

Sandy Hook Relief Information

Name of Organization: **CT Judicial Branch, Office of Victim Services**

**The CT Judicial Branch, Office of Victim Services (OVS) continues to be involved with the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School mass shooting. In addition to the activities explained below, as of April 15, 2013, the Compensation Fund has received a total of 208 applications from family members who lost a loved one, those that were injured and from Sandy Hook Elementary School students, and awarded \$15,577.**

1. What is the approximate dollar amount of donations and pledges that your organization has received to date in response to the Sandy Hook tragedy?

**Special Act 13-1, Section 1 (5) names the Office of Victim Services (OVS) as the administrator of the Sandy Hook Workers Assistance Program. Special Act 13-1 Section 2 (c) authorizes the State Treasurer's to accept "gifts, donations and grants from state and federal government..." for the Sandy Hook Workers Assistance Fund. As of April 15, 2013, the Treasurer's Office had informed OVS that \$20,000 has been received.**

2. Will these funds be used solely for the Sandy Hook tragedy? If not, approximately what portion will be used for relief for victims and what other purposes, and in what proportions, will funds be used for?

**Yes, Special Act 13-1 Section 1 (2) lists the individuals who are eligible to seek assistance through the Sandy Hook Workers Assistance Program.**

3. Approximately how much has your organization spent to date related to the Sandy Hook tragedy?

**The Sandy Hook Workers Assistance Program began accepting applications on April 1, 2013. As of April 15<sup>th</sup>, OVS received 27 applications, 7 applicants stated they would be seeking Wage Reimbursement and 3 applicants stated they would be seeking Medical/Mental Health Counseling Reimbursement. As of April 15<sup>th</sup>, none of the applicants have submitted bills. Therefore, the Sandy Hook Workers Assistance Program has not yet awarded any funds.**

4. What services has your organization provided to those affected by the Sandy Hook tragedy? What populations or class of victims are being served by your organization in response to the Sandy Hook Tragedy? What services does it expect to provide in the future?

**Special Act 13-1, Section 1 defines "Affected persons" and the "Affected area." Section 1 (c) (1) defines the "mental or emotional impairment" suffered by and affected person. The scope of the Sandy Hook Workers Association Program will not exceed the scope as outlined in Special Act 13-1.**

5. Has your organization provided funding to other organizations for purposes related to the Sandy Hook tragedy? If so, which organizations have received those funds and what is the approximate dollar amount provided to them? How does your organization determine the need for funding?

**No.**

6. Has your organization provided, or does it intend to provide, direct financial assistance to individuals, families or businesses for Sandy Hook relief? If so, what is the approximate dollar amount that your organization has provided to date and approximately how much direct financial assistance does it expect to provide in the future? How does your organization determine the need for assistance?

**Special Act 13-1 allows for individuals to received reimbursement of expenses as outlined. To date, no funds have been awarded. Section 1 (c) (4) provides for 52 weeks of assistance. The assistance can be consecutive or intermittent.**

7. Does your organization have a plan in place on how to use any surplus funds not spent for purposes related to the Sandy Hook tragedy? If so, please describe that plan.

**Special Act 13-1, Section 2 (d) requires the submission of a report “on or before May 1, 2015 which will include recommendations to distribute any moneys remaining in the fund...”**

**Linda J. Cimino, Director Office of Victim Services, CT Judicial Branch 4/16/2013**

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Name and title of representative

Date

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