

HOUSE BILL [23-1107](#): Official City Position

Approved by Westminster City Council on February XX, 2023

REPRESENTATIVES DURAN, PUGLIESE; SENATORS GARDNER, WINTER:
Concerning funding for crime victim services.

Official City Position: SUPPORT

Status: **Active** – This bill was introduced in the House on January 23, 2023. It was assigned to the Judiciary Committee for hearing on February 15, 2023. It passed that committee and was sent to Appropriations.

Description:

The bill requires the general assembly to annually appropriate, at a minimum, the following amounts for crime victim services, in addition to other statutorily required appropriations:

- \$3 million to the victims and witnesses assistance and law enforcement fund for allocation to judicial districts;
- \$4.5 million to the state victim's assistance and law enforcement fund; and
- \$7.5 million to the state domestic violence and sexual assault services fund for domestic violence, sexual assault, or culturally specific programs.

Under existing law, the Colorado crime victim services fund and the state domestic violence and sexual assault services fund are scheduled for repeal in 2027. The bill continues both funds indefinitely.

City Comments:

This legislation is in alignment with the following principle(s) as set forth in the City's [2023 Legislative Policy Statement](#):

General Finance

- Supports the continuation of existing local government financing methods and the addition of new methods for local governments to support the provision of municipal services to citizens

Public Safety

- Supports legislation that provides resources and support to all victims of crimes, particularly violent crimes, to include domestic violence.

The bill provides funding for several cash funds related to victim services described below, and indefinitely extends these funds to June 30, 2027:

- Victims and Witness Assistance and Law Enforcement Fund
- Crime Victim Service Fund
- Victims Assistance and Law Enforcement Fund; and
- State Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services Fund.