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Criminal Injuries Compensation Board
 Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Operating Budget Data

(\$ in Thousands)

	<u>FY 05</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 06</u> <u>Working</u>	<u>FY 07</u> <u>Allowance</u>	<u>FY 06-07</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>Prior Year</u>
Special Fund	\$4,094	\$4,207	\$4,496	\$290	6.9%
Federal Fund	<u>1,421</u>	<u>1,400</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>14.3%</u>
Total Funds	\$5,515	\$5,607	\$6,096	\$490	8.7%

- The 8.7% overall growth is largely due to an increase in grants based on anticipated awards for fiscal 2007.

Personnel Data

	<u>FY 05</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>FY 06</u> <u>Working</u>	<u>FY 07</u> <u>Allowance</u>	<u>FY 06-07</u> <u>Change</u>
Regular Positions	7.00	7.00	7.00	0.00
Contractual FTEs	<u>4.29</u>	<u>9.15</u>	<u>9.15</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Personnel	11.29	16.15	16.15	0.00

Vacancy Data: Regular Positions

Turnover, Excluding New Positions	0.00	0.00%
Positions Vacant as of 12/31/05	0.00	0.00%

Note: Numbers may not sum to total due to rounding.

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Analysis in Brief

Recommended Actions

1. Concur with Governor's allowance.

Updates

Impact of Legislation from the 2005 Session: A bill passed in the 2005 legislative session allows a parent, child, or spouse of an individual incarcerated for domestic abuse to seek an award from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund.

Operating Budget Analysis

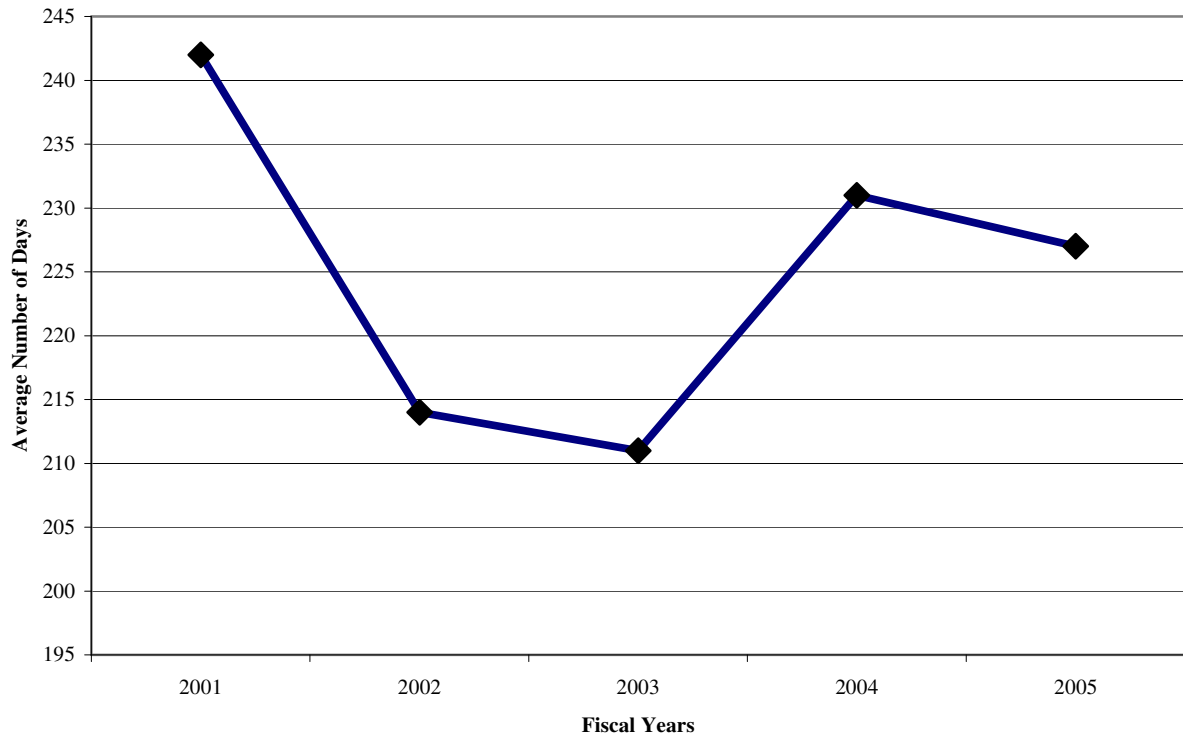
Program Description

The Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB) awards grants to innocent victims of crime who incur financial hardship as a result of crime, including the cost of funeral expenses. Grants may not exceed \$45,000, including any subsequent and supplemental awards, except that, after a disability related claim of \$25,000 has been awarded to the victim, if the injury to the victim resulted in permanent total disability, the victim may request an additional award of up to \$25,000. Funding for these grants is generated by the State's Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund (CICF) from fees assessed by circuit and District courts. CICF is also supplemented by federal funds.

Performance Analysis: Managing for Results

The mission of CICB is to alleviate the financial hardship suffered by innocent victims of crime and their families. As such, timely resolution of claims is a must. **Exhibit 1** shows the average number of days CICB takes to resolve an eligible claim. During the 2005 budget hearings, the department explained that the increase in processing time between fiscal 2003 and 2004 was the result of being understaffed. Four new investigators were hired during fiscal 2005, technology improvements were made, and staff was trained in the use of the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS). These changes resulted in a slight decline of approximately 1.7% in claim processing time between fiscal 2004 and 2005. While the decrease is small, it is promising given that the additional staff did not begin work until mid-way through fiscal 2005. **The department should be prepared to update the committees on the status of the changes that were discussed during the 2005 session budget hearings – including the hiring of new staff, the upgrading of the claims tracking system, CJIS training, and technology changes.**

Exhibit 1
Average Number of Days to Process an Eligible Claim
Fiscal 2001 – 2005



Source: Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Governor's Proposed Budget

As shown in **Exhibit 2**, the fiscal 2007 allowance provides for an approximately \$490,000, or 8.7% increase. The majority of the increase, \$420,000, is for grants, based on anticipated awards for fiscal 2007. The remaining \$70,000 increase is largely comprised of increases in salaries and wages, reduced contractual turnover, and increases for contractual services for software maintenance and training.

The balance of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund was \$3,536,231 as of June 30, 2005. Over the last five fiscal years special fund revenues have averaged about \$3.8 million. Since special fund expenditures are over \$4 million, the balance of the fund is being drawn down.

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The department anticipates that the total awards will increase in fiscal 2007 because the number of claims that have been filed each year has continued to increase. **Exhibit 3** shows the growth since fiscal 2002. The department advises that the number of claims is expected to increase even further because CICB is becoming more widely known in the State, more victims advocates are referring victims to the board, and there have been new types of benefits added in the last few years.

The department has cancelled funds in recent fiscal years due to an overestimation of awards, but the estimate for fiscal 2006 based on year-to-date claims is not as discrepant from the estimate the budget was built around as previous years have been. The department advises that CICB is on pace to receive more than 1,650 eligible claims in fiscal 2006. If this is accurate, recent growth patterns would suggest that somewhere between 1,850 and 1,900 eligible claims would be made in fiscal 2007. While still below the department estimate of 2,000 eligible claims for fiscal 2007, it is not significantly so.

Exhibit 2
Governor's Proposed Budget
DPSCS – Criminal Injuries Compensation Board
(\$ in Thousands)

How Much It Grows:	<u>Special</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Federal</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
2006 Working Appropriation	\$4,207	\$1,400	\$5,607
2007 Governor's Allowance	<u>4,496</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>6,096</u>
Adjusted Allowance	\$4,496	\$1,600	\$6,096
Amount Change	\$290	\$200	\$490
Percent Change	6.9%	14.3%	8.7%

Where It Goes:

Personnel Expenses

Increments and other compensation.....	\$6
Employee and retiree health insurance	12
Turnover adjustments.....	7
Other fringe benefit adjustments.....	2

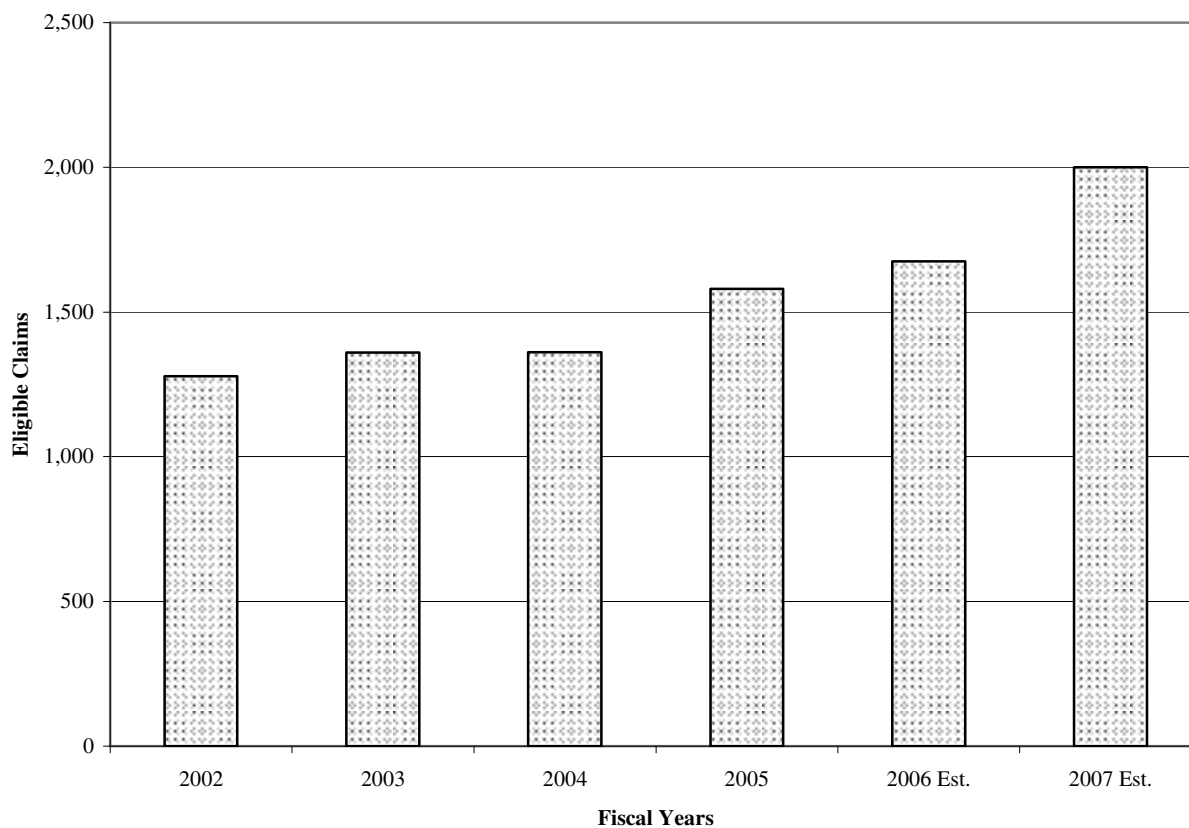
Other Changes

Increase in awards.....	420
Contractual turnover reduction	25
Contractual services	9
Other	9

Total	\$490
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Note: Numbers may not sum to total due to rounding.

Exhibit 3
Eligible Claims
Fiscal 2002 –2007



Source: Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Recommended Actions

1. Concur with Governor's allowance.

Updates

1. Impact of Legislation from the 2005 Session

A bill passed in the 2005 legislative session (Chapter 128) makes a parent, child, or spouse of an individual incarcerated for domestic abuse eligible for an award from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund. In order for the parent, child, or spouse to be eligible for the award, the incarcerated individual must have, prior to incarceration, resided with and provided financial support to the parent, child, or spouse.

The fiscal note for SB 151 (Chapter 128) reports that any increase in awards as a result of this bill is expected to be minimal and can be handled with existing resources. CICB projects only two additional claims per year as a result of this legislation.

Current and Prior Year Budgets

Current and Prior Year Budgets Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (\$ in Thousands)

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Fund</u>	<u>Federal Fund</u>	<u>Reimb. Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fiscal 2005					
Legislative Appropriation	\$0	\$4,547	\$1,421	\$0	\$5,968
Deficiency Appropriation	0	0	0	0	0
Budget Amendments	0	0	0	0	0
Reversions and Cancellations	0	-453	0	0	-453
Actual Expenditures	\$0	\$4,094	\$1,421	\$0	\$5,515
Fiscal 2006					
Legislative Appropriation	\$0	\$4,207	\$1,400	\$0	\$5,607
Budget Amendments	0	0	0	0	0
Working Appropriation	\$0	\$4,207	\$1,400	\$0	\$5,607

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Fiscal 2005

Special fund spending for fiscal 2005 was approximately \$4.1 million. The department cancelled approximately \$453,000 which was instead carried forward in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund.

Audit Findings

Audit Period for Last Audit:	February 1, 2002 – May 16, 2005
Issue Date:	October 2005
Number of Findings:	1
Number of Repeat Findings:	1
% of Repeat Findings:	100%
Rating: (if applicable)	n/a

Finding 1: CICB had not established adequate procedures to monitor the financial status of claimants receiving monthly installment awards, as required by State regulations.

**Object/Fund Difference Report
DPSCS – Criminal Injuries Compensation Board**

<u>Object/Fund</u>	<u>FY05 Actual</u>	<u>FY06 Working Appropriation</u>	<u>FY07 Allowance</u>	<u>FY06 - FY07 Amount Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Positions					
01 Regular	7.00	7.00	7.00	0	0%
02 Contractual	4.29	9.15	9.15	0	0%
Total Positions	11.29	16.15	16.15	0	0%
Objects					
01 Salaries and Wages	\$ 357,198	\$ 366,435	\$ 394,217	\$ 27,782	7.6%
02 Technical & Spec Fees	124,487	180,187	204,952	24,765	13.7%
03 Communication	8,663	6,770	8,670	1,900	28.1%
04 Travel	6,070	6,300	7,100	800	12.7%
08 Contractual Services	17,951	5,800	15,075	9,275	159.9%
09 Supplies & Materials	7,856	5,000	7,900	2,900	58.0%
10 Equip - Replacement	2,303	0	0	0	0.0%
11 Equip - Additional	39,636	0	0	0	0.0%
12 Grants, Subsidies, and Contributions	4,916,248	5,000,000	5,420,000	420,000	8.4%
13 Fixed Charges	34,685	36,338	38,457	2,119	5.8%
Total Objects	\$ 5,515,097	\$ 5,606,830	\$ 6,096,371	\$ 489,541	8.7%
Funds					
03 Special Fund	\$ 4,094,097	\$ 4,206,830	\$ 4,496,371	\$ 289,541	6.9%
05 Federal Fund	1,421,000	1,400,000	1,600,000	200,000	14.3%
Total Funds	\$ 5,515,097	\$ 5,606,830	\$ 6,096,371	\$ 489,541	8.7%

Note: The fiscal 2006 appropriation does not include deficiencies, and the fiscal 2007 allowance does not reflect contingent reductions.