



Legislative Budget Office of LSC

Crime Victim Compensation Program

The Ohio Attorney General's Office administers the state's Victims of Crime Compensation Program. The Attorney General pays 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.

Crime Victim Compensation Awards (FY 2015 – FY 2023) (Original and Supplemental)

Fiscal Year	Number of awards paid	Average award	Total claims paid	Fund 3FV0		Fund 4020	
				Claim disbursements	% Paid	Claim disbursements	% Paid
2015	2,948	\$2,530	\$7,460,039	\$3,153,905	42%	\$4,306,134	58%
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%

*For FY 2022, total claims paid also includes payments from the GRF of \$294,024 (5% of the total).

Claims Paid by Incident Type - FY 2023

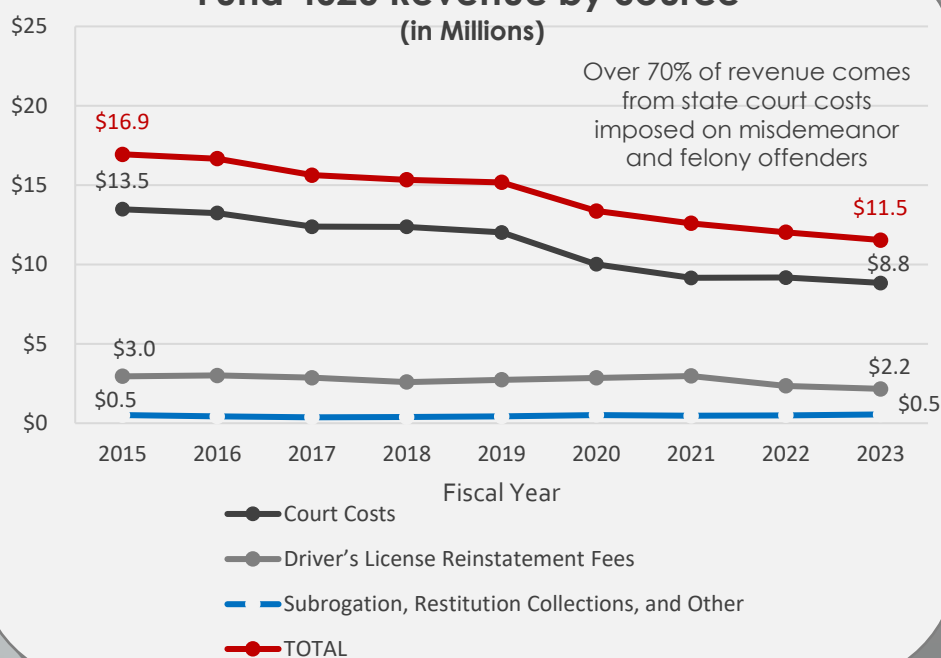
These figures include claims paid from awards made in prior years that had not yet been paid.



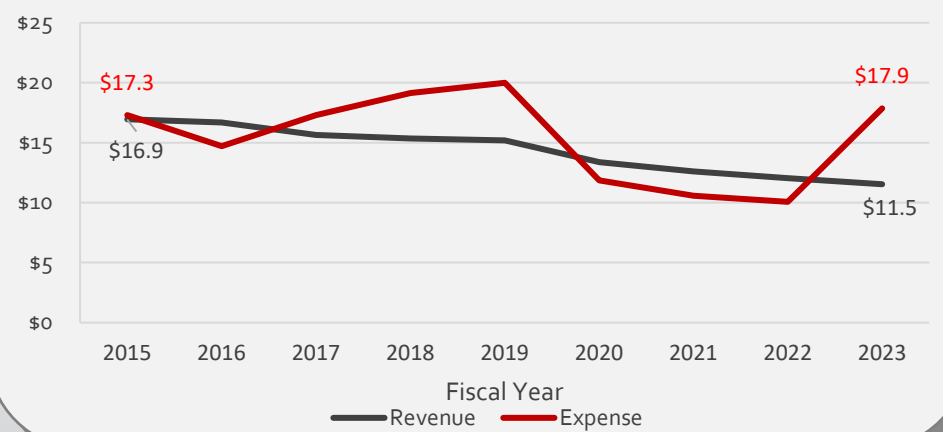
Majority of claims are for victims of assault (43%) and homicide (32%)

Fund 4020 Historical Overview

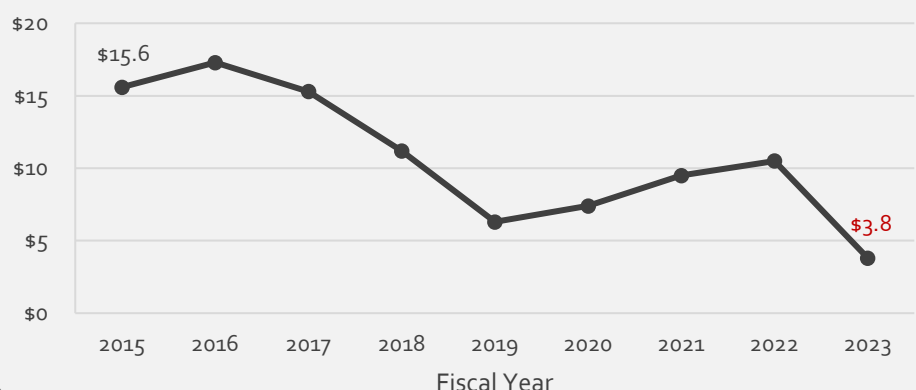
Fund 4020 Revenue by Source (in Millions)



Fund 4020 Revenue and Disbursements (in Millions)



Fund 4020 Cash Balance (In Millions)



- In FY 2020, measures were taken by the Attorney General to decrease expenditures paid from Fund 4020. This included finding another funding source for the Bureau of Criminal Investigation's DNA work and securing a grant to pay for most of the SAFE program expenses.
- The budget bill of the 134th 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.
- 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 135th G.A. (H.B. 33).