

Funding and Agency Incorporation

Law enforcement agencies should be intentional and strategic when incorporating victim services into all aspects of the agency (e.g., policy development, communications protocols, training, response practices). Determining how common victim services budgetary considerations (e.g., salary, benefits, training, equipment, uniforms, supplies) will be funded is an integral part of strategic planning. Funding models may look different between agencies and may change within the same agency over time.

Incorporating law enforcement-based victim services can help promote victim-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally sensitive practices throughout the agency and the community it serves, ultimately leading to enhanced public safety and community trust.

Promising Agency Practices

- ✓ **Connect victim services to the agency's mission, vision, and values.**
- ✓ **Demonstrate consistent and vocal support of victim services incorporation by agency leadership.**
- ✓ **Educate all agency personnel on the role of victim services.**
- ✓ **Use staff surveys to identify gaps in victim response and prioritize placement of victim services.**
- ✓ **Use data to demonstrate the value of victim services to victims and co-victims and the community.**
- ✓ **Regularly engage with internal and external stakeholders to highlight the advantages of victim services.**

Helpful Resources

- [Strengths and Challenges of Funding Sources | IACP](#)
- [Identifying and Securing Funding for Victim Response Efforts | COPS Office](#)
- [Agency Incorporation of Victim Services | IACP](#)