

Introduced by Senator Leno

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An act to amend Section 13964 of, and to add Section 13963.1 to, the Government Code, relating to grants for trauma centers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 580, as amended, Leno. Crime victims: trauma *recovery* center grants.

The California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board administers a program to assist state residents to obtain compensation for their pecuniary losses suffered as a direct result of criminal acts. Payment is made under these provisions from the Restitution Fund, which is continuously appropriated to the board for these purposes.

This bill would authorize the board, as specified, to administer a program to award, upon appropriation by the Legislature, up to \$2 million in grants, annually, to trauma *recovery* centers, as defined.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 13963.1 is added to the Government
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 13963.1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 4 following:
- 5 (1) Without treatment, approximately 50 percent of people who
- 6 survive a traumatic, violent injury experience lasting or extended

1 psychological or social difficulties. Untreated psychological trauma
2 often has severe economic consequences, including overuse of
3 costly medical services, loss of income, failure to return to gainful
4 employment, loss of medical insurance, and loss of stable housing.

5 (2) Victims of crime should receive timely and effective mental
6 health treatment.

7 (3) The board shall administer a program to evaluate applications
8 and award grants to trauma recovery centers.

9 (b) The board shall only award a grant to a trauma *recovery*
10 center that meets both of the following criteria:

11 (1) The trauma *recovery* center demonstrates that it serves as a
12 community resource by providing services, including, but not
13 limited to, making presentations and providing training to law
14 enforcement, community-based agencies, and other health care
15 providers on the identification and effects of violent crime.

16 (2) Any other related criteria required by the board.

17 (c) Upon appropriation by the Legislature, the board may award
18 grants totaling up to two million dollars (\$2,000,000) per year. All
19 grants shall be funded only from the Restitution Fund.

20 (d) The board may award a grant providing funding for up to a
21 maximum period of three years. Any portion of a grant that a
22 trauma *recovery* center does not use within the specified grant
23 period shall revert to the Restitution Fund. The board may award
24 consecutive grants to a trauma *recovery* center to prevent a lapse
25 in funding. The board shall not award a trauma *recovery* center
26 more than one grant for any period of time.

27 (e) (1) The board shall not receive, evaluate, or approve
28 applications for trauma recovery center grants in a fiscal year
29 unless the Restitution Fund is projected to have a yearend fund
30 reserve equal to, or greater than, the equivalent of 25 percent of
31 total budgeted expenditures for the fund, as projected in the January
32 budget proposed by the Governor pursuant to Section 12 of Article
33 IV of the California Constitution.

34 (2) Grants awarded to trauma recovery centers shall not result
35 in a yearend balance to the Restitution Fund of less than 25 percent
36 of total budgeted expenditures for the fund, as projected in the
37 January budget proposed by the Governor pursuant to Section 12
38 of Article IV of the California Constitution.

1 (f) The board, when considering grant applications, shall give
2 preference to a trauma *recovery* center that conducts outreach to,
3 and serves, both of the following:

4 (1) Crime victims who typically are unable to access traditional
5 services, including, but not limited to, victims who are homeless,
6 chronically mentally ill, of diverse ethnicity, members of immigrant
7 and refugee groups, disabled, ~~or~~ who have severe trauma-related
8 symptoms or complex psychological ~~issues~~: *issues, or juvenile*
9 *victims, including a minor who has had contact with the juvenile*
10 *dependency system or falls under Section 601 of the Welfare and*
11 *Institutions Code.*

12 (2) Victims of a wide range of crimes, including, but not limited
13 to, victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, physical assault,
14 shooting, stabbing, and vehicular assault, and family members of
15 homicide victims.

16 (g) The trauma *recovery* center sites shall be selected by the
17 board through a well-defined selection process that takes into
18 account the rate of crime and geographic distribution to serve the
19 greatest number of victims.

20 (h) A trauma *recovery* center that is awarded a grant shall do
21 both of the following:

22 (1) Report to the board annually on how grant funds were spent,
23 how many clients were served (counting an individual client who
24 receives multiple services only once), units of service, staff
25 productivity, treatment outcomes, and patient flow throughout
26 both the clinical and evaluation components of service.

27 (2) In compliance with federal statutes and rules governing
28 federal matching funds for victims' services, each center shall
29 submit any forms and data requested by the board to allow the
30 board to receive the 60 percent federal matching funds for eligible
31 victim services and allowable expenses.

32 (i) For purposes of this section, a "trauma *recovery* center"
33 provides, including, but not limited to, all of the following
34 resources, ~~treatment~~, *treatments*, and recovery services to crime
35 victims:

36 (1) Mental health services.

37 (2) Assertive community-based outreach and clinical case
38 management.

39 (3) Coordination of care among medical and mental health care
40 providers, law enforcement agencies, and other social services.

1 (4) Services to family members and loved ones of homicide
2 victims.

3 (5) A multidisciplinary staff of clinicians that includes
4 psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers.

5 SEC. 2. Section 13964 of the Government Code is amended
6 to read:

7 13964. (a) Claims under this chapter shall be paid from the
8 Restitution Fund.

9 (b) Notwithstanding Section 13340, except for funds to support
10 trauma *recovery* center grants pursuant to Section 13963.1, the
11 proceeds in the Restitution Fund are hereby continuously
12 appropriated to the board, without regard to fiscal years, for the
13 purposes of this chapter. However, the funds appropriated pursuant
14 to this section for administrative costs of the board shall be subject
15 to annual review through the State Budget process.

16 (c) A sum not to exceed 15 percent of the amount appropriated
17 annually to pay claims pursuant to this chapter may be withdrawn
18 from the Restitution Fund, to be used as a revolving fund by the
19 board for the payment of emergency awards pursuant to Section
20 13961.