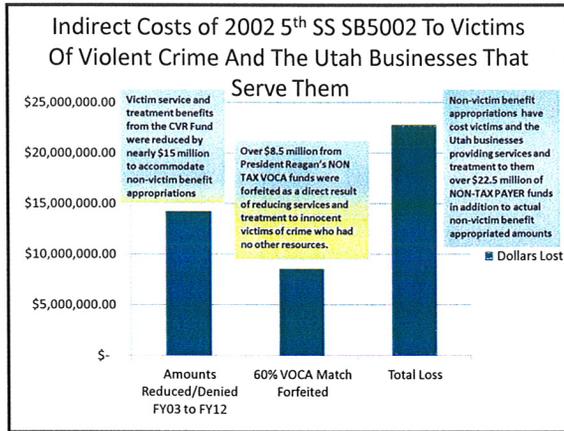
The CVR Fund has been unable to adequately meet the needs of eligible crime victims for the purpose it was created and intended; the Fund is now depleted.

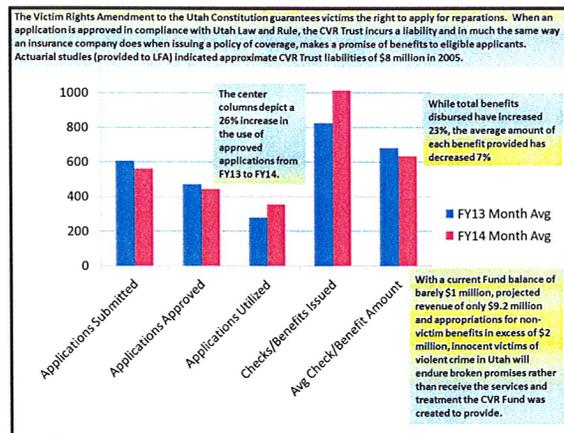
Governor Gary Herbert has supported and proposed a funding plan to restore the CVR Fund; in part by returning CCJJ administrative costs to the "general fund" from which it came, 11 years ago.

The following 4 slides provide the data, reasoning and justification explaining why this transition is not only critical to victims but is also the fiscally responsible and prudent action to take.









VINE

MOVING FORWARD, WHAT'S NEXT

- Restitution
 - Increased collection
 - Statewide Restitution Database

- Claim Triage

- Certification for Presumptive Eligibility Advocates

- Increased Inclusion of AI and PM Communities
