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Summit County Prosecutor's Office Receives Nearly \$500,000 in Victim Assistance Grants

AKRON, Ohio (Thursday, October 13, 2016) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today that the Summit County Prosecutor's Office just received \$446,480.38 in Victims of Crime Act funding administered by the Ohio Attorney General's Crime Victim Services section for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

The grant will fund the Summit County Prosecutor's Office Victim Services Division which assists victims of crime. Services within the division include victim advocates, victim rights awareness campaigns, and training.

"We are very pleased to receive the money to help crime victims in Summit County," said Prosecutor Walsh. "These additional funds are vital to continuing my mission of easing the stress associated with being a victim of crime. Our victim advocates do a wonderful job assisting crime victims and their families. This money will go a long way in achieving that goal."

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, the Crime Victims Fund was established by the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (VOCA) and serves as a major funding source for victim services throughout the country. Each year, millions of dollars are deposited into this fund from criminal fines, forfeited bail bonds, penalty fees, and special assessments collected by U.S. Attorney's Offices, U.S. Courts, and the Bureau of Prisons. These dollars come from offenders convicted of Federal crimes not from taxpayers.