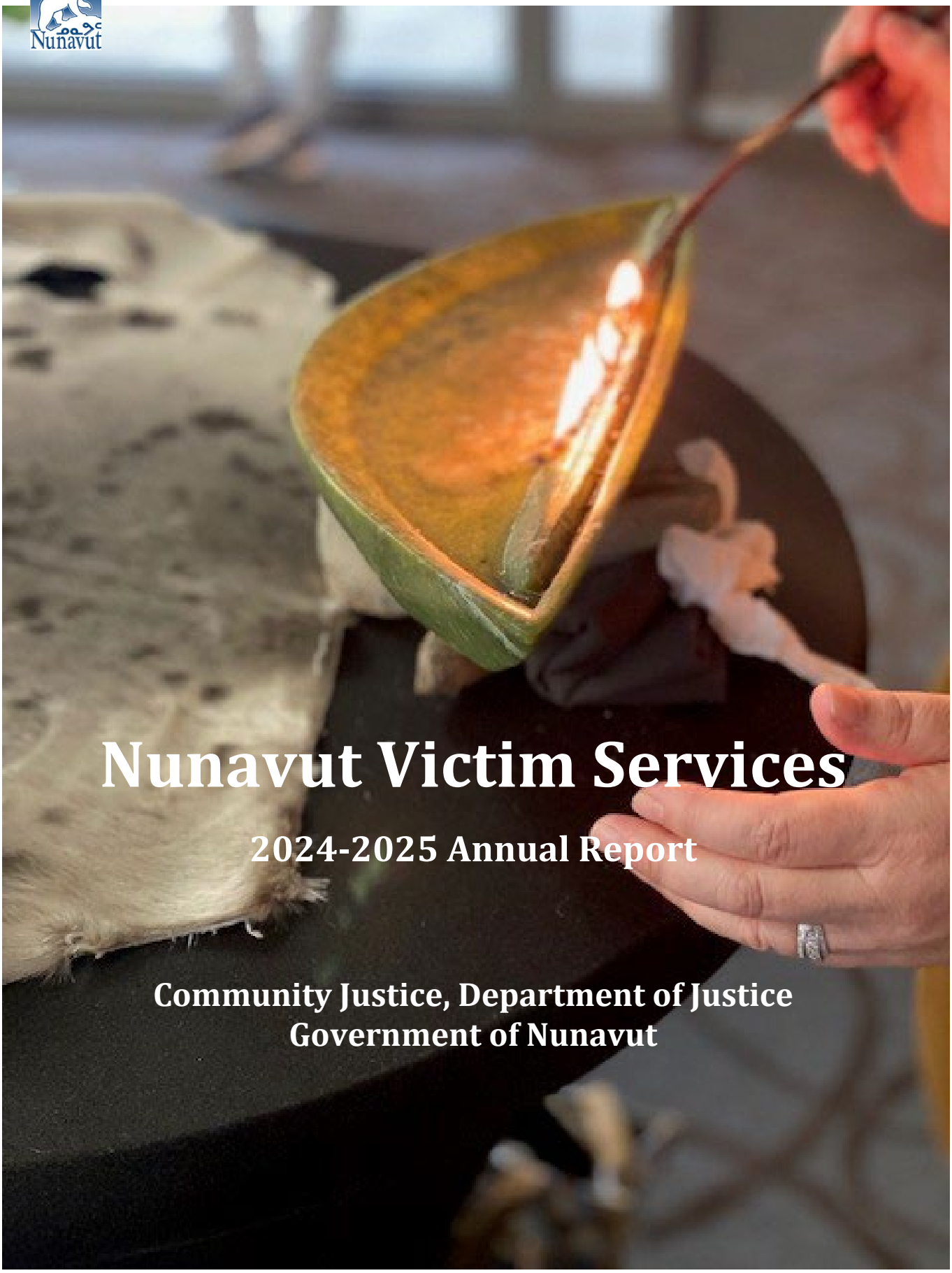


Nunavut Victim Services

2024-2025 Annual Report

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INTRODUCTION

Nunavut Victim Services is part of the Community Justice division of the Department of Justice. It consists of five main programs:

1) Nunavut Victims Assistance Fund,
2) Nunavut Victim Training Program,
3) Nunavut Victim Travel Support Program,
4) Nunavut Victims of Crime Emergency Fund, and
5) Family Information Liaison Unit,

In April 2011, Nunavut Victim Services began receiving funding from Justice Canada to provide services and resources to victims and to develop and implement training sessions and educational materials for frontline service providers. The funding from Justice Canada also provides financial assistance to enable victims of crime and their families to travel for court proceedings. The current funding agreement is in effect until March 2026.

Since July 2017, Nunavut Victim Services (NVS) has been receiving funding from Justice Canada to establish the Family Information Liaison Unit. The Family Information Liaison Unit complements the work of the National Inquiry into the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) by providing support and services to families affected by MMIWG. The contract between Nunavut Victim Services and Justice Canada was renewed on April 1, 2025, and funding will be sunset on March 31, 2030.

Positions under Nunavut Victim Services are funded through both Justice Canada and the Government of Nunavut. Justice Canada provides funding for two Information Referral Coordinator positions, located in Iqaluit and Cambridge Bay. The Government of Nunavut funds the Victim Services Manager position and provides funding to three Nunavut Hamlets—Pond Inlet, Arviat, and Pangnirtung—through Contribution Agreements to support the employment of a local Victim Care Coordinator in each community.

Additional funding to support Nunavut Victim Services (NVS) programming was secured in the fall of 2023. The Departments of Family Services and Justice signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to collaborate on the implementation of gender-based violence initiatives. The MOU enabled the Department of Justice to access funding provided through a four-year agreement between the Department of Family Services and Women and Gender Equality (WAGE) Canada.

SECTION 1: NUNAVUT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE FUND

The *Victims of Crime Act* establishes the Nunavut Victims Assistance Fund (VAF) and provides for the creation of a Victims Assistance Committee to allocate the funds. This part of the report is prepared

in accordance with section 10 of the *Victims of Crime Act*, which requires the Committee to report on its activities at the end of each fiscal year.

The Victims Assistance Fund is a special-purpose fund established from revenue from victim fine surcharges imposed under Canada's *Criminal Code*. The Funds are utilized to support community-based projects and activities that provide services and assistance to victims of crime, including:

- **Training** aimed at sensitizing community resource workers to the needs and circumstances of victims of crime;
- **Direct services** that assist victims with crisis response, personal support, follow-up assistance, victim information, and systems referral;
- **Public awareness and information** on the rights and responsibilities of victims, available services, the criminal justice system and its procedures, and any issues relating to victims of crime; and
- **Research projects** on best practices for addressing issues faced by victims of crime across Canada and developing strategies that support Nunavummiut who are victims of crime.

A call for project proposals is typically announced in all Nunavut communities once a year. Victims Assistance Committee members review project proposals and send recommended projects to the Minister of Justice for approval.

VICTIMS ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

The Victims Assistance Committee is made up of members appointed by the Minister of Justice to serve for a term of up to three years. Committee members are respected community members with knowledge of and experience in addressing justice and social issues.

A call for nominations and applications for Victims Assistance Committee members was advertised in March 2025 to fill the three vacant positions. Unfortunately, the call did not result in suitable candidates being identified, and all three positions remained vacant during the 2024–25 fiscal year.

VAF PROGRAM COORDINATION

The Victims Assistance Fund (VAF) is administered by a Victim Care Coordinator, whose role is to provide administrative support in the following areas:

- **Victims Assistance Committee:** provide training that supports the Committee with carrying out its function and achieving its goals and maintain an open ongoing platform for Committee members to share information on current issues faced by victims of crime in their respective regions and discuss strategies that address these issues.
- **Victims Assistance Fund Applicants:** support applicants with the proposal- and report-

writing process and assist individuals and/or non-governmental organizations with developing effective projects that align with healing and empowering survivors of crime.

- **Public Awareness:** establish initiatives to raise public awareness about the impacts of victimization and the support available in Nunavut's communities.

KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The Department of Justice utilized the funding made available through the MOU with the Department of Family Services to support the continuity of Victims Assistance Fund programs. Under this funding arrangement, $150,000 per year was allocated to support community-based projects and supplement funds available through the Victims Assistance Fund.

Four communities—Arviat, Pangnirtung, Pond Inlet, and Rankin Inlet—used this funding to implement community-based projects focused on knowledge and skills transfer, cultural connection, and therapeutic opportunities for survivors.

CHALLENGES

A call for project proposals was advertised in March 2025, and five project proposals were received. However, the Victims Assistance Committee (VAC) did not have any appointed members in place to review the proposals, and therefore the applications could not be processed through the regular Victims Assistance Fund process.

Despite this challenge, the program was able to support the community-based projects described above through funding made available under the MOU with the Department of Family Services. Under the operational procedures for this MOU funding, projects do not require review or approval by the VAC. Instead, projects are reviewed and approved within the Community Justice division, allowing the program to continue supporting community-based initiatives despite the absence of VAC members.

VICTIMS ASSISTANCE FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

See **Appendix A: Victims Assistance Fund 2024-2025 Financial Report.**

SECTION 2: NUNAVUT VICTIM TRAINING PROGRAM

The Nunavut Victim Training Program was established to increase front-line support and services for victims of crime and to increase awareness and training for service providers through strategic partnerships with other government and non-government agencies. Its purpose is to increase the

quality of culturally relevant and safe support and services for victims of crime in Nunavut and to mitigate the harm caused by crime.

KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Nunavut Victim Services (NVS) staff participated in training and professional development opportunities while also facilitating and delivering information sessions and workshops across Nunavut. In total, 15 information sessions and workshops were delivered to increase awareness and understanding of victims' needs and to strengthen the knowledge and capacity of service providers to respond appropriately to victims of crime. Participants included RCMP officers, social workers, nurses, mental health personnel, community counsellors, and shelter workers.

Training for Nunavut Victim Services Personnel

In-Person Staff Training

- In 2024-25, Nunavut Victim Services (NVS) welcomed 3 new staff members who received one-on-one in-house training in their respective Communities of Iqaluit, Pangnirtung, and Pond Inlet. This training included client support virtually, during court circuits, and field training from senior Victim Services personnel.
- The NVS team participated in a week-long knowledge exchange with the Toba Centre for Children and Youth in Winnipeg**.** The Toba Centre coordinates a collaborative approach to the investigation and response to child abuse. This knowledge exchange allowed the NVS team to learn about the Centre's practices, services, and collaborative approach. The exchange was particularly relevant because some NVS clients from the Kivalliq region also receive services through the Toba Centre.
- The NVS team hosted a four-day strategic meeting in Rankin Inlet for nine Government of Nunavut staff and contract workers. The meeting brought the team together to strengthen collaboration, refresh service-delivery approaches, and identify opportunities to use available resources effectively. It also provided an opportunity to align priorities and support consistent service delivery across communities.

Online Training

Victim Services staff participated in online training programs, including the following topics:

- Taking Action: Assisting Older Victims of Financial Fraud by VictimsOfCrime.org.
- Strategies to Disarm Domestic Violence Offenders.
- Virtual Listening Session: Financial Exploitation.
- Exposing Exploitation Youth Curriculum.
- Workplace Harassment and Violence Against 2SLGBTQIA+ Populations.
- Annual Youth Violence Prevention Symposium & Facilitator Program.
- Identifying pathways of child sexual abuse (CSA) disclosures: What do we know and what

more do we need to know?
- Sex Trafficking Education and Prevention Program.
- Victim Services Training Course from Durham Region, including their human trafficking series.

Training and Resources for Justice Partners, Stakeholders, and the Public

In 2024–2025, Nunavut Victim Services personnel conducted 15 information sessions across Nunavut communities, including Arviat, Cambridge Bay, Clyde River, Sanirajak, Kimmirut, Kinngait, Kugluktuk, Igloolik, Iqaluit, Pangnirtung, Pond Inlet, Rankin Inlet, Resolute Bay, Sanikiluaq, and Whale Cove. Training sessions and workshops were tailored to the needs of each community and reached more than 150 participants.

The information sessions, training, and workshops were provided to frontline service providers, including Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) officers, community social services workers, mental health consultants, and other community service providers. The sessions focused on promoting cultural awareness, cultural safety, and trauma-informed practices when working with victims of crime in various service settings.

Information sessions and workshops included

Victims and Survivors of Crime Week 2024

Nunavut Victim Services personnel hosted events in four communities—Cambridge Bay, Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet, and Pond Inlet—in recognition of National Victims and Survivors of Crime Week 2024. The events provided opportunities to raise awareness of victim services, recognize the experiences of victims and survivors of crime, and connect community members with available support and resources.

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Training

Through funding made available under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Family Services, supported by Women and Gender Equality (WAGE) Canada funding, Nunavut Victim Services partnered with the Department of Health to provide Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) training to nurses and health care workers across the territory.

Nunavut Victim Services worked closely with the Qikiqtani General Hospital team to provide funding for nine nurses to receive specialized training in the use and administration of sexual assault examination kits and the collection and preservation of forensic evidence for use in criminal proceedings. The funding covered 40 hours of online training and two days of in-person preceptorship required to successfully complete the certification.

Victim Services Conference – October 2024

Nunavut Victim Services personnel facilitated a territorial conference in October 2024, providing frontline service providers with opportunities to participate in training and workshops focused on better understanding the needs of victims and survivors.

Nunavut Victim Services partnered with the RCMP Special Investigation Unit, the Public Prosecution Service of Canada, the International Association of Forensic Nurses, and a neurosurgeon specializing in traumatic brain injuries associated with intimate partner violence. Together, the partners provided a range of presentations and learning opportunities to participants from the Departments of Health and Mental Health, Family Services, and Education, as well as women's shelters and other non-profit organizations.

Collaboration with Justice Partners

Victim Care Coordinators participated in various working groups and initiatives, including:

- **Stakeholder meeting on Intimate Partner Violence**: Victim Care Coordinators participated and contributed to the Qulliit Nunavut Status of Women Council (QNSWC) and the Department of Family Services' stakeholders' meetings to discuss the topic of intimate partner violence (IPV) and better understand issues impacting Nunavummiut who are experiencing IPV.
- **Sexual Assault Investigation Review Committee**: This Committee was established by the RCMP in support of Canada's Strategy to Prevent and Address Gender-Based Violence. The Committee provides additional file reviews for sexual assault investigations that are initially considered unfounded.
- **Umingmak Child and Youth Advocacy Centre Case Review Working Group**: This Working Group is led by Umingmak Child and Youth Advocacy Centre to review the Centre's cases for best practices. Various stakeholders such as the RCMP, the Department of Family Services, and Nunavut Victim Services are invited to review the referral process and make recommendations to improve the Centre's processes.
- **Indigenous Justice Strategy Regional engagement:** The Victim Care Coordinator attended the regional engagement session that Justice Canada hosted to gather input and feedback into the development of the Indigenous Justice Strategy.
- **Access to Justice Working Group:** This Working Group is led by the Law Society of Nunavut. The Victim Care Coordinator attended multiple meetings throughout the year to help develop a multi-tiered resource handbook with easy-to-access, relevant, and up-to-date information for front-line service providers and the public at large.
- **Collaborations with Firearm Safety Initiatives:** In response to two incidents of gun violence in the community of Kimmirut, there was a roundtable meeting with frontline service providers, RCMP, Nurses, a mental health counsellor, a community health representative, and community partners at the Hamlet council meeting to discuss initiatives that would raise awareness about firearm safety and victim services supports.

- **“Take back the night”** This event was held in Cambridge Bay during Mental Health Awareness Week and featured a walk followed by a presentation from front-line agencies.

CHALLENGES

NVS staff require ongoing training to remain current on best practices and trauma-informed approaches to supporting and serving community members. The continued turnover of frontline service providers presents an additional challenge, making annual training essential to ensure that new and existing staff have the knowledge, skills, and tools necessary to provide consistent, trauma-informed support to victims and survivors.

SECTION 3: NUNAVUT VICTIM TRAVEL SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Nunavut Victim Travel Support Program provides financial assistance for victims and survivors of crime to travel and participate in court proceedings that are held outside their home communities. This includes financial support for air travel, accommodation, and meals for the duration of the court proceedings. The Program also enables Nunavut Victim Services personnel to travel to various Nunavut communities to provide support for victims and their families before, during, and after court proceedings.

KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Participation in Court Proceedings

Trauma-informed support is essential to minimize harm and reduce revictimization. Through the Nunavut Victim Travel Support Program, victims are provided with opportunities to choose family members or close friends (support person) to accompany them while they testify and recount their traumatic experience. By having a support person accompanying them, victims and survivors of crime are provided with physically and emotionally safe environments.

The Nunavut Victim Travel Support Program also allows families to attend preliminary hearings, trials, and sentencing hearings for criminal offences such as homicide and attempted homicide. Enabling families to attend these hearings supports them in finding closure by providing them with the opportunity to prepare Victim Impact Statements and access information about their loved ones through information shared and decided during the proceeding.

During the 2024–2025 fiscal year, Nunavut Victim Services (NVS) staff attended twenty-one (21) court circuits across ten (10) communities: Arviat, Cambridge Bay, Kugluktuk, Igloolik, Iqaluit, Pangnirtung, Pond Inlet, Rankin Inlet, Resolute Bay, and Sanikiluaq. Staff provided support to victims and their families before, during, and following court proceedings. Support included assistance in

accessing mental wellness services, including traditional community-based counsellors, clergy, and clinical counsellors, both during and following challenging court proceedings.

A total of twenty-three (23) clients accessed program funding during the fiscal year. Nineteen (19) clients travelled from communities across Nunavut, including Arviat, Cambridge Bay, Chesterfield Inlet, Coral Harbour, Kimmirut, Kugluktuk, Iqaluit, Naujaat, Rankin Inlet, Sanikiluaq, Taloyoak, and Whale Cove. Three (3) clients travelled from outside Nunavut, including Ottawa, Ontario; Regina, Saskatchewan; and Winnipeg, Manitoba. One client travelled from Ulukhaktok, Northwest Territories.

Other supports and services offered by the Victim Program Development Coordinator through the Nunavut Victim Travel Support Program include:

- Court orientation and court accompaniment.
- Educating victims of crime on their rights to information, participation, restitution, and protection.
- Advocating for a statement of restitution to be addressed in court proceedings;
- Providing support and guidance to victims in the preparation and presentation of Victim Impact Statements and Community Impact Statements.
- Advocating testimonial aids, where applicable.
- Assisting victims with Peace Bond applications.
- Assisting victims with registering with Correctional Service Canada and the Parole Board of Canada following the sentencing of an offender.

Collaboration with Justice Partners

The Victim Program Development Coordinator collaborates with staff from the Department of Justice's Corrections Division to notify victims of crime when an incarcerated offender applies for early release or temporary absence for compassionate leave. This is an important service for victims, as it allows them to mentally prepare for an offender's return to the community. For their role, the Victim Program Development Coordinator informs victims of an offender's release and assists each victim with accessing appropriate resources, such as counselling and additional protective measures such as applications for an Emergency Protection Order or Peace Bond.

The Victim Program Development Coordinator and Public Prosecution Service Canada continue to work in partnership to share accommodation costs for victim witnesses and their support persons to attend and testify in court outside their home community. This is an important partnership as it allows victims to have their support networks alongside them as they recall traumatic events while testifying in court.

Nunavut Victim Services continues to strengthen its partnerships with other Justice stakeholders, such as the RCMP's Major Crime Unit, to enhance Victim Services personnel's ability to disseminate

information to victims and their family members regarding ongoing police investigations.

The Victim Program Development Coordinator also maintains collaborations with various partners to offer comprehensive supports and services to victims of crime and their families. These services range from income support and financial assistance to clinical, community-based, and traditional forms of counselling. Partners include representatives from the Government of Nunavut's Department of Family Services and Department of Health's Mental Health Division, Municipality of Cambridge Bay's Department of Healthy Living, and non-profit organizations such as the Ilisasqsivik Society in Clyde River and Pulaarvik Kablu Friendship Centre in Rankin Inlet.

CHALLENGES

At the beginning of 2024-25, we had operational challenges due to staffing shortages. However, as the year progressed, we recruited and trained three (3) new staff members and streamlined the delivery system.

SECTION 4: NUNAVUT VICTIMS OF CRIME EMERGENCY FUND (NVCEF)

The Nunavut Victims of Crime Emergency Fund (NVCEF) was established to meet victims' immediate practical needs and offset financial burdens that arise from criminal offences by providing short-term financial support for expenses associated with crime scene cleanup, funerals and funeral homes, repatriation, and related travel expenses.

The NVCEF complements other funding programs such as Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated's bereavement and compassionate supports that are available to Nunavummiut grieving a loved one.

KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

During 2024-2025, the Nunavut Victims of Crime Emergency Fund assisted four (4) families from four (4) Nunavut communities – Iqaluit, Naujaat, Sanikiluaq and Resolute Bay – and one (1) out-of-territory location – Ottawa.

Funding expenditure assisted with expenses such as:

- Emergency evacuation, shelter in hotels, overnight essentials, and meals for victims of crime.
- Crime scene/biohazard cleanup.
- Travel-related expenses for family members to visit another loved one who was facing imminent death after an aggravated assault.
- Travel-related expenses to attend the funeral of a deceased family member.
- Funeral home expenses, including the cost of a casket and hearse funeral transportation.

- Burial expenses in Iqaluit.
- Replacement of household items (sofa, bed) that had to be disposed of during the cleanup.

Other non-financial supports and services offered to clients include:

- Referrals to RCMP Major Crime Units and victim services in other jurisdictions (Ottawa); and
- Referrals to remote counselling and covering appointment costs.

Collaboration with Justice Partners

Nunavut Victim Services personnel worked with the RCMP's Major Crime Unit, Nunavut's Office of the Chief Coroner, the Government of Nunavut's Department of Community and Government Services, Hamlets, and funeral homes in Nunavut and Ottawa to provide wrap-around services for grieving families as they planned for bringing their loved ones to their final resting places.

CHALLENGES

There were operational challenges in administering the Nunavut Victims of Crime Emergency Fund related to procurement processes involving out-of-territory vendors. Some of these procurement requirements and processes were unfamiliar to Victim Services staff, resulting in some inefficiencies and delays as staff became familiar with the requirements of different jurisdictions and the procedures of external partners.

SECTION 5: FAMILY INFORMATION LIAISON UNIT

The Nunavut Family Information Liaison Unit is a resource program that was established as a one-stop centre to provide various supports to families of MMIWG. The program is administered by the Information Referral Coordinator.

Supports that can be accessed through the Family Information Liaison Unit program include:

- **Information:** Assistance with system navigation for families seeking to access third-party records about their missing or murdered loved ones;
- **Healing Workshops:** Referral to and coordination of group and/or individual healing sessions for family members, with options for facilitators from a pool of Elders, therapeutic counsellors, clergy, or clinical psychologists; and
- **Celebration of Life:** Financial aid to support coordinating family feasts in commemoration of a loved one.

KEY ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Family members of MMIWG can access funding and resources through the Family Information Liaison Unit (FILU) program.

In 2024-2025, the Information Referral Coordinator held information sessions with five (5) families from five (5) communities: Rankin Inlet, Pond Inlet, Pangnirtung, Iqaluit, and Coral Harbour. The purpose of the information sessions was to facilitate initial contact between the Information Referral Coordinator and MMIWG families and allow the coordinator to share information with each family and assess their needs. During information sessions, the coordinator and families began building foundations for the healing process by exploring ideas on how to move forward with coping with the loss of their loved one.

Throughout 2024-2025, the Information Referral Coordinator organized and facilitated three (3) family gatherings that ensued after the consultations. These were hosted in Pond Inlet, in Ottawa, Ontario and Montreal, Quebec.

Below are additional highlights of collaborations and successes for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Interjurisdictional partnership

FILU partnered with the Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat, a Family Support Branch with the Quebec government, to support a family's informational needs regarding their loved one. Through this partnership, two families had an opportunity to retrace the journey of their loved one and to hold a celebration of life ceremony at the loved one's final place of rest.

Red Dress Day Events

On the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and 2SLGBTQIA+ people, Nunavut Victim Services personnel organized and facilitated activities such as commemorative walks and BBQs. In 2024-2025, events were hosted in Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet and Cambridge Bay.

Collaboration with Justice Partners

The Information Referral Coordinator continues to stay informed about available counselling resources to ensure they can offer clients a bigger pool of options. The coordinator also maintains good relations with Health and Justice partners, including the Healing by Talking program, community mental health nurses and consultants, and Inuit Counsellors from wellness societies such as the Ilisaqsivik Society in Clyde River, Pulaarvik Kablu Friendship Centre in Rankin Inlet, Healthy Living Centre in Cambridge Bay, and Tukisigiarvik Society in Iqaluit.

CHALLENGES

The scope of services provided through the Family Information Liaison Unit (FILU) program continued to expand as more families became aware of and accessed the program. The increase in client demand also presented challenges in maintaining sufficient contracted resources, including access to culturally

relevant counselling services, as well as addressing staffing capacity and availability.

SECTION 6: FUTURE DIRECTION – NUNAVUT VICTIM SERVICES

The Department of Justice is committed to the advancement of Victim Services and will continue to build momentum going forward. All Victim Services staff continue to build stronger relationships with various Justice partners to offer seamless services and support to victims and survivors of crime.

APPENDIX A: VICTIMS ASSISTANCE FUND 2024-2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENDITURES: APRIL 1, 2024 – MARCH 31, 2025

Opening Balance		**$ 161,560.35**
Revenue		
Interest accumulated (2024-2025)	$ 7,911.08	
	$ 7,911.08	
		$ 169,471.43
Expenditures		
Bank charges	$ 0.00	
Disbursements – Project	$ 0.00	
	$ 0.00	
Closing Balance		**$ 169,471.43**

Note:

The core Victim Assistance Fund (VAF) funding is managed through the Department of Justice's Grants and Contributions. In addition, each year, $ 150,000.00 in supplemental funding is provided to support VAF-related programs through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Departments of Family Services and Justice. This supplemental funding is separate from the core VAF funding allocation and does not form part of the VAF funding from above.