

APD Victim Services

Grant overview, history, and
conversion proposal

APD Victim Services Division Overview

- **Established in 1981**

- **Mission**

To respond to the psychological and emotional needs of victims and witnesses of crime and trauma through crisis intervention, counseling, advocacy, education, information and referrals

FY2010 Staffing Levels

- City funded positions
 - 1 manager, 3 supervisors, 20 counselors, 1 administrative assistant
- Grant funded positions
 - 4 counselors
- Volunteer positions (unpaid)
 - 89
- Social work interns (unpaid)
 - 2-3 per semester

Victim Services Units

- **Crisis Response Team (1 supervisor, 10 counselors)**
24/7 Response to crime and trauma scenes
- **Domestic Violence Unit (1 supervisor, 8 counselors)**
Investigative support, counseling, safety planning and referrals to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking
- **Violent Crimes Against Persons Unit (1 supervisor, 6 counselors)**
Investigative support, counseling, safety planning and referrals to victims and witnesses of major crimes, including homicide, sex crimes, robbery and child abuse

Grant History

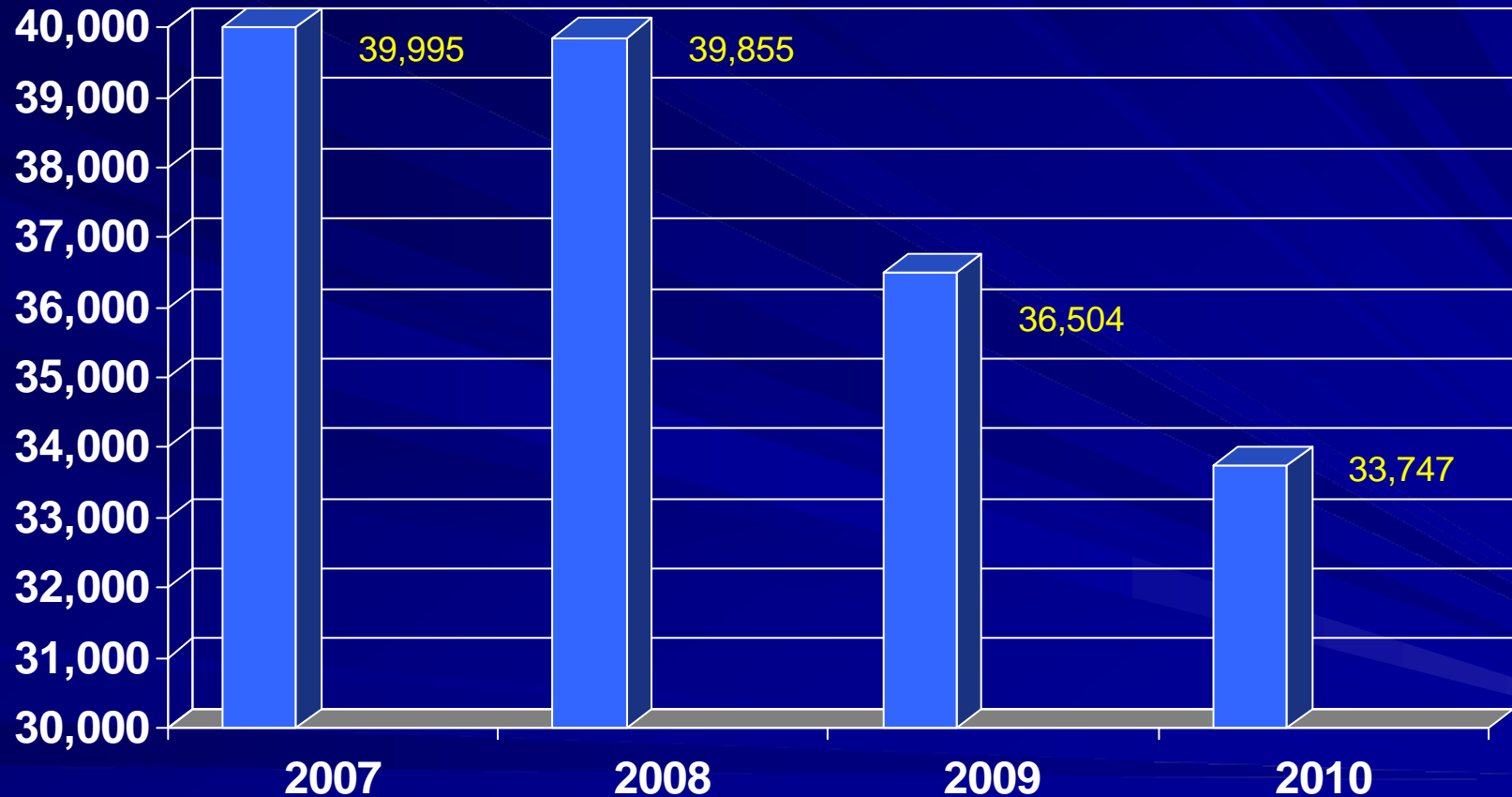
- Historical funding sources - VOCA (Victims of Crime Act), VAWA (Violence Against Women Act), State 421 Fund, and OVW Community Defined Solutions to Violence Against Women (formerly Grants to Encourage Arrest)
 - In 1981, all original Victim Services Division positions were grant funded
 - During the late nineties, half of the positions were absorbed
 - Since 2000, ten positions have been lost due to lack of funding (grant and City)
- 4 victim counselor positions are currently grant funded (3 through State VAWA and 1 through OVW Community Defined Solutions)
- State and federal funding for victim assistance programs decreases every application period while competition for grant funded resources increases exponentially

Impact of Positions on Community Policing Efforts

- Loss of a single grant funded position would result in an average of 900 fewer crime victim contacts per year
- Additional reductions would greatly diminish APD's ability to be a full partner with local domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse collaborations and would directly affect traditionally underserved populations (60% of VS clients are minorities)
- Loss of grant funding sources would also seriously damage APD's ability to meet obligations to provide state mandated victim assistance

Impact of Lost Positions (cont)

Number of Victim Services Contacts



Projected Conversion Costs

Counselor	Total Cost (Salary + Benefits)	New Cost to COA
Counselor 1	\$56,413	\$56,413
Counselor 2	\$54,007	\$54,007
Counselor 3	\$52,492	\$41,993
Counselor 4	\$54,897	\$32,938
Total Cost	\$217,809	\$185,352