

7. How does SCDC track restitution payments and amounts owed?

- The SCDC inmate trust fund, work release program, and prison industries accounting systems allow tracking of restitution obligations and payments. Restitution is automatically deducted from any deposits to any of these accounts.
- SCDC is not aware of a centralized system to track restitution payments across agencies.
 - Is information emailed back and forth between affected agencies (PPP and Attorney General's Office), or is there a system the agencies can utilize to prevent the need for reentry of data in situations in which offenders go back and forth between the agencies?
- Please find attached an illustration that outlines the normal flow of restitution collection within SCDC. Please note that SCDC can only access paid work funds for most victim restitution collection. Due to this limitation, victims often do not receive restitution while offenders are incarcerated, even if they want to make payments. There are some county Clerk of Court Offices that will not accept restitution payments from SCDC as well, further complicating the collection process. These funds are unable to be processed, because SCDC cannot send them directly to the victim. Per statute, SCDC can only send victim restitution collected to PPP or a county Clerk of Court office. SCDC would welcome any statutory change that would strengthen our ability to collect victim restitution that has been ordered, making our system even more restorative for both offenders and victims.

