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Statement of Interim Charge

Examining Crime Victims' Compensation and Assistance Funds

Study the administration, funding sources, and distribution of state victims' assistance and the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund. Examine eligibility criteria, allocation processes, and distribution methods to victims, service providers, and related programs. Make recommendations to improve these programs in fulfilling their statutory purposes.

Crime Victim's Compensation Program

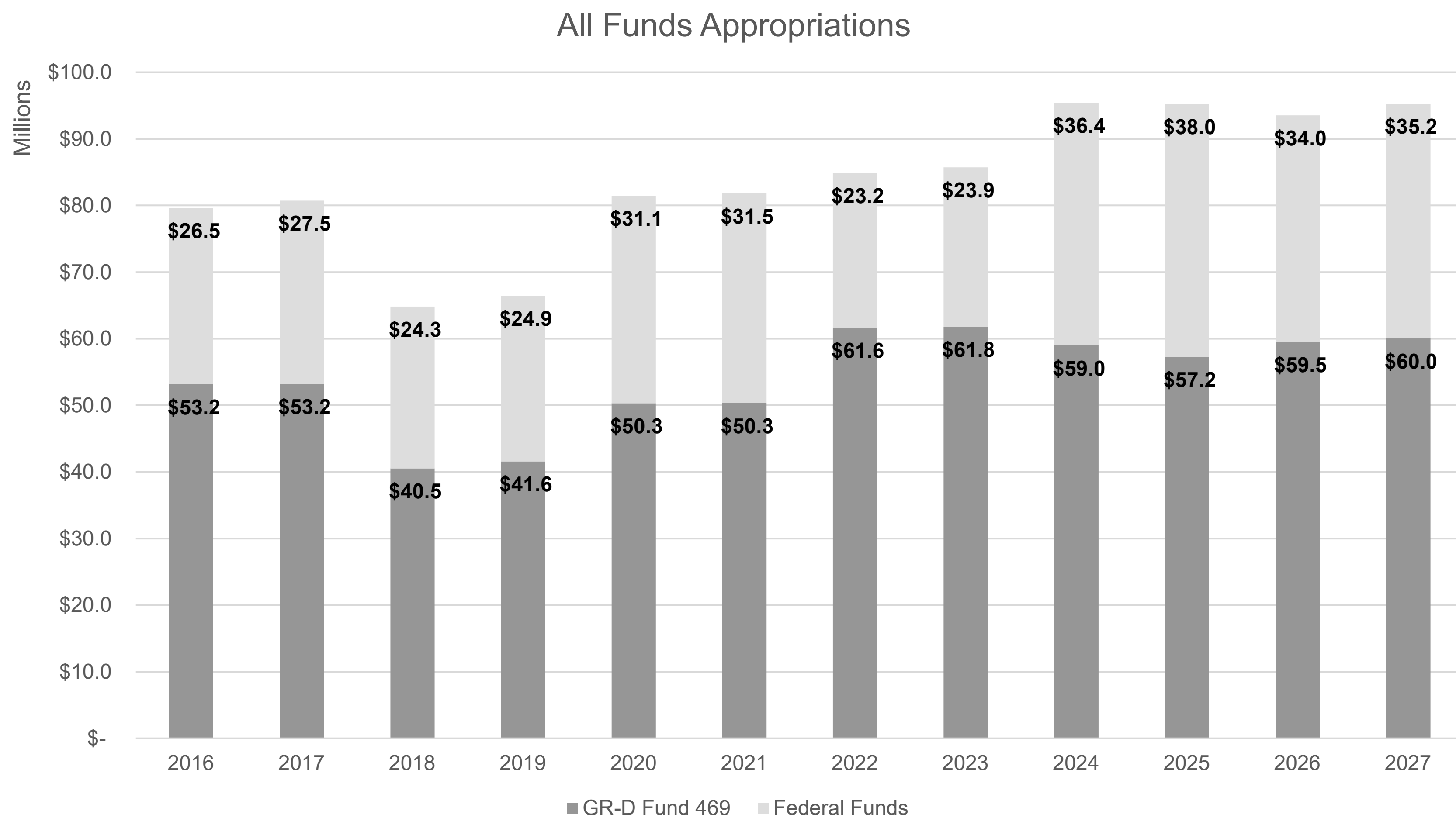
The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) is charged with administering the state's Crime Victims Compensation (CVC) Program, which provides victims of violent crime financial assistance for certain crime-related expenses.

Expenses include reimbursement of victims' medical expenses, counseling, lost earnings, funeral costs, and other expenses authorized by law.

Appropriations for the CVC program are made to the OAG in Strategy C.1.1, Crime Victims Compensation.

Method of Finance	2026-27 Appropriations
General Revenue-Dedicated (GR-D) Fund 469, Compensation to Victims of Crime Account	$119,576,533
Federal Funds from Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)	$69,244,964
Total Appropriations	**$188,821,497**

Strategy C.1.1, Crime Victims’ Compensation



GR-D Fund 469
Compensation to Victims of Crime

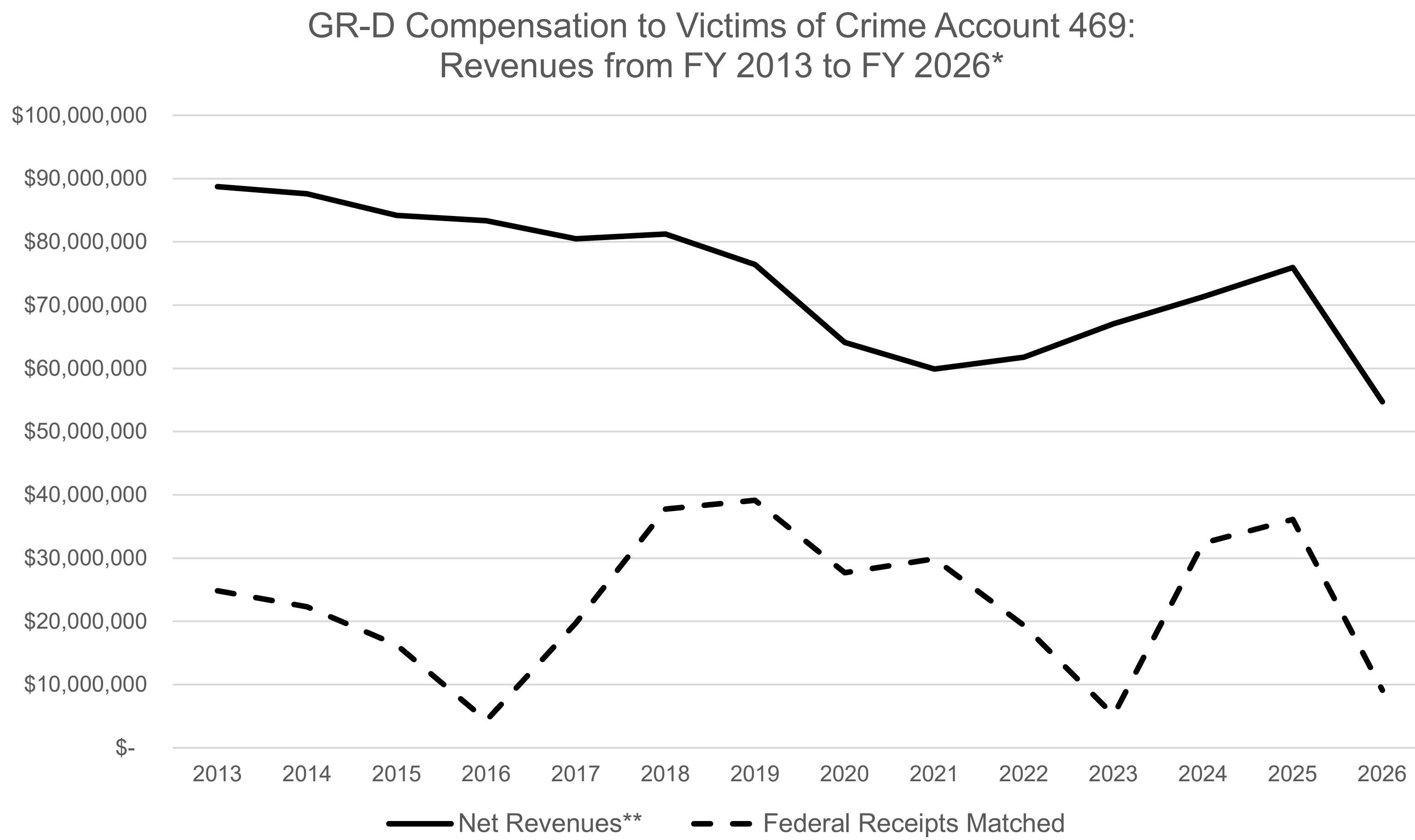
The primary sources of state revenue to Fund 469 include the following:

- **Court Fees:** A percentage (24.6704%) of court costs collected for misdemeanor and felony convictions.

Conviction	Court Fee
Felony	$185
Class A or B Misdemeanor	$147
Non-jailable Misdemeanor	$62

- **Fees for Administrative Services:** Primarily includes Parolee Supervision Fees. Federal regulations in 2024 restricted the collection of telephone fees from prison inmates leading to a loss in projected revenue.
- **Restitution:** Offender payments to reimburse the fund for payments to their victims.
- In fiscal year 2025, excluding federal funds and transfers, court fees comprised 62.53% of state revenues to the fund, fees for administrative services comprised 30.70%, interest collected 5.09%, and other sources including restitution comprised 1.68%.

GR-D Fund 0469
Compensation to Victims of Crime



**FY 2026 is through June 30, 2026*

***Net Revenue Excludes Transfers and Federal Funds.*

Source: State of Texas Cash Reports, FY 2014 to 2025, and State of Texas Cash Activity, FY 2013 and 2026

GR-D Fund 469
Compensation to Victims of Crime

Actions taken to address revenue shortfalls:

- 87th Legislature- Appropriated the following for deposit into the fund:
    - $43,155,529 in General Revenue (2022-23 General Appropriations Act)
    - $54,756,000 in Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds (Senate Bill 8, 3rd Called Session)

88th Legislature- incorporated three MOF swaps in the 2024-25 General Appropriations Act to replace appropriations previously made from Fund 469:

- Funding for Crime Victims Compensation (CVC) Program at OAG: $16,000,000 replaced with federal VOCA funds.
- Funding for Victims Assistance Grants at OAG: $28,438,712 replaced with General Revenue.
- Funding for Child Advocacy Programs at the Health and Human Services Commission: $20,459,688 replaced with General Revenue.

89th Legislature-

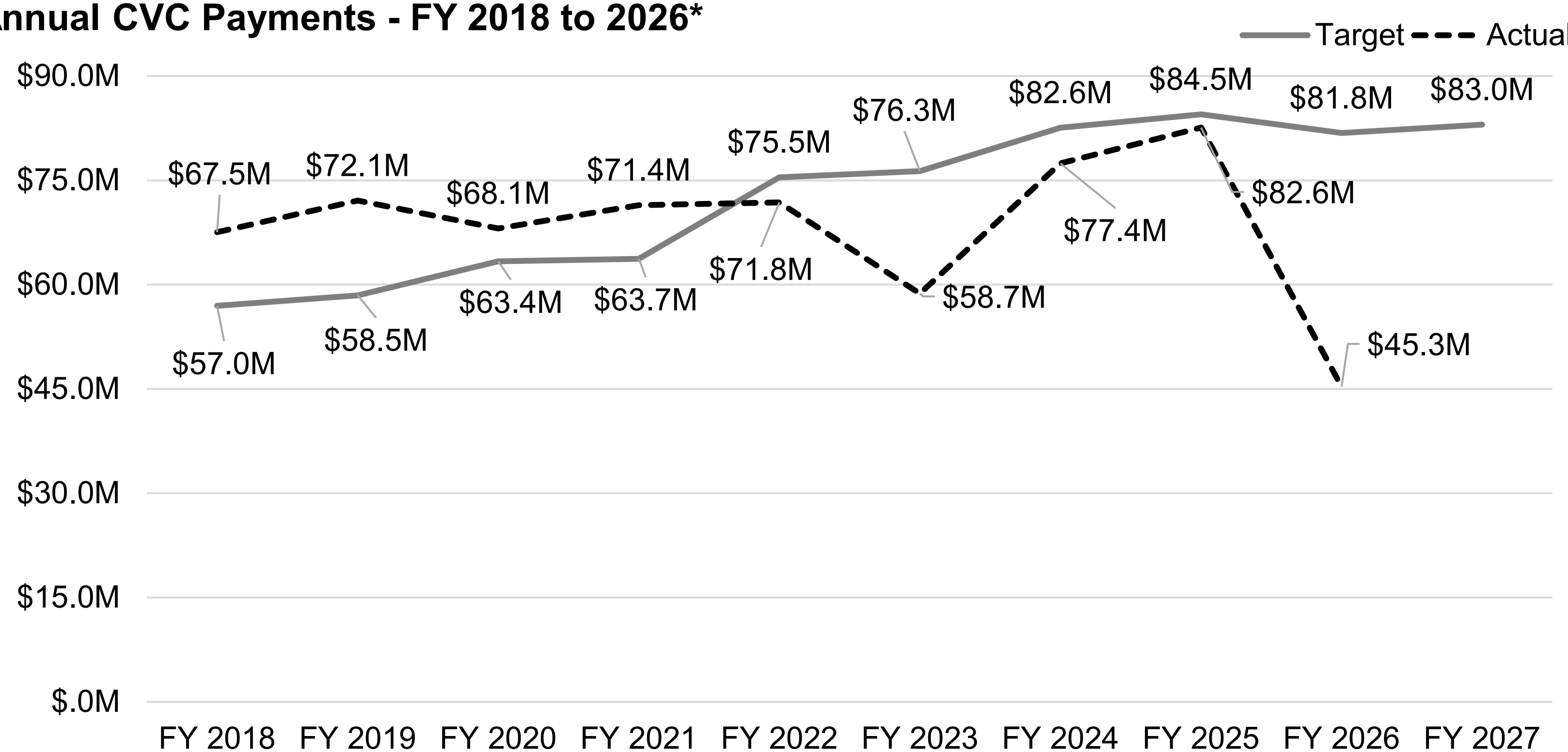
- Provided $40,454,048 in supplemental funding out of the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2025 for transfer and deposit to the Fund 469 to offset the projected loss of inmate telephone fee revenues.

Crime Victims Compensation (CVC) Staffing

Note: In September 2023, reporting switched from the entirety of the OAG's Crime Victims Services Division to only employees associated with the CVC program.
Source: Office of the Attorney General

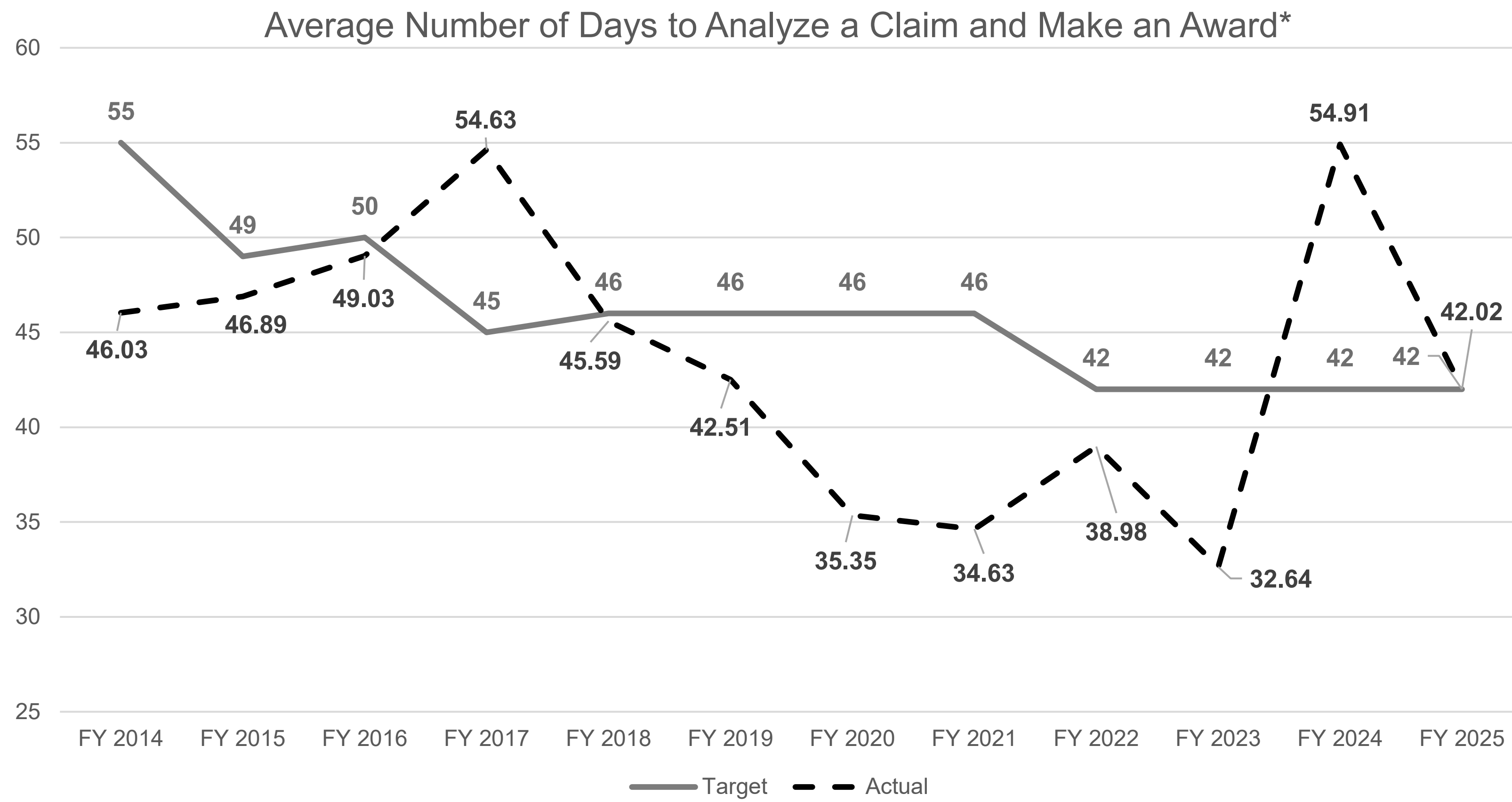
Performance Measures

Annual CVC Payments - FY 2018 to 2026*



**Payments through Q2 FY 2026*
***Target Amounts set by Rider 1 in the General Appropriations Act*
****Actual Amounts Downloaded from the Automated Budget Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)*

Performance Measures



**Beginning in Fiscal Year 2026, this measure was split into two new Efficiency Measures*

Source: Actual amounts reported by agency to the Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST).

2026 Strategic Plan

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2026, the Efficiency Measure *Average Number of Days to Analyze a Claim and Make an Award* was split into two measures:

- Average Number of Days to Pay Forensic Sexual Assault Exams

Target	FY 2026 Q1-3 Average
7 Days	9.14 Days

- Average Number of Days to Make an Award for Victim Compensation Claims

Target	FY 2026 Q1-3 Average
90 Days	105.98 Days

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