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ARKANSAS CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS
2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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MISSION

The Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Board pledges to serve the needs of eligible victims of crime, and their dependents, who have suffered personal injury or death as the result of a violent crime. The Board and its staff recognize the special needs of those victimized by violent crime and accept the responsibility to provide financial assistance to victims who qualify under program guidelines. In this way, the Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Board and staff are committed to restoring the lives that have been impacted by violence.

GOALS

The goal of the Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations program is to provide compensation for victims' unexpected expenses, such as medical treatment, mental-health counseling, rehabilitation, lost wages, replacement services, and funeral expenses.



ARKANSAS CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

On behalf of the entire Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Board (ACVRB) and its staff members, it is my humble honor and great privilege to present the ACVRB 2020 Annual Report. This report covers the activities of the ACVRB from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The Board and staff strive to provide timely and much needed financial assistance to the citizens of Arkansas who have suffered personal injury or loss as a result of a violent crime.

This report overviews the ACVRB mission and goals, identifies Board members and staff, provides a summary of claims received and awarded, and covers total compensation paid out to Crime Victims and Sexual Assault Victims. The report also provides a county-by-county breakdown of the number of awarded claims and compensation received by citizens of each Arkansas county, plus some examples of types of financial assistance paid out by the ACVRB.

2020 was the first full year that the ACVRB was housed administratively under the Arkansas Department of Public Safety, and we are very grateful for the continued leadership and support of Jami Cook, Secretary of the Department of Public Safety. We also want to recognize Lt. Colonel Tim K'Nuckles, Deputy Director, Administrative Operations, Arkansas State Police, and Amanda Yarbrough, Staff Attorney, for all their wisdom and guidance to the ACVRB as we work to fulfill our Mission and Goals. While the Covid-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of the annual National Crime Victims' Rights Week celebration in Arkansas, and our opportunity to honor a Crime Victims Advocate of the Year, the ACVRB otherwise did not skip any beats in marching to the drum of continuing to process claims and to assist crime victims in our State. Operations readily continued at full capacity with a smooth transition to the "new normal" of masking and maintaining appropriate social distancing and with an increase in working remotely and conducting virtual meetings as needed and appropriate.

If you have any questions about the information contained in this report, or about the operations of the ACVRB, please contact the Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Board at 501-682-1020 or 501-682-1323.

Respectfully submitted,



Janice K. Church, Ph.D., Chairman of the ACVRB

ARKANSAS CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD



Dr. Janice Church

Chairman

Little Rock

The Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Board was created by the legislature in 1987 in order to help minimize the financial burden realized by victims of violent crime. Since its inception, the Board has disbursed millions of dollars to crime victims. Although this financial assistance did not erase the scars left by violent crime, it did help many people to rebuild their lives.

ARKANSAS CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD



Molly Shepherd
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ARKANSAS CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS BOARD

PAID AMOUNT

2020			
	<i>Received</i>	<i>Awarded</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>
<i>Crime Victims</i>	705	352	\$877,422.66
<i>Sexual Assault</i>	1379	1120	\$1,056,466.70
<i>Total Claims</i>	2084	1472	\$1,933,889.36



ARKANSAS CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS STAFF



Lynette Parham
Administrator



Tonya Hooks
Investigator



Varnell Messer
Claims Specialist



Melinda Perkins
Investigator



Michaela Thomas
Fiscal Specialist

NEW AWARDS BY COUNTY

	Claims	Total
Arkansas	7	\$5,284.48
Ashley	4	\$6,841.95
Baxter	17	\$23,766.40
Benton	127	\$122,315.45
Boone	33	\$27,537.68
Bradley	1	\$873.44
Calhoun	1	\$900.00
Carroll	14	\$13,456.35
Chicot	4	\$33,343.70
Clark	14	\$12,182.34
Clay	6	\$5,032.95
Cleburne	8	\$10,207.08
Cleveland	3	\$1,641.11
Columbia	5	\$11,261.31
Conway	5	\$3,923.44
Craighead	81	\$122,812.24
Crawford	43	\$37,509.24
Crittenden	11	\$53,486.15
Cross	5	\$4,669.30
Desha	3	\$15,389.10
Drew	5	\$9,759.24
Faulkner	22	\$30,306.57
Franklin	7	\$6,341.90
Fulton	6	\$6,112.93
Garland	53	\$61,689.10
Grant	8	\$4,707.89
Greene	21	\$23,053.25
Hempstead	13	\$11,738.56
Hot Springs	12	\$12,861.57
Howard	6	\$5,338.95

	Claims	Total
Independence	25	\$22,887.60
Izard	3	\$2,737.29
Jackson	9	\$10,696.21
Jefferson	27	\$89,087.47
Johnson	6	\$5,331.94
Lafayette	3	\$2,421.76
Lawrence	13	\$12,309.58
Lee	3	\$1,532.64
Lincoln	2	\$8,010.88
Little River	4	\$5,931.27
Logan	23	\$26,766.32
Lonoke	42	\$29,631.57
Madison	10	\$10,213.51
Marion	10	\$22,472.63
Miller	23	\$27,901.79
Mississippi	18	\$27,262.57
Monroe	3	\$1,324.37
Montgomery	2	\$1,997.37
Nevada	3	\$2,807.21
Newton	2	\$2,365.88
Other State	1	\$891.35
Ouachita	4	\$3,953.61
Perry	2	\$3,999.28
Phillips	7	\$37,989.70
Pike	2	\$1,840.72
Poinsett	13	\$12,265.36
Polk	9	\$6,610.37
Pope	12	\$22,632.99
Prairie	4	\$9,451.19
Pulaski	195	\$322,397.06
Randolph	13	\$19,201.61
Saline	27	\$36,612.74
Scott	4	\$3,675.26
Searcy	5	\$13,443.52

	Claims	Total
Sebastian	141	\$135,542.53
Sevier	9	\$20,945.32
Sharp	13	\$11,049.74
St. Francis	12	\$20,341.43
Stone	4	\$5,820.16
Union	17	\$20,903.39
Van Buren	4	\$3,394.12
Washington	118	\$142,863.40
White	74	\$75,369.69
Woodruff	3	\$2,407.40
Yell	3	\$2,163.89
TOTAL	1472	\$1,933,889.36

VICTIM PAYOUTS

- A 57-year-old Randolph County woman sustained fatal injuries when she was stabbed to death at her residence. The Crime Victims' Program was able to assist with funeral expenses.
- A 44-year-old Marion County man sustained a fractured skull when he was assaulted by an unknown person. The victim and his son were on a boat landing having a discussion when the assailant interjected himself into their conversation, then struck the victim knocking him to the ground. The Crime Victims' Program was able to assist with medical expenses and lost wages.
- A 41-year-old Garland County man sustained multiple injuries, including a spinal fracture, when he was intentionally struck by a motor vehicle. The Crime Victims' Program was able to assist with medical expenses.
- A 39-year-old Chicot County man suffered multiple gunshot wounds during an attempted robbery and died as a result. He was found lying in the front yard of an apartment complex. The Crime Victims' Program was able to assist his family with funeral expenses.
- A 10-year-old Sevier County girl was fatally injured when the vehicle she was riding in was struck by a drunk driver. The Crime Victims' Program was able to pay the funeral expenses.
- A 36-year-old Pulaski County woman, who was the victim of a domestic assault by her ex-boyfriend, was able to have the locks on her residence replaced with help from the Crime Victims' Program.
- A 17-year-old Washington County boy sustained catastrophic injuries when he was shot in the neck during an attempted robbery. The Crime Victims' Program was able to assist with medical expenses.
- A 42-year-old Pope County woman was the victim of domestic battery by her husband and sustained a broken arm. The Crime Victims' Program was able to assist with medical expenses.

A DAY WITH THE STAFF



Tonya Hooks assisting a victim with a Crime Victims application.



Melinda Perkins gives a presentation on the Crime Victims Reparations Program.



Weekly PEER Meetings by the Crime Victims staff.