



Office of Criminal Justice Programs

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Office of Criminal Justice Programs (OCJP), a division of the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, is a strategic planning agency that secures, distributes, and manages federal and state grant funds. In collaboration with other public and non-profit agencies, OCJP utilizes these grant monies to support innovative projects locally and statewide to enhance the coordination of services and promote healthy and safe communities in Tennessee. OCJP uses collaboration, strategic planning, training, and technical assistance to empower communities to work together and take an active role in addressing their local issues.

In FY 2025, OCJP distributed \$112,308,566 in funding through 755 grants to various state departments, local governments, and non-profit agencies for justice system enhancement, victim service, and family and community advocacy. The priorities of the funding provided by OCJP in FY25 were derived from the [2025 Addendum to the 2022 OCJP Five-Year Strategic Plan](#):

- Promoting **evidence-based programs/strategies in justice system approaches and direct victim services** to ensure victim safety and offender accountability
- Promoting a **multidisciplinary team approach to a coordinated community response** to address domestic violence, sexual assault, crimes against children, elder abuse, and to improve the justice system's response to crime
- Promoting **data-driven funding decisions** based on population, crime rate, service availability, and regional topography
- Continuing and expanding **training opportunities** for professionals in the justice system and victim services field; continue **providing comprehensive technical assistance**
- Supporting **multijurisdictional Drug and Violent Crime Task Forces and Gang Task Forces** to decrease drug trafficking, human trafficking, and gang violence throughout the state
- Supporting **local law enforcement** through collaborative, equipment, and technology grants to enhance their ability to combat violent crime
- Sustaining **victim service programs**, including domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking programs, child advocacy centers, victim-witness coordinators, court-appointed special advocates, and elder abuse services
- Expanding **data-driven, location-based strategies** to crime reduction and victim services in areas experiencing high crime rates
- Enhance the continuum of **evidence-based services for justice-involved individuals**

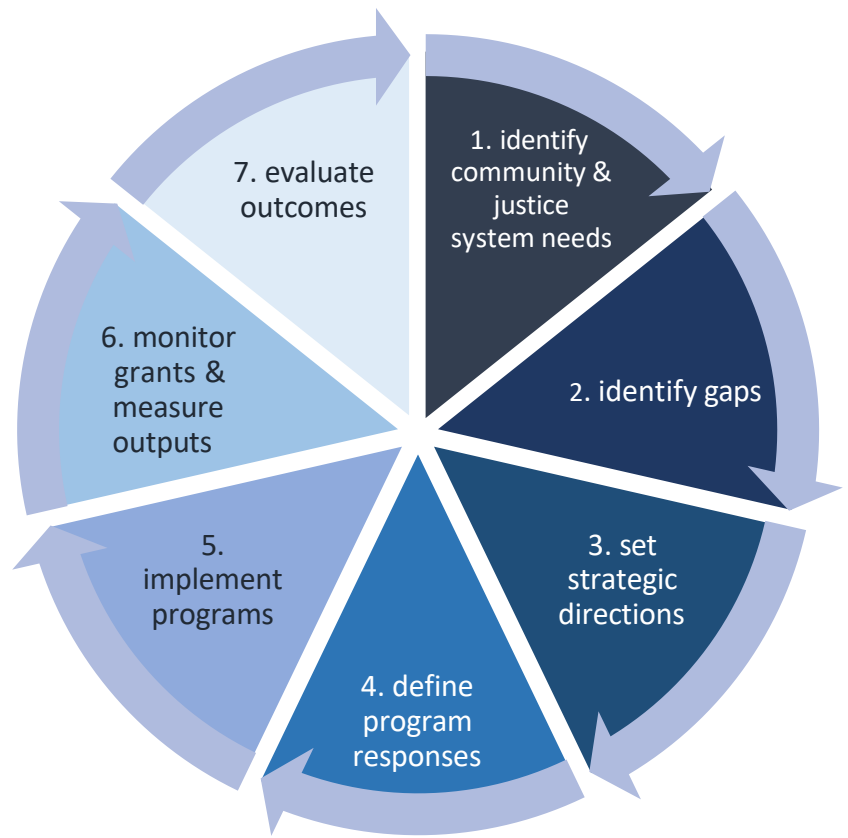
OCJP continued to work closely with subrecipient agencies for the last several years to anticipate and prepare for forthcoming reductions in federal funding, especially with victim service funding. The Legislature appropriated one time funding in FY 2024 and continuing into the 2025 fiscal year. OCJP staff have engaged with agencies at every level, from boots on the ground to senior-level leadership, to help identify agencies' essential resources and services needed to continue their vital victim service and public safety missions. Our strategic planning process empowers us to leverage state and discretionary federal grants to help supplement agencies' reduced victim service funding and build capacity.

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

OCJP uses a year-round structured process that looks three to five years ahead of current grant programs to identify the changing needs of crime victims and Tennessee’s justice system. OCJP tracks problems surfacing in the justice system, monitors trends in Tennessee’s communities, assesses the condition of the state’s resources, and measures the performance of OCJP-funded programs.

Funded projects are developed using a logic model approach. They are monitored by OCJP staff, who maintain frequent contact throughout the life of the grant to help ensure the successful implementation and execution of their project goals. Subrecipients are also encouraged to use the logic model to evaluate their project implementation.

Quarterly and annual data-driven reports are utilized to ensure that established outputs and outcomes are accurately tracked and fulfilled. In aggregate, these reports also help indicate the overall impact the project may be having on the intended issue or need.



NOTE: This report represents a snapshot of OCJP’s FY25 data as it is currently reported. Additionally, the numbers in this report may be aggregated from various reports. OCJP works closely with subrecipient agencies and other stakeholders to validate and refine reported data to ensure the ongoing integrity of our program funding and output data.

HEARING FROM TENNESSEANS:

OCJP gathered feedback from stakeholders, providers, and victims throughout numerous collaborative gatherings as part of our strategic planning process. Annually, OCJP convenes various advisory groups to gather diverse perspectives from a broad range of Tennessee stakeholders. The groups learn about successful programs, identify gaps across the system, and explore areas of greatest need. The ground-level insight provided by these groups provides the foundation for OCJP's annual strategic planning process, helping to clarify priorities and identify opportunities for focus.

- OCJP operates two advisory committees that are comprised of stakeholders who have experience in services to victims of interpersonal violence and are designated in statute to advise on the needs of domestic violence and sexual assault victims. The **Sexual Assault Advisory Committee** was established in TCA 71-6-303, and the **Family Violence Advisory Committee** was established in TCA 71-6-203.
- The State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) funding is authorized by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. No. 117- 159, 136 Stat. 1313, 1339); 28 U.S.C. 530C. The SCIP Advisory Board, comprised of experts from the justice system, mental health experts, and community leaders from across Tennessee, provides expertise to inform, guide, and ultimately approve the state's violent crime reduction programs/initiatives funded through Byrne SCIP. During FY24, OCJP worked with the **SCIP Advisory Board** to develop program guidelines for programs focusing on behavioral health deflection for those at risk to themselves or others, specialized court-based programs, and community violence intervention programs, recognizing that comprehensive, evidence-based practices funded under SCIP should all have a goal of lessening the prevalence of violence in communities by implementing specialty programs which divert, deflect, or educate individuals who impact the level of violence found within communities.
- The **Justice System Roundtable** meets annually and comprises a group of leaders in criminal justice, including Sheriffs, Chiefs of Police, District Attorneys General, public defenders, judges, criminal justice practitioners, community corrections/re-entry practitioners, and victim advocates. The roundtable members represent all three grand divisions of Tennessee as well as urban, suburban, and rural areas of the state.
- OCJP's annual **Victim Centered Focus Groups** consisted of meetings with groups representing a variety of perspectives, classified as domestic violence advocates and survivors, system providers and non-profit partners, and other crime-type survivors and advocates. The information collected through these sessions helps OCJP focus its future program descriptions, set its funding priorities, prepare its budget requests, and direct its limited resources into areas that promise the best return for the public's investment.

Keeping Tennesseans Safe

15 DRUG TASK FORCES

821 FELONY ARRESTS

1,077 INVESTIGATIONS CLOSED

INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST
CHILDREN

21,779 CYBERTIPS RECEIVED

1,479 INVESTIGATIONS

332 ARRESTS

492

POSITIONS SUPPORTED WITH ARP
FUNDING

258 EVIDENCE-BASED
PROGRAMS IN LOCAL JAILS

5,582 PROGRAM COMPLETIONS

13,269 PROGRAM CLASSES OR
SESSIONS PROVIDED

105,131 VICTIMS SERVED

130,677

NIGHTS OF TRAUMA-INFORMED,
SAFE SHELTER

14 FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS

19,384 VICTIMS SERVED

13,307 SAFETY PLANS

12,089 CLIENTS ASSESSED

8,437 PROFESSIONALS TRAINED

10,352 COMMUNITY MEMBERS TRAINED

505,714

VITAL SERVICES PROVIDED SUCH AS:

PERSONAL & FORENSIC ADVOCACY
INFORMATION & REFERRALS TO OTHER SERVICES
EMOTIONAL SUPPORT SUCH AS CRISIS
INTERVENTION, THERAPY, COUNSELING
HOUSING ASSISTANCE
SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE SUCH AS
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE & CHILDCARE
AND MUCH MORE....

Supporting Tennessee Victims

FY25 FUND SOURCE OVERVIEW

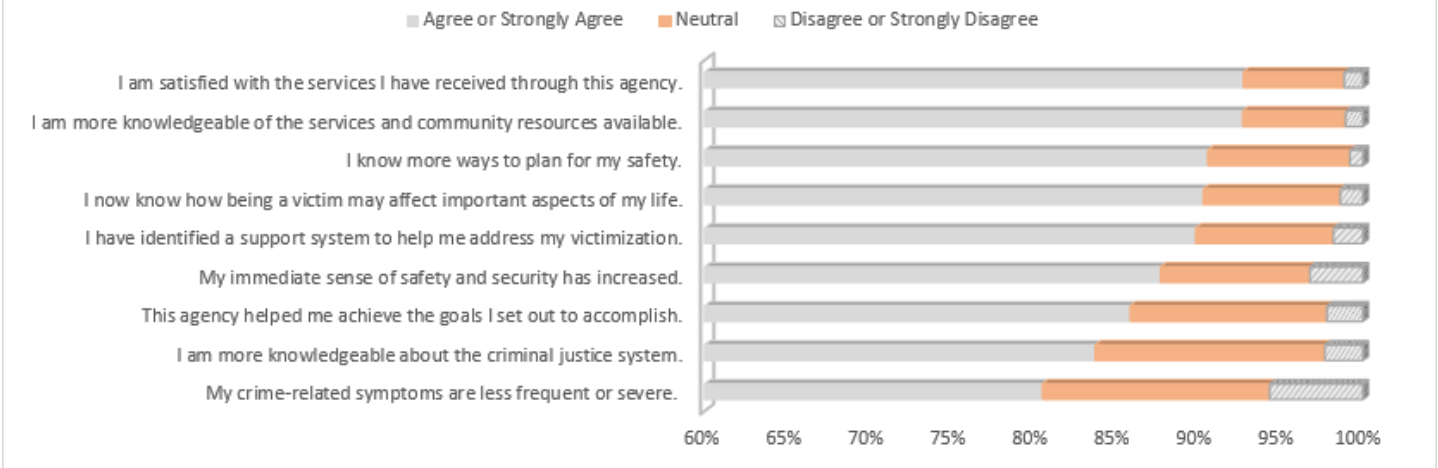
ACRONYM	FUND SOURCE NAME	GRANTS	FY25 OBLIGATION
FEDERAL FUND SOURCE			
VOCA	Victims of Crime Act	183	\$21,356,914
NCHIP	National Criminal History Improvement Program	4	\$4,312,994
JAG	Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant	37	\$4,095,252
ARP DV	FVPSA American Rescue Plan Domestic Violence	29	\$3,527,367
FVPSA	Family Violence Prevention Services Act Programs	17	\$2,942,087
STOP	STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grants	35	\$2,721,466
ARP SA	FVPSA American Rescue Plan Sexual Assault	16	\$1,228,078
PSN	Project Safe Neighborhoods	14	\$850,651
SCIP	Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program	6	\$696,150
SASP	Sexual Assault Services Program	9	\$674,486
HT OVC	Services for Trafficking Victims	3	\$555,082
COVERDELL	Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program	6	\$519,050
RSAT	Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program for State Prisoners	1	\$467,871
Cybercrimes	Cybercrimes	1	\$447,000
ICJR	Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Grant Program	2	\$428,967
Connect and Protect	Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response	2	\$366,979
OVC ECM	Enhanced Collaborative Model (ECM) Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking Program	2	\$143,954
NARIP	National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Act Record Improvement Program	1	\$57,358
PREA	JAG Prison Rape Elimination Act	1	\$40,969
TOTAL	TOTAL	369	\$45,432,675
STATE FUND SOURCE			
VCIF	Violent Crime Intervention Fund	142	\$34,047,093
HESG	Higher Education Safety Grant	36	N/A ¹
TN Strong Families	Tennessee Strong Families	42	\$7,917,405
MHT	Mental Health Transport	56	\$7,779,009
EBP	Evidence Based Programming	27	\$7,179,633
VSSG	Victim Services State Grant	35	\$5,413,195
FVS	Family Violence Services	18	\$1,001,470
AFIS	Automated Fingerprint Identification System	1	\$853,500
ICAC	Internet Crimes Against Children	3	\$677,000
SAVIN	Sexual Assault Victims Notification	1	\$675,000
AEMIF	Electronic Monitoring Indigency Fund	18	\$646,819
METH	Methamphetamine Initiative	6	\$449,300
SASP (state)	State Sexual Assault Services Program	1	\$100,000
TommyBurks	Senator Tommy Burks Victim Assistance Academy	1	\$100,000
DVSCC	Domestic Violence State Coordinating Council	1	\$78,500
Ignition Interlock	Ignition Interlock Fee for Halfway House	1	\$20,000
TOTAL	TOTAL	389	\$66,937,924

Notes:

N/A² **\$112,370,599**

- 1 These were advanced payment grants that began in January 2024 and ended June 2025, so there were not any "obligated" funds.
- 2 Some grants were funded with multiple fund sources, often federal and state, so the # of grants executed is smaller than the sum of the totals above.

FY25 CLIENT OUTCOMES



OCJP is invested in evaluating the longer-term impact of grant-funded programs. To that end, OCJP subgrantees are required to annually report data on program outcomes, which are defined in each agency’s grant contract and are generally collected via a survey that is distributed to program clients during their experience with the grant-funded agency. Depending on the type of program, the surveys include a set of standardized, required measures, as well as additional optional measures that may be selected by the agency. The surveys capture the outcome measures using a Likert scale: (Strongly Agree, Agree, Neutral, Disagree, and Strongly Disagree).

Since the surveys are completed by the clients themselves, the purpose of the survey is to evaluate self-reported changes in the knowledge, perceptions, and feelings of each client, with the goal of improving and empowering the client through the program interventions.

[Beyond the Numbers, Real Life Impact](#)

With all the support and resources in the world, being a young first-time mother is challenging. On your own with no income, it can seem impossible. These are the circumstances Rachel (* name changed for confidentiality) found herself in with babies in diapers when the violence in her home began to escalate. Rachel was raised in the foster care system and aged out only two years before she contacted our hotline. When she turned 18, she met an older man that promised her a home and stability she had never had the luxury to enjoy when she was growing up. After a whirlwind romance, she suddenly found herself with small babies and no access to their family money. Her fiancé had always had a temper but had become more violent after her kids were born. Fearing for her children’s safety, she called our emergency hotline and completed a screening with the Director of Client Services. Within an hour of her call, the mother and children started their next chapter at our shelter facility.

She chose to press charges for the most recent assault and worked with a neighboring community’s Family Resource Center to help her in her home county. The Children’s Program Coordinator was able to provide

childcare while she attended ongoing medical, housing, and legal appointments. The Director of Client Services helped her apply for housing, SNAP, childcare assistance and other programs to help meet her basic needs.

After a couple of months of diligent work, Rachel was able to secure a new apartment within her budget. Another local agency assisted with getting her vehicle back in safe condition and she has been able to start a part-time job to keep up with her bills. The agency was able to help her with her deposit and made referrals to other community partners to furnish their new home.

This is just one of the many stories of how the services supported with OCJP-administered funding deeply impact victims and empower them and build their resilience.

WHAT WE ENVISION

OCJP functions as a strategic planning agency that secures, distributes, and manages federal and state funds for Tennessee while collaborating with other public and non-profit agencies. OCJP leverages these funds with other state and local resources to support innovative projects locally and statewide to enhance the coordination of services and promote healthy and safe communities in Tennessee.

In furtherance of this mission, OCJP implements a rigorous strategic planning process that includes continued collaboration with federal, state, and local stakeholders to identify needs, gaps in services, potential funding streams, and best practices in program development, implementation, and evaluation. OCJP will continue to find ways to support victim service provision in the face of decreased federal funding. Additionally, OCJP will continue to support re-entry programs and combat violent crime.

As stewards of these funds, OCJP staff maintains the highest standards of grants management through extensive technical assistance, grant monitoring, output and outcome reporting, and program evaluation. OCJP staff continue to work with federal agencies to draw down justice and victim services formula funds as well as secure competitive grant funds. These federal funds, along with several state appropriated and fee-based funding sources, allow OCJP to direct funding to the areas with the greatest need as determined from the strategic planning process. In general, OCJP directs its limited resources into areas that promise the best return for the public's investment, and OCJP continues to positively impact the lives of citizens. The planning and management of these state and federal funds improves the quality of life for all Tennesseans by helping achieve OCJP's vision of a safer Tennessee.