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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The California Witness Relocation and Assistance Program (CalWRAP) is administered by the Attorney General's Office pursuant to California Penal Code section 14022. The Attorney General's Office reimburses state and local agencies for approved services provided to threatened witnesses. The program is currently funded from the State Penalty Fund, which is administered by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

This report summarizes the CalWRAP activities during the fiscal year (FY) reporting period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. During the reporting period, CalWRAP managed the administration of three FY appropriations: (1) Chapter 22/24 (FY 2024-2025), (2) Chapter 12/23 (FY 2023-2024), and (3) Chapter 43/22 (FY 2022-2023). The program provided services for 260 cases, including 179 existing cases and 81 new cases. The program closed 157 cases, leaving 103 active cases as of June 30, 2025.

The 81 new cases provided services to 89 witnesses and 116 of their family members and friends. During their participation in CalWRAP, the witnesses provided testimony against 139 violent offenders. Types of cases submitted and approved for CalWRAP services consisted of: 50 gang-related cases, 25 high-risk crimes cases, 2 domestic violence cases, 2 human trafficking cases, and 2 narcotics cases. Homicide and attempted homicide accounted for 70 percent of the primary charges filed against defendants. The remaining 30 percent of the primary charges filed involved assault, threats, rape, human trafficking, criminal conspiracy, robbery, carjacking, kidnapping, and felon with a firearm.

In FY 2024-2025 (Chapter 22/24), \$2,354,000 was allocated to CalWRAP for distribution to California state and local agencies. The program distributed \$325,357 of the \$2,354,000 as of June 30, 2025, with the remaining balance available for an additional two-year period to support the 81 new cases opened during FY 2024-2025.

Utilizing all three years of appropriations, the program processed 232 claims for reimbursement during the FY 2024-2025 reporting period, totaling \$1,577,196 in authorized witness expenditures reimbursed to 21 California state and local agencies. Pursuant to Penal Code section 14027(b), local agencies are required to apply a 25 percent match for reimbursement claims.

CalWRAP expended \$152,724 on administrative costs in FY 2024-2025, which included personnel resources and general operating expenses. The CalWRAP analyst continues to provide program training to state and local agencies throughout California, as requested. CalWRAP is currently administered by the Division of Law Enforcement within the California Department of Justice.

## CASE STATISTICS

During the FY 2024-2025 reporting period, CalWRAP was responsible for the administration of three FY appropriations: (1) Chapter 22/24 (FY 2024-2025), (2) Chapter 12/23 (FY 2023-2024), and (3) Chapter 43/22 (FY 2022-2023). The program provided service for 260 cases, including 179 existing cases and 81 new cases. As of June 30, 2025, the program has closed 157 cases, leaving 103 cases active (see Table 1).

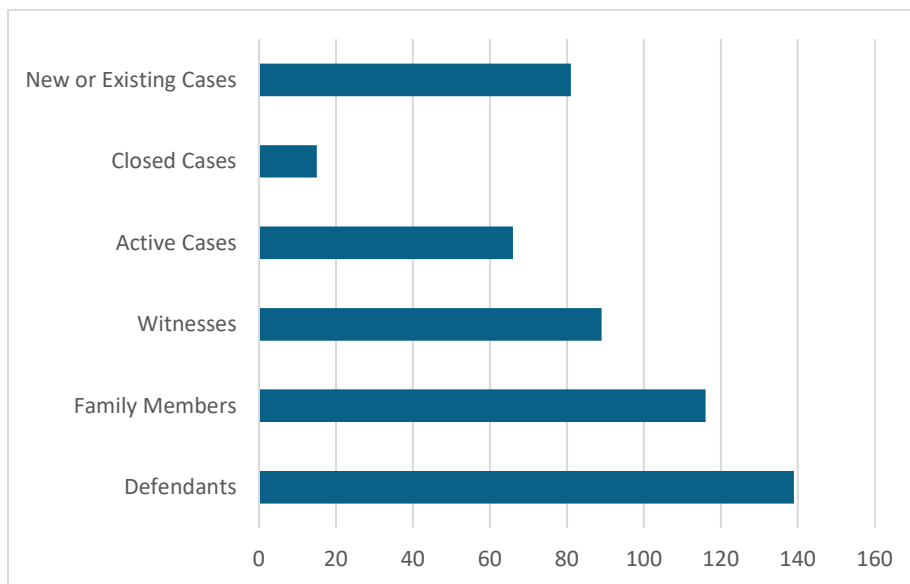
**Table 1 — Case Statistics for All Chapter Funds as of June 30, 2025**

Chapter Fund	New or Existing Cases	Closed Cases	Active Cases	Witnesses	Family Members	Defendants
<b>22/24</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>139</b>
12/23	79	42	37	87	107	136
43/22*	100	100	0	107	136	168
<b>Totals</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>443</b>

\* Chapter 43/22 closed on June 30, 2025

The 81 new CalWRAP cases approved during FY 2024-2025 (Chapter 22/24) provided for the relocation of 89 testifying witnesses and 116 of their family members and friends. The witnesses testified in cases filed against 139 defendants during their participation in CalWRAP (see Chart 1).

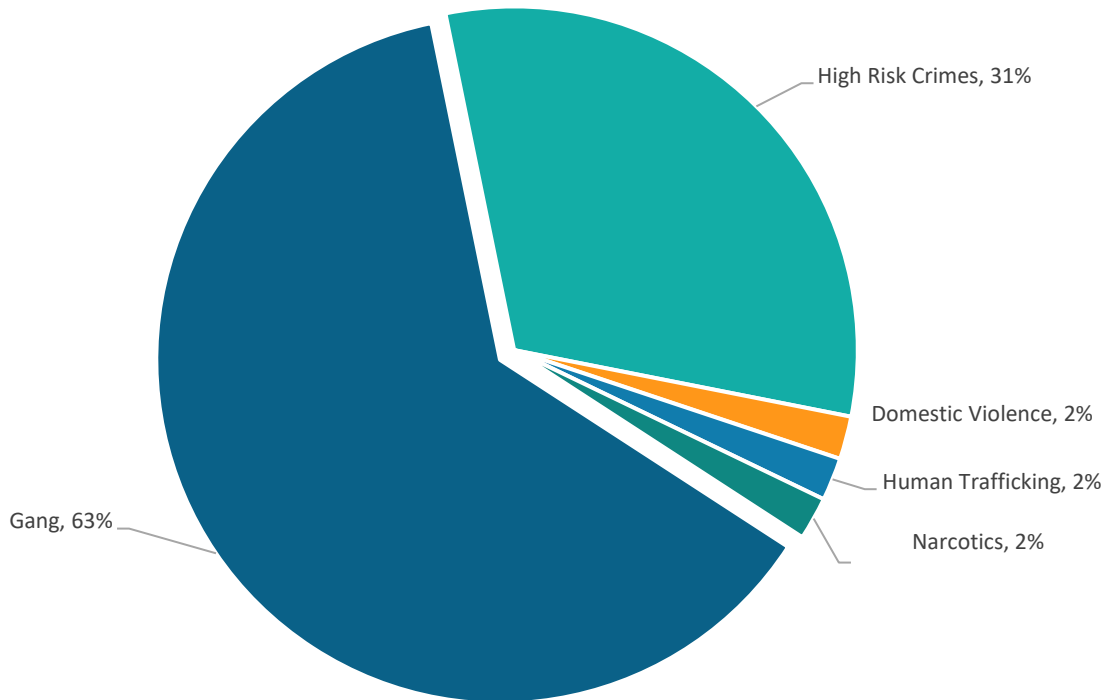
**Chart 1 — New Case Activity During FY 2024-2025 (Chapter 22/24)**



## CASES SUBMITTED FOR FUNDING

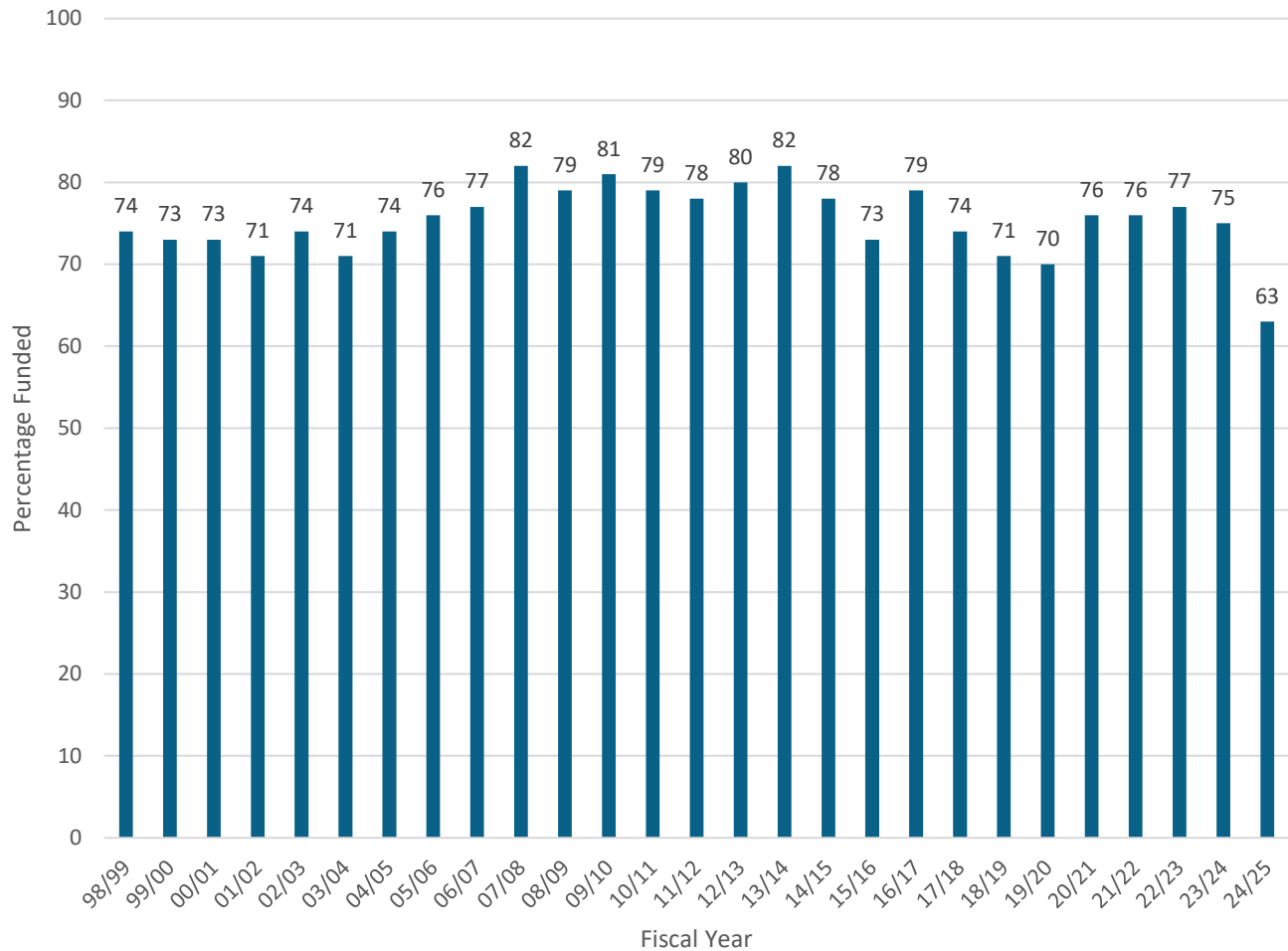
There were 81 new cases submitted and approved by CalWRAP for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Types of cases approved consisted of: 50 gang-related cases (63 percent), 25 high-risk crimes cases (31 percent), 2 domestic violence cases (2 percent), 2 human trafficking cases (2 percent), and 2 narcotics cases (2 percent). (See Chart 2.)

**Chart 2 — Types of Cases Submitted and Approved for Funding (FY 2024-2025)**



Since the inception of CalWRAP in January of 1998, gang-related cases have been the primary type of case submitted and approved by CalWRAP. Chart 3 depicts the actual percentage of gang-related cases approved between FY 1998-1999 and FY 2024-2025.

**Chart 3 — Percentage of Gang-Related Cases Funded Each Fiscal Year**

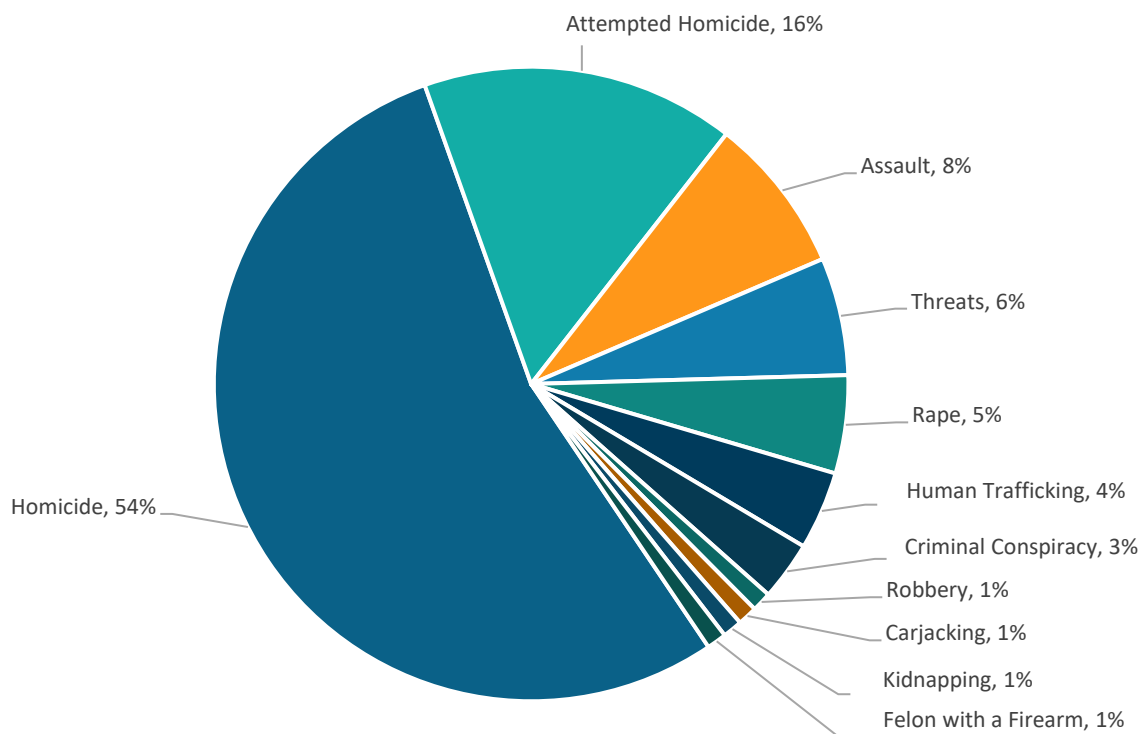


## CHARGES FILED ON CASES

During the FY 2024-2025 reporting period, homicide and attempted homicide accounted for 70 percent of the primary charges filed on the 81 approved cases. The remaining primary charges filed included: assault (8 percent), threats (6 percent), rape (5 percent), human trafficking (4 percent), criminal conspiracy (3 percent), robbery (1 percent), carjacking (1 percent), kidnapping (1 percent), and felon with a firearm (1 percent).

Chart 4 is a visual representation of the types of primary charges filed on the approved cases.

**Chart 4 — Types of Charges Filed on Cases (FY 2024-2025)**





## STATE & LOCAL ASSISTANCE

CalWRAP's local assistance appropriation (funds available to state and local agencies to support witness relocation cases) for Chapter 22/24 (FY 2024-2025) was \$2,354,000. As of June 30, 2025, the program distributed \$325,357 and the remaining balance of \$2,028,643 is available for agencies to support the cases they opened during FY 2024-2025 for a period of two additional years.

Table 2 illustrates the status of the 22/24 (FY 2024-2025) Chapter fund, and the two prior FY funds, Chapters 12/23 (FY 2023-2024) and 43/22 (FY 2022-2023), which were also administered by the program during this reporting period. The Chapter 43/22 fund closed on June 30, 2025.

**Table 2 — Chapter Fund Balances**

Chapter Fund	Beginning Funds	Expended Funds	Remaining Balance
22/24 (FY 24-25)*	\$2,354,000.00	\$325,357.46	\$2,028,642.54
12/23 (FY 23-24)*	\$2,354,000.00	\$861,859.47	\$1,492,140.53
43/22 (FY 22-23) †	\$2,354,000.00	\$1,758,585.18	\$595,414.83

\* Although there is an available balance, funds have been encumbered for future continued support for existing cases attributed to this FY.

† Chapter 43/22 closed on June 30, 2025.

## REIMBURSEMENTS TO AGENCIES

In FY 2024-2025, CalWRAP staff processed 232 reimbursement claims totaling \$1,577,195.52 submitted by 21 state and local agencies. The approved reimbursement claims reflect a monthly average of \$131,433 utilized for witness or sworn law enforcement expenses.

Table 3 shows the total expenses approved for each active chapter fund during FY 2024-2025 and the total number of reimbursement claims processed for each year's appropriation. Reimbursements support various services for relocated witnesses and their family members and friends, such as temporary lodging, relocation expenses, storage of personal belongings, rent, meals, utilities, and incidentals. The program also reimburses expenses incurred for psychological counseling, medical care, new identities, vocational or occupational training, and travel costs for witnesses who must return to testify in criminal proceedings. Sworn law enforcement expenses may also be reimbursed for transporting or protecting witnesses. These expenses include travel, lodging, per diem, and required overtime.

**Table 3 — Approved Reimbursement Claims by Chapter Fund (FY 2024-2025)**

Chapter Fund	Amount Approved	Claims Processed
Chapter 22/24	\$325,357.46	48
Chapter 12/23	\$599,504.37	93
Chapter 43/22	\$652,333.69	91
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1,577,195.52</b>	<b>232</b>

## 25 PERCENT MATCH

CalWRAP is mandated to report the amount of funding sought by each agency, provided to each agency, and the 25 percent match value. There were a total of 232 approved reimbursement claims in FY 2024-2025. Table 4 reflects the 21 agencies that submitted match claims during this period.

**Table 4 — Submitted Match Value by Agency (FY 2024-2025)**

Agency	Total Amount Submitted	Total Amount Approved	Match Value <sup>1</sup>
Alameda County DA	\$131,830.83	\$131,830.83	\$7,382.90
CA Dept. of Justice	\$18,288.56	\$18,288.56	\$23,394.09
Fresno County DA	\$365,231.72	\$365,231.72	\$82,375.39
Kern County DA	\$39,375.56	\$39,375.56	\$3,228.36
Kings County DA	\$34,344.63	\$34,344.63	\$34,653.65
Los Angeles County DA	\$284,367.08	\$284,367.08	\$126,891.27
Monterey County DA	\$74,030.41	\$74,030.41	\$16,127.78
Orange County DA	\$15,889.56	\$15,889.56	\$13,818.12
Riverside County DA	\$71,623.43	\$71,623.43	\$17,908.10
Sacramento County DA	\$39,975.05	\$39,975.05	\$8,796.64
San Bernardino County DA	\$10,908.18	\$10,908.18	\$7,142.06
San Diego County DA	\$57,535.59	\$57,535.59	\$18,555.80
San Francisco County DA	\$34,868.51	\$34,868.51	\$16,918.44
San Joaquin County DA	\$35,084.17	\$35,084.17	\$20,522.90
San Luis Obispo County DA	\$48,400.76	\$48,400.76	\$18,167.22
San Mateo County DA	\$16,921.46	\$16,921.46	\$4,719.75
Santa Barbara County DA	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$1,544.47
Santa Clara County DA	\$81,780.27	\$81,780.27	\$21,220.65
Santa Cruz County DA	\$167,162.50	\$167,162.50	\$37,005.00
Sonoma County DA	\$18,400.87	\$18,400.87	\$17,767.00
Stanislaus County DA	\$27,376.38	\$27,376.38	\$4,833.86
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1,577,195.52</b>	<b>\$1,577,195.52</b>	<b>\$502,973.45</b>

<sup>1</sup> Effective August 24, 2007, the California Legislature amended and codified section 14027(b) of the California Penal Code to impose a 25 percent match requirement on all new cases submitted by local agencies. Local agencies may submit a match amount more than 25 percent of the total reimbursement claim. However, if the match amount submitted is less than 25 percent of the total reimbursement claim in the first 30 days a CalWRAP case is active, the reimbursement claim may be reduced to meet the 25 percent match.

## TESTIMONIALS

Following the closure of a case, CalWRAP program staff solicits information from state and local agencies, requesting comments or suggestions concerning the program, its policies, and its procedures. The comments received from these agencies during FY 2024-2025 include many positive responses regarding the services administered by program staff, the witness services provided, and the continued need to provide these services to testifying witnesses. The following are some of the testimonials received over the past year.

### **Alameda County District Attorney's Office**

"CalWRAP reviews each case with a lens toward each individual witness and their unique needs."

"CalWRAP was extremely supportive of our witness."

### **Fresno County District Attorney's Office**

"The witness was thankful the entire time. Later in the program, he stayed at a mission and eventually graduated from their program."

### **Kings County District Attorney's Office**

"Thank you for the assistance. Your work is truly appreciated."

### **Monterey County District Attorney's Office**

"I want to thank CalWRAP for allowing this witness to remain in the program for so long. The witness provided valuable information on five major gang homicides and attempted murders, which led to successful prosecutions of five defendants."

### **Riverside County District Attorney's Office**

"The witness in this case was very appreciative of the amendments that were approved, allowing him to be extended in the program as he worked on establishing himself in his new location."

### **Sacramento County District Attorney's Office**

"This was the first CalWRAP case that I handled, and it was a bit more complex than the knowledge of my peers with CalWRAP experience. The analyst was very helpful with things I did not understand from the manual."

### **Sonoma County District Attorney's Office**

"Our office was very satisfied with the support and assistance provided by CalWRAP. The analyst was always available and helpful with all aspects of the agreement. CalWRAP provides us with updated annual manuals, and the manual is easy-to-use. Our staff assigned to manage this project all had praise for the processes CalWRAP utilizes. We do not have any issues with the existing policies and procedures, and very much appreciate the support we received."

### **Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office**

"The program in its remaining form produce tremendous results in terms of restoring justice to victims and removing predators from our community."

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAM ITEMS OF INTEREST

### **Administrative Costs**

In FY 2024-2025, CalWRAP expended \$152,724 on administrative costs, which include personnel resources and operating expenses.

The program staff consists of one full-time Associate Governmental Program Analyst.

### **Outreach and Training**

The CalWRAP Program Analyst continuously provides training on the policies and procedures of the program for agencies, upon request.

CalWRAP regularly contacts state and local agencies statewide that have not recently utilized the program, to provide information on funding opportunities for their current or future cases.