

VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT AWARD
Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City

TOTAL TWO-YEAR GRANT BUDGET: \$2,381,124

Continuation Projects

- **Family Bereavement Center**
 - Director
 - Therapist
 - 2 Advocates
- **Juvenile Victim Witness Unit**
 - Juvenile Advocate
 - Language Line for Juvenile Division

New Projects

- **5 New Advocates for Victim/Witness Unit- Circuit Court**
 - 1 Advocate assigned to the Gun Violence Enforcement Division
 - 1 Advocate assigned jointly to Major Investigations Unit and Public Trust and Police Integrity Unit
 - 1 Advocate assigned to Misdemeanor Jury Trial
 - 1 Advocate assigned to Misdemeanor Jury Trial- Special Victim cases only
 - 1 Bilingual Advocate assigned to the Victim/Witness Waiting Room in the Mitchell Courthouse
- **2 New Advocates for Victim/Witness Unit- District Court**
 - 1 Advocate assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit in District Court
 - 1 Bilingual Advocate assigned to District Court
- **2 New Witness Coordinators for the Homicide Unit**
- **1 New Coordinator for the Economic Crimes Unit** (for financial abuse cases involving vulnerable adults)
- **Access to the Language Line for the entire Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City**

NOTE: The Language Line is a phone-based interpretation service that allows individuals who speak different languages to communicate in real-time, over the phone.
- **Training:**
 - Roper Victim Assistance Training Academy for all new victim/witness staff hired under this grant AND several current victim/witness staff members who have yet to attend the course
 - Maryland Victim Assistance Certification for all victim/witness staff
 - \$500 Annual Training stipend for all victim/witness staff
- **Parking:**
 - Validated parking for victims and witnesses visiting Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City Headquarters (120 E. Baltimore Street) or the Clarence Mitchell Courthouse
 - Validated parking for victims and witnesses visiting the Baltimore City Juvenile Justice Center
- **Additional Items:**
 - Renovations to the Victim/Witness Waiting Room in the Clarence Mitchell Courthouse
 - Spanish translation of the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City website
 - Computer equipment and training for all new hires

FISCAL YEAR 2017 GRANTS SNAPSHOT

- The Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City received 22 state and federal grants in Fiscal Year 2017 totaling \$6,405,235. These grants support, 74 positions in full, including 19 new positions in Fiscal Year 2017.
- Under this administration, grant funding has increased 27 percent, including \$5 million in Fiscal Year 2015.
- The Fiscal Year 2017 grant success is the direct result of several new partnerships developed with local government agencies and non-profit organizations. Primary grant partners include the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, Baltimore City Health Department, Behavioral Health Systems Baltimore, Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore Child Abuse Center, and the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice.