

LEGISLATIVE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMISSION  
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**DEPARTMENT/AGENCY QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Instructions:** Please use this MS Word document as a template, entering your answers below the corresponding number/letter. The commission is cognizant of the numerous reporting requirements of ARRA and does not wish to burden your Department or agency with duplicative requests for information where possible. Please use information that you have all ready reported to the Federal government, as applicable.

If a question is not applicable please indicate N/A. The information requested under question 1 should be answered under each item for each group/category or program/project. However, Questions 2 and 3 need not be answered for each group/category or program/project.

1. For each group/category or program/project for which ARRA funds have been obtained, please provide the following information:

(a) A brief summary of the program/project, including goals;

*To provide direct services to crime victims in support of the Recovery Act objectives to preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery.*

(b) Whether funds were appropriated for expenditure by a federal agency, were awarded as a formula/block grant to a State or county agency, or were awarded on a competitive grant basis;

*Appropriated for expenditure by a federal agency*

(c) Whether matching funds are required, and, if so:

*Matching funds are not required*

(i) Are they available;

(ii) Have they been secured;

(iii) If they have not been secured, why not; and

(iv) Will the State be required to continue that match or provide increased/full funding in the future;

(d) If there are additional requirements to receive funds, what are they;

*The only requirement to receive funds was to submit an application to the federal agency*

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- (e) The amount of funds involved and the state/federal fiscal year within which the funds must be expended (e.g. SFY 2009-2010 or FFY 2009-2010);

*\$115,642.00 to be expended in FY2009-2010*

- (f) What criteria were used to identify the program/project as a priority and how does the program/project meet them;

*Funds were expended to every State's crime victim compensation program that completed an application for these funds*

- (g) Efforts undertaken to coordinate application for funds and administration of the program/project, including expenditure of funds, with other federal, state, and county agencies;

*Not applicable as there is no coordination to apply or expend funds*

- (h) The criteria used to select activities for the program/project;

*Expenditure of funds is primarily being used to reimburse violent crime victims for their unreimbursed lost earnings as a result of their injuries from a violent crime incident and for out-of-pocket medical expenses resulting from their violent crime incident.*

- (i) Efforts made to provide public notice and seek public comment/input or, if public comment/input was not sought, why;

*Public comment/input was not sought as the Crime Victim Compensation Commission is expending the stimulus funds in the same manner in which other crime-related victim expenditures are made.*

- (j) Efforts made during the bidding/award process to ensure that it was transparent and that the funds were awarded based on merit and in a prompt, fair, and reasonable manner;

*Not applicable as there was no bidding/award process required*

- (k) Measures employed to: (1) reduce duplication of efforts, (2) ensure that funds were used for authorized purposes, and (3) prevent cost overruns, fraud, waste, error, and abuse;

*(1) There is no duplication of efforts as the Commission is the only crime victim compensation program in the State of Hawaii. (2) Funds have been expended in the same manner as all other victim compensation. All expenditures are*

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*reviewed and approved by the Executive Director. (3) In addition to funds being monitored by the expending program, funds are also monitored by the department's fiscal division in terms of requesting the expenditure of the funds.*

- (l) Current status of the program/project, including percentage of awarded funds that have been obtained, percentage of awarded funds encumbered and/or expended, and what part(s) of program/project have been completed; and

*Approximately seventy five percent (75%) of the awarded funds have been obtained and expended.*

- (m) Actual or anticipated economic impact to the State of the program/project, including the number of jobs saved/created and the long-term public benefits of the program/project.

*Crime Victim Compensation programs do not create jobs; however, the Commission does assist crime victims with lost support or lost wages as a result of their injuries received from a violent crime.*

2. For other programs/projects, if ARRA funds, such as competitive grants, were available for a program/project but were not sought or were denied, please briefly describe why the funds were not sought or why they were denied.

*Not applicable*

3. Please describe:

- (a) Any legal/operational barriers/constraints encountered in the award, receipt, encumbrance, or expenditure of funds, including procurement, late/delayed federal guidance, and reporting requirements;

*The additional, redundant requests required by the state, such as this one, have placed burdens on staff. Also, the Oversight Committee determined, without agency input, how the federal stimulus grant funds would be expended (quarterly) which created additional work for the Commission's staff.*

- (b) The effect of those barriers/constraints; and

- (c) If and how they were mitigated.