

Underserved Survivors Support And Safety Program

Contra Costa District Attorney's Office

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Grant Funding and Purpose

- The Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office secured a federal grant in the amount of \$963,000 to launch the **Underserved and Unserved Survivor Program (UUSSP)**.
- This new initiative provides critical support to victims and survivors of gun violence—particularly **those impacted by unsolved shootings**—by expanding access to comprehensive victim services and vital resources.
- The funding is available from July 2024-June 2026.



Victim Advocate Services Expanded

- As part of this effort, Victim Advocates from the District Attorney's Office are embedded at both the East and West County Family Justice Centers, ensuring that survivors receive immediate, trauma-informed assistance in locations that are accessible and connected to a broad network of support.



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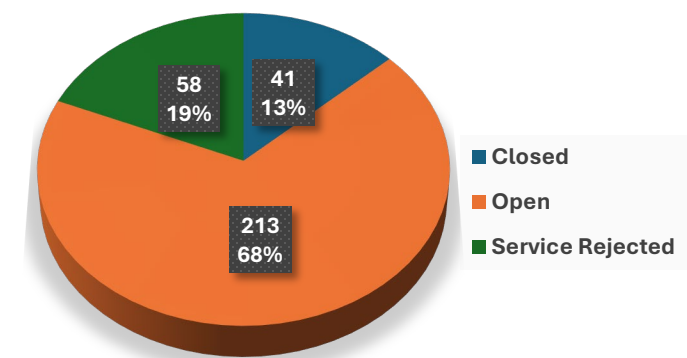
Family Justice Center Will Host Survivor Listening Sessions

- In addition to direct services, the grant will fund **Survivor Surveys and Listening Sessions** designed to elevate the voices of those most affected.
- The insights gathered directly from the voices of victims will guide Contra Costa County in developing more responsive, effective, and compassionate strategies to assist victims and survivors of gun violence.

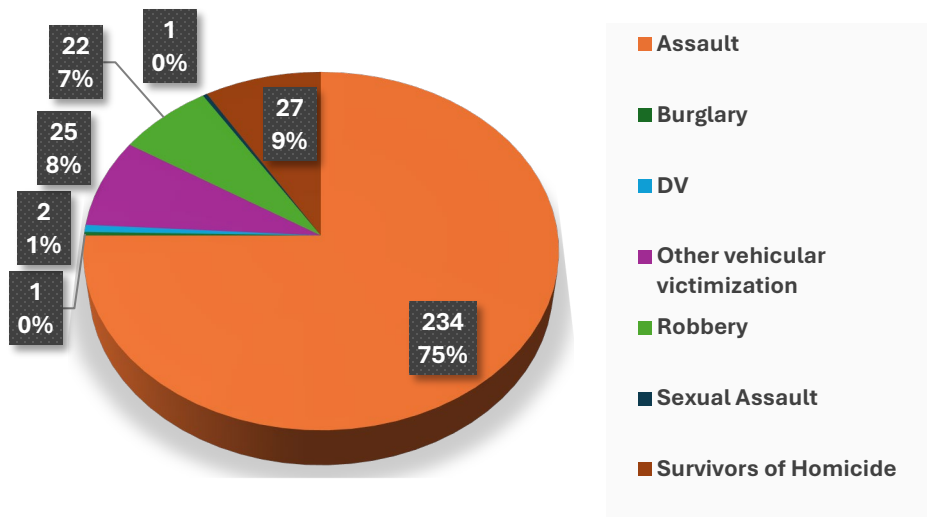


Grant Statistics

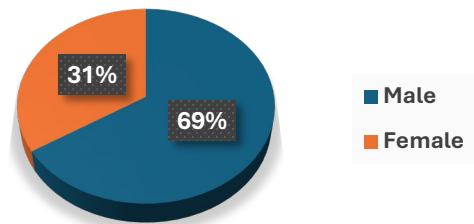
Total cases by end of November: 312



Crime Category



Gender



42 outreach activities with stakeholders



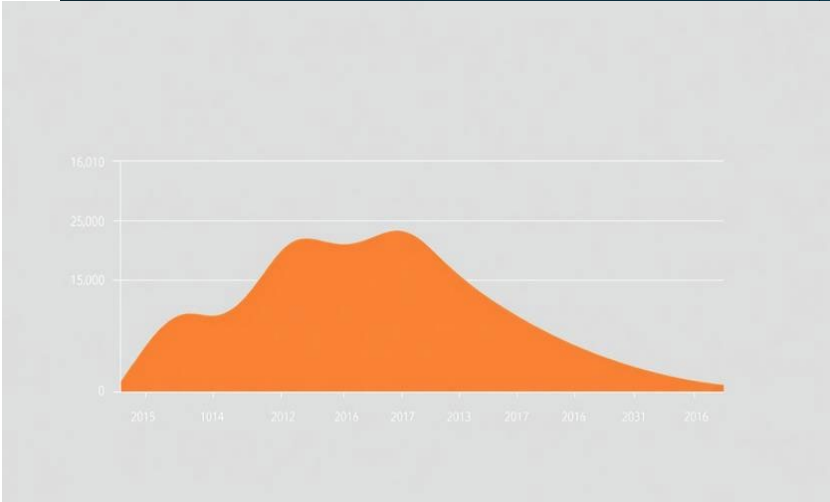
Richmond	62%
Antioch	26%
Pittsburg	6%
Others	6%



1,083 services provided, including support with criminal justice information, victims' rights, referrals, law enforcement advocacy, immigration assistance, relocation, funeral arrangements, legal advice and many other services tailored to the needs of victims



40 CalVCB applications submitted for different types of expenses



How The Grant Makes a Difference

Survivor of Homicide:

In November, When a tragic shooting took the life of a young man walking in Richmond, his family was left devastated and overwhelmed. His mother, facing the unimaginable loss of her son, found herself in a difficult situation with little support, no clear path forward, and no idea where to turn for help.

Through the daily media sweep conducted by the grant team, an advocate reached out to her directly—offering compassionate guidance and immediate assistance. She had never heard of the California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB) or the resources available to her. But within days, the advocate helped her access critical burial support—covering \$12,818 in expenses—without her having to navigate the complex system alone.

The advocate completed the paperwork in Spanish, coordinated with the cemetery and CalVCB, and even met with her in person to finalize everything. Thanks to the program, she is going to be able to lay her son to rest with dignity, carrying less of the financial burden.

This is just one example of how the program provides timely, hands-on support to families and survivors of homicide during times of crisis.

Victim of Vehicular gun violence:

In February, a local resident experienced a terrifying incident when her car was struck by a stray bullet in Pittsburg. The emotional toll was immediate—fear, paranoia, and uncertainty about what to do next.

Unaware that services existed for victims affected by gun violence in the county, she was surprised to receive a call from an advocate.

During the conversation, the advocate listened closely as she shared her needs including means to obtain a police report needed for an insurance claim. The advocate took action—following up directly with law enforcement. Within a week, the individual had the contact information they needed to move forward.

That timely support made all the difference. The program reminded victims and survivors that they weren't alone.



*Three languages
available within
the program:
English, Spanish
and Arabic*