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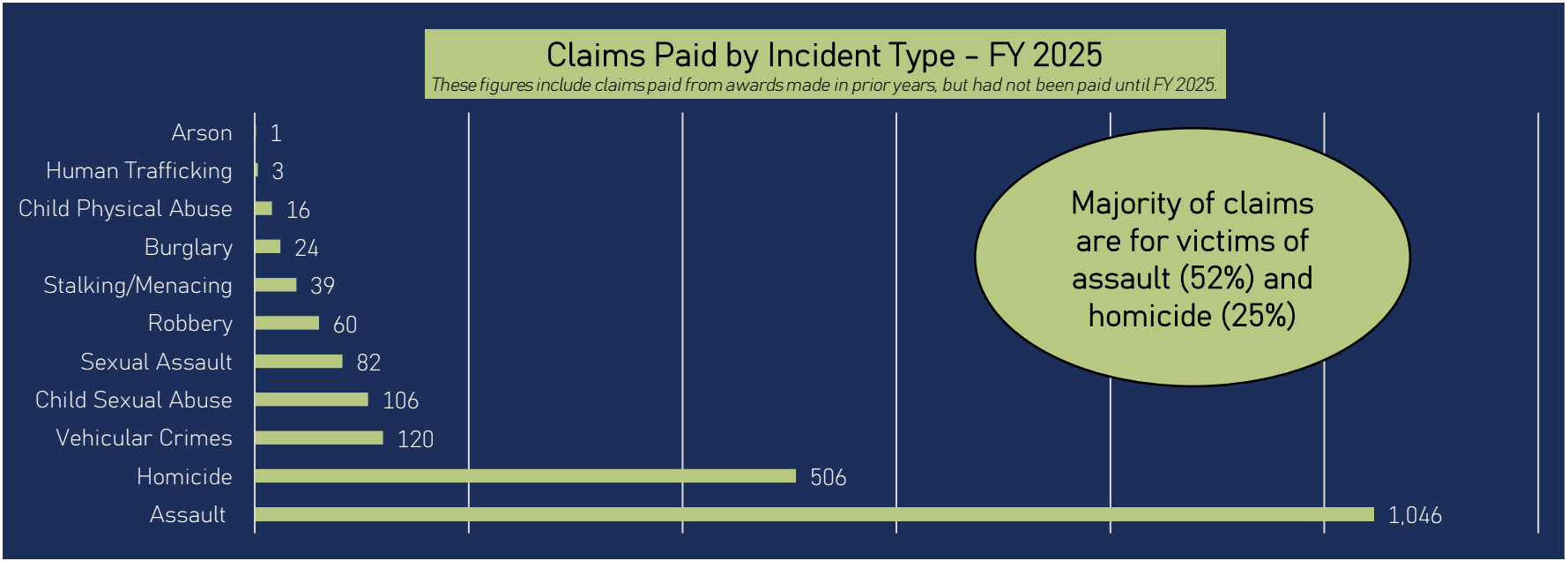
## Crime Victim Compensation Program

The Ohio Attorney General's Office administers the state's Victims of Crime Compensation Program. Historically, the Attorney General has paid for the awards with money primarily appropriated from the Reparations Fund (Fund 4020) and from the federal Crime Victim Assistance Fund (Fund 3FV0). Fund 4020 derives its revenue largely from court costs and driver license reinstatement fees. In addition to reparations, the Attorney General uses a portion of the money appropriated from Fund 4020 for administrative costs of the victim compensation program, the Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) Program, grants to victim assistance programs, DNA specimen collection, analysis, and database entry, and attorney fees. Beginning in FY 2022, the GRF has provided periodic support to help supplement these funding sources.

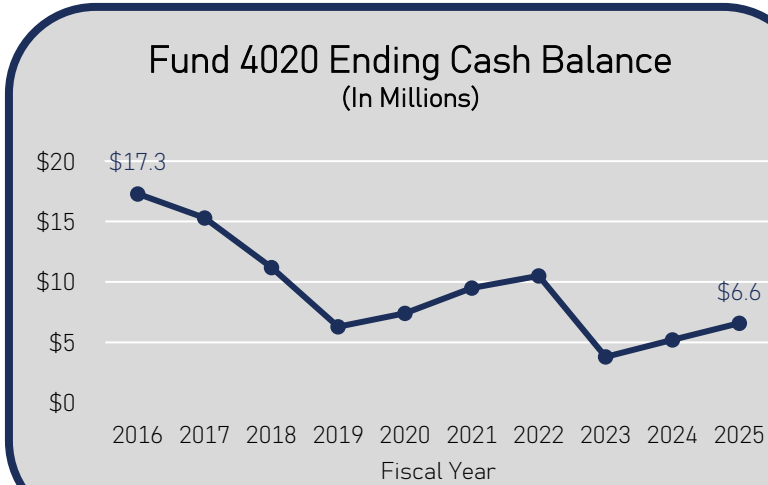
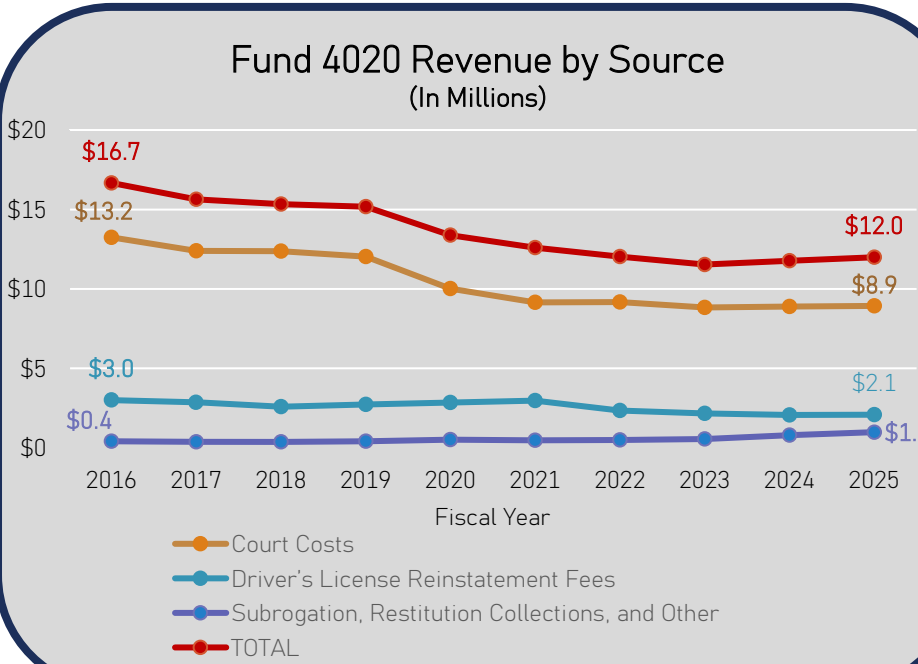
GRF paid \$5.8 M (79%) of the total victim compensation payout in FY 2024 and \$3.4 M (39%) in FY 2025

| Crime Victim Compensation Awards (FY 2016 – FY 2025) |                       |               |                   |                     |        |                     |        |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| Original and Supplemental                            |                       |               |                   |                     |        |                     |        |
| Fiscal Year                                          | Number of awards paid | Average award | Total claims paid | Fund 3FV0           |        | Fund 4020           |        |
|                                                      |                       |               |                   | Claim disbursements | % Paid | Claim disbursements | % Paid |
| 2016                                                 | 2,893                 | \$2,369       | \$6,852,866       | \$4,586,363         | 67%    | \$2,266,503         | 33%    |
| 2017                                                 | 2,865                 | \$2,406       | \$6,893,297       | \$4,205,104         | 61%    | \$2,688,193         | 39%    |
| 2018                                                 | 2,726                 | \$2,671       | \$7,282,291       | \$4,249,521         | 58%    | \$3,032,770         | 42%    |
| 2019                                                 | 2,677                 | \$2,961       | \$7,927,274       | \$3,299,033         | 42%    | \$4,628,241         | 58%    |
| 2020                                                 | 1,987                 | \$2,825       | \$5,614,050       | \$4,111,372         | 73%    | \$1,502,678         | 27%    |
| 2021                                                 | 1,753                 | \$3,388       | \$5,939,020       | \$4,213,463         | 71%    | \$1,725,558         | 29%    |
| 2022*                                                | 2,476                 | \$3,567       | \$6,094,250       | \$4,942,994         | 81%    | \$857,231           | 14%    |
| 2023                                                 | 1,872                 | \$4,107       | \$7,676,704       | \$2,075,112         | 27%    | \$5,601,593         | 73%    |
| 2024*                                                | 1,977                 | \$3,729       | \$7,346,554       | \$918,333           | 13%    | \$631,149           | 9%     |
| 2025*                                                | 2,003                 | \$4,360       | \$8,671,524       | \$3,714,867         | 43%    | \$1,591,436         | 18%    |

\*For FY 2022, total claims paid also includes payments from the GRF of \$294,024 (5% of the total). For FY 2024 and FY 2025, total claims paid also includes payments from the GRF of \$5,797,072 (79% of the total) and \$3,365,221 (39% of the total), respectively.



### Fund 4020 Historical Overview



- The budget bill of the 134<sup>th</sup> G.A. (H.B. 110) established GRF line item 055441, Victims of Crime, with a \$2.5 million appropriation in FY 2022. This funding reduced the pressure on Fund 4020 by covering some of the costs that otherwise would be paid from the Fund. No funding for FY 2023 was provided.
- No GRF appropriation in FY 2023 led to an increase in Fund 4020 expenditures in that year.
- For FY 2024 and FY 2025, GRF line item 055441, Victims of Crime, received appropriations of \$9.0 million and \$7.0 million, respectively, under the budget bill of the 135<sup>th</sup> G.A. (H.B. 33). The FY 2024 balance for Fund 4020 increased 37.8% over the previous fiscal year due to the GRF funding.
- For FY 2026 and FY 2027, GRF line item 055441, Victims of Crime, received appropriations of \$6.7 million and \$5.7 million, respectively, under the budget bill of the 136<sup>th</sup> G.A. (H.B. 96).

