

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 38: Department of Justice Victims of Crime Act Grant

To:	Emergency Board
From:	Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier:	Senator Sollman

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board allocate \$3,150,000 from the Emergency Fund to the Department of Justice to backfill a reduction in the federal fiscal year 2024 Victims of Crime Act Assistance federal grant for the remainder of the 2023-25 biennium.

Victims of Crime Assistance, or VOCA, federal allocations are one part of Oregon's complex funding mix for providing services to victims of crime. Oregon's VOCA allocation for federal fiscal year 2024 decreased 42.2% from the prior year. The Department of Justice requested \$4.2 million General Fund to backfill the reduction and maintain the level of grants awarded to victim service programs for one year. For the remainder of the 2023-25 biennium, the amount required to backfill the shortfall is \$3.15 million General Fund. A further adjustment will be made to the Department's 2025-27 budget to reflect the final three months of the shortfall.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.