

Local agencies earn domestic violence funds

(KAIR)--Local agencies will benefit from grant funds earmarked for domestic violence assistance.

According to a release from the office of Kansas Governor Laura Kelly, a total of more than \$20.5 million has been allocated to 65 Kansas organizations by the Federal Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance grant awards.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office has been awarded \$79,134. Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse told MSC News such funds are used to annually fund a victim assistance coordinator.

Also receiving funds is the Leavenworth-based organization that provides domestic violence-related services to Atchison.

Alliance Against Family Violence was selected to receive more than \$196,000. In August, the Atchison City Commission gave unanimous approval to designate the organization as the official domestic violence shelter to provide services to the City of Atchison. That followed the disbandment of the DoVES organization.

Leavenworth County-based First Judicial District CASA Association, which also provides services to Atchison County, will receive \$177,243.

According to the release from Kelly, the funds are generated by federal fines, penalty assessments, forfeited appearances and bail bonds.

The VOCA grant program awards funds to eligible crime victim assistance programs, specifically programs that provide crisis intervention, legal support, criminal justice assistance, safety planning, mental health, helpline counseling, and transitional housing, among other services.

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