



**MEMORANDUM**

To: Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners  
From: Tonia Holowetzki, Director, Public & Government Affairs  
RE: Legislative Funding for Family Justice Center  
Date: February 25, 2025

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**REQUEST:** Board support for HB 3196, an appropriation of state funds to replace potential reductions in federal grants used by Family Justice Center partners.

**BACKGROUND:** The Clackamas County Sheriff's Office and District Attorney request the Board support HB 3196 to maintain funding for community partners providing critical services to domestic violence survivors at A Safe Place - Family Justice Center for Clackamas County.

Eleven on-site public and non-profit partners are co-located under the Center's roof to provide services to survivors and their children, free of charge. Since 2013, the Center has served 7,000 survivors. Center positions funded by federal grants are listed in Attachment B.

In 2024, Oregon received a 42% reduction in federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funding due to a decrease in federal deposits. While Congress is working toward a long-term solution, it will take several years to fully resolve the issue. House Bill 3196, included in Attachment A, would provide additional state funding to the Oregon Department of Justice to offset these cuts in available VOCA grant funding. If additional federal funding is reduced or withdrawn from Center partners, it will have negative impacts on the Center's ability to serve survivors.

HB 3196 had a public hearing on February 6 and a work session on February 20, where it passed unanimously out of committee and was referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The Sheriff's Office and District Attorney consider HB 3196 to be urgent legislation to ensure the preservation of public health and safety.

**RECOMMENDATION:** PGA recommends the Board support HB3196.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonia Holowetzki, Director, Public & Government Affairs

**ATTACHMENTS**

**#A:** Text of House Bill 3196

**#B:** Family Justice Center Positions Funded by Federal Grants

Attachment A

83rd OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY--2025 Regular Session

# House Bill 3196

Sponsored by Representatives KROPF, HARTMAN, WALLAN, Senator TAYLOR; Representatives LEWIS, MANNIX, MARSH, RESCHKE, SCHARF, Senators GELSER BLOUIN, MEEK, PATTERSON, PROZANSKI, REYNOLDS (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act gives money to DOJ to backfill reductions in VOCA grants. (Flesch Readability Score: 74.8).

Appropriates moneys to the Department of Justice to backfill reductions in federal Victims of Crime Act grants.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to state finance; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
5 **ated to the Department of Justice, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the Gen-**  
6 **eral Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, which may be expended for backfilling reductions in**  
7 **federal Victims of Crime Act grants.**

8 **SECTION 2. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
9 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**  
10 **on its passage.**

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

## Attachment #B

### ASP-FJC Positions Funded by VOCA or Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Federal Grants

- Clackamas County District Attorney's Office Victim Assistance Program ○ VOCA:  
3.0 FTE, .22 FTE and .77 FTE Victim Advocates
  - U.S Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women (OVW)
    - Improving Criminal Justice Response (ICJR)
- .75 FTE Victim Advocate (protective order assistance)
- Clackamas County H3S/CFCC ○ OVW ICJR
  - .15 DVSC Grant Manager
  - \$10,800 Client aid money for survivor needs
- Clackamas Women's Services
  - Oregon Department of Justice Crime Victim and Survivors Services  
Division ▪ VOCA funding through state allocation:
    - 2.75 FTE Sexual Assault Advocates (FJC & Youth Services)
    - 3.0 FTE DV Advocates- FJC
    - Emergency client assistance (hotels, food, doorbell camera, etc.) - \$5,000
  - VAWA funding through state allocation:
    - .50 FTE FJC Advocate
    - Emergency client assistance (hotels, phones, etc.)-\$3,000
  - Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)
    - 1.0 FTE Sexual Assault Advocate stationed at Providence  
Emergency  
Room and Clackamas Community College
      - 1.0 FTE Sexual Assault Advocate for Youth
      - Emergency client assistance (hotels, phones, medication, etc.)- \$7,000
- U.S. Department of Justice Office of Victims of Crime (OVC)-VOCA: ▪  
Expanding Access to Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations
  - 1.15 FTE Sexual Assault Advocate stationed at Providence Emergency  
Room
  - Enhancing Services for Victims
    - 1.0 FTE FJC Advocate
    - .50 FTE out-stationed Advocate at Clackamas Health Center
  - Emergency and Transitional Pet Shelter and Housing Assistance Grant Program
    - .75 FTE Program Coordinator
    - Shelter and housing assistance for victims fleeing with pets \$202,000
- U.S. Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) ▪ Legal  
Assistance for Victims (LAV)-
  - .50 FTE Legal Services Advocate
  - Transitional Housing Program (THP)-
    - 1.0 FTE Housing Case Manager
      - Rental assistance to 15 households for two years -\$375,000
    - Improving Criminal Justice Response (ICJR)

- Emergency assistance (security camera etc.) \$7,000
- .25 FTE Legal Services Advocate ▪ Rural Outreach Program
- .15 FTE Youth Advocate
- .50 FTE Rural Outreach Advocate
- .60 FTE Rural Trafficking Advocate (Safety Compass)
- Client assistance funds- transportation, emergency assistance, high risk response, etc. (\$6,000)
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)- Family Violence Prevention and Services Discretionary Grants: Specialized Services for Abused Parents and Their Children
  - 2.0 FTE Youth Services, Rural focus
  - .25 FTE Mental Health Counselor
  - .10 FTE Support Group Childcare
  - Camp HOPE Caregiver and Camper (Adult and Child) weekend program.
  - Emergency shelter funding
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
  - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)- 10 households
  - Rapid Re-housing (RRH)- 35 households
  - Coordinated Entry for Victims of DV and trafficking
    - 4.0 FTE Advocates (FJC and community based)
  - Community Development Public Services Grant-
    - .50 FTE Shelter Children's Program
    - Clackamas County Circuit Court ○ OVW ICJR: .65 FTE Onsite Court Clerk-Protective Orders
    - Legal Aid Services of Oregon ○ U.S. Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) ▪ ICJR
    - .40 FTE for Civil Legal Attorney
  - Legal Assistance for Victims
    - 1.0 FTE Civil Legal Attorney