**Section 1590.10 Purpose**

a) This Part establishes procedures for the implementation of the Violent Crime Witness Protection Program pursuant to the Violent Crime Witness Protection Act. [725 ILCS 173] The purpose of the financial assistance awarded under this Part is *to assist victims and witnesses who are actively aiding in the prosecution of perpetrators of violent crime, and appropriate related persons or victims and witnesses determined by the Authority to be at risk of a discernible threat of violent crime.* [725 ILCS 173/10]

b) Pursuant to the Violent Crimes Witness Protection Act, ICJIA will provide financial assistance to State's Attorneys Offices, the Office of the Attorney General, and local police departments for reimbursements associated with payments to Eligible Persons. ICJIA will also provide financial assistance to local law enforcement agencies to establish local violent crime witness protection programs.