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**PROSECUTOR GREGG MARX ANNOUNCES
LARGE INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR
CRIME VICTIMS**

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Fairfield County Prosecutor Gregg Marx announced today that his office was awarded a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant from the Ohio Attorney General's Office in the amount of Two Hundred Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Eight Dollars (\$211,228). This amount represents a significant increase over current VOCA funding levels. According to Prosecutor Marx "This is the largest crime victims' grant award in the history of the Fairfield County Prosecutor's Office and will enable my office to provide expanded services to crime victims by funding the hiring of an additional crime victims' advocate. I want to thank the Ohio Attorney General's office and my staff for working diligently and cooperatively to obtain this significant increase in grant funding." Crime victim advocates provide a range of important services to crime victims including, to name just a few, keeping crime victims informed of the progress of their case, accompanying them to court, appearing and speaking in court on their behalf, assisting them in obtaining restitution, providing them with information about the Crime Victims Compensation Fund, and providing them with assistance and referrals in helping crime victims obtain appropriate professional services.

Since taking office in 2011, and including this new grant, Prosecutor Marx has secured grant funding to assist crime victims in the amount of more than \$760,000.