



Fund 2010: Attorney General Crime & Violence Prevention Fund **Report to the EOCJ Appropriations Sub-committee (Sept. 2015)**

History and Purpose of the Fund

The Crime and Violence Prevention Fund was created by the Legislature in 2008 to account for donations and gifts received by the Attorney General's Office to further its mission. UCA 67-5-24 describes the parameters under which the fund may receive and use money. Donations and gifts made to the fund are traditionally restricted, with specific purposes and uses tied to receipt of these funds.

Legislative Request for Reporting & Oversight

Although this fund has a reporting requirement mentioned in statute, no method or means of reporting has previously been specified. During the 2014 General Session of the Legislature a recommendation was made that a reporting time and method be specified. Last year a report was provided to the EOCJ Appropriations Committee, and this report provides an annual follow-up as a result of that recommendation.

Donations, Fund Uses and Fund Balances

Since creation of the fund the OAG has been the beneficiary of several gifts and donations, as described below:

- 1) Amber Alert donations – Each year the Davis County Chamber of Commerce holds a fund-raiser for the Amber Alert program. Total donations of \$57,400 were received from 2008 to 2014. Until last year, these funds were used by the AG's Office for operation of the Amber Alert system. Last year, the Attorney General chose to transfer primary responsibility for operation of this system to the Department of Public Safety (DPS), which has been a partner in this system over the years. The remaining balance of donated funds was transferred to the Department of Public Safety, who will now be coordinating this program in the future, and will be the recipient of any future funding.
- 2) Operation Kids – In 2010 the Attorney General's office received a \$200,060 donation towards the efforts of the "Internet Crimes Against Children" (ICAC) Task Force. Some of this money has been used over the years for purchases of needed equipment. \$64,400 remains, and will be spent out in the current fiscal year.
- 3) Specialty Use Vehicle (Mobile Forensic Lab) – In 2013 an anonymous donation of \$195,750 was received for purchase/construction of a specialty use vehicle to provide a

mobile forensic lab for the ICAC Task Force. This vehicle was built using these donated funds, and has been in use for two years.

- 4) Peter (Rocky) Rognlie Memorial Training Scholarship – Peter “Rocky” Rognlie served as an attorney with the Utah Attorney General’s Office from April of 1999 until his untimely death in 2011. A scholarship fund of \$22,000 was established by his family in 2013, in partnership with the Utah Children’s Justice Center (CJC) Program, to enable prosecutors and law enforcement officers to receive training at the annual Children’s Justice Symposium/Utah Prosecution Council Domestic Violence Conference. \$18,961 of this funding remains, and it will be used over the next nine years in equal annual amounts to provide scholarships for conference attendees who would otherwise not be able to attend. Each scholarship covers the registration fee and two nights’ lodging (at the state rate).

Performance, Results and Accomplishments

1. Amber Alert Donations – This year, all remaining funding was transferred to the Department of Public Safety for operation of the Amber Alert program, and any future amounts will go directly to them.
2. Operation Kids - \$56,903 was used in FY 2015 for equipment and expenses related to the ICAC Task Force. Part of this funding went to four local police departments to conduct undercover ICAC operations, which resulted in 11 arrests, 104 knock and talks, and 44 search warrants. The rest went toward the cost of an undercover phone system, ICAC computer equipment and software for forensic exams.
3. Specialty Use Vehicle (Mobile Forensic Lab) - The Mobile Forensic Lab allows the ICAC Task Force members to perform forensic exams on scene instead of taking the seized computer equipment to the Regional Computer Forensic Lab (RCFL) for examination. The RCFL usually takes 6-8 months to complete a forensic exam, which also delays the task force in arresting the suspect. Having the mobile lab has allowed the task force members to check evidence on site and arrest suspects immediately. In addition, the ICAC Task Force has used the Mobile Forensic Lab to assist local law enforcement agencies in rural areas of Utah to conduct forensic exams in child pornography cases investigations.
4. Peter (Rocky) Rognlie Memorial Training Scholarship - In 2015 a CJC training conference was attended by over 700 child abuse professionals from around the state. Registration and lodging was provided for eight scholarship recipients, totaled \$1,562. The balance of the scholarship fund is now \$18,961.

Some comments from scholarship recipients: “The Symposium is always high on my list each year due to the highly relevant and informative subject matter not generally covered in any other training I’ve been able to attend. I applaud the efforts you, your staff and presenters give to this program. Without your dedication we would be unable to obtain this much needed training.”

“The only challenge I came across was having to choose between several classes that I really wanted to attend that were going on at the same time.”

“The growing demographic (female offenders in positions of trust) is of particular interest since our city has handled several cases involving both male and female teachers. With the expansion of the law regarding positions of trust and who would qualify, this (topic) was very interesting and well presented.”

Future Funding Availability

With the completion of the Mobile Forensic Lab, and with transfer of Amber Alert funds to DPS, this fund now has only a remaining balance of \$83,391, from two sources. It is anticipated that these funds will be used up over the next several years, in the ways described above based on requests of the donators. It is unknown whether any additional gifts or donations may be received in the future.

FUND HISTORY: FUND 2010 CRIME & VIOLENCE PREVENTION FUND

SFY	AMBER ALERT			ICAC Operation Kids			SPECIAL VEHICLE			Rocky SYMPOSIUM			TOTAL
	REVENUE	EXPENSE	BALANCE	REVENUE	EXPENSE	BALANCE	REVENUE	EXPENSE	BALANCE	REVENUE	EXPENSE	BALANCE	
FY2008	200	-	200	-	-	-							\$200
FY2009	7,050	-	7,250	-	-	-							\$7,250
FY2010	8,137	1,354	14,034	200,060	34,721	165,339							\$179,373
FY2011	13,552	91	27,495	-	36,010	129,328							\$156,823
FY2012	11,000	4,763	33,732	25	8,021	121,333							\$155,065
FY2013	17,009	-	50,741	-	-	121,333	195,750	82,396	113,354	22,000	-	22,000	307,427
FY2014	500	11,396	39,844	-	-	121,333	-	113,354	-	-	1,477	20,523	181,700
FY2015	-	39,844	-	-	56,903	64,430	-	-	-	-	1,562	18,961	83,391
TOTAL	\$57,448	\$57,447		\$200,085	\$135,655		\$195,750	\$195,750		\$22,000	\$3,039		