



The Basics on VOCA

Fact: The Victim of Crime Act's (VOCA) Crime Victims Fund (CVF) is funded by monetary penalties associated with federal criminal convictions.

Fact: Deposits fluctuate annually based on the cases that the Department of Justice successfully prosecutes.

Fact: Appropriators decide how much to release from the CVF every year. Statutorily, this money funds specific DOJ programs and state victim assistance grants and supplements state victim compensation funds.

Fact: It is important to have money in the CVF to provide a buffer for lean years. Unfortunately, if there are too many lean years in a row, the CVF will not be able to provide that buffer. That is the situation we are currently facing.

Lower Deposits Lead to Cuts in Grants

Fact: Deposits into the CVF are historically low. Deposits the last three years have been \$445 million, \$495 million and \$503 million respectively - deposits have not been this low since 2003. **The Congressional Budget Office had estimated \$1 billion in CVF deposits for FY20, however the end-of-year actuals were just about half of that.**

Fact: Lower deposits lead to lower releases. Appropriators are justly cautious about depleting the CVF, and they are reluctant to dip too deeply into the buffer the CVF provides, particularly if they do not see indications that the CVF will be replenished.

Fact: The amount coming off the top for non-victim service grants is somewhat static, which means that the cuts to the annual VOCA release disproportionately cut victim service grants. Thus, the percentage cut to victim service grants is larger than the percentage cut to the VOCA release.

Fact: State grants decreased in both FY'19 and FY'20, reflecting the decreased deposits. The Senate bill cuts these further. If the release was to reflect deposits without drawing down the balance in the CVF to dangerously low levels, assuming no transfers to fund other grants, victim assistance grants to the states could be cut to as little as approximately \$200 million annually, only 10% of what went out in FY'20.

The Impact

Fact: Every state is at a different place in their grant cycles. Some subgrantees have already seen cuts (ex. Ohio), and some will see them in the next few years.

Fact: Children Advocacy Centers (CACs) receive between \$150 and \$200 million in VOCA dollars annually, which is the largest single source of funding for these programs. The cost of serving the more than 371,000 children they helped last year was \$614 million. If programs lose 70% of their funding, this would leave a \$140 million deficit, equating to about 84,450 children.

Fact: Rape crisis programs specifically lost over \$7.5 Million, with individual programs losing between 32% and 57% (as well as three 100% cuts) of VOCA funds. This will essentially cut services in half, reducing survivor access to pre-2000 levels.

State	FY'18 Awards	FY'19 Awards	FY'20 Awards	Estimated FY'21 Awards (Senate CJS)	Change FY'18 to FY'21 Awards	% Change
AK	\$7,912,465	\$5,462,248	\$4,117,817	\$2,033,338		
AL	\$49,343,117	\$33,390,665	\$24,748,443	\$10,777,207		
AR	\$30,601,737	\$20,780,140	\$15,424,391	\$6,825,398		
AZ	\$70,800,365	\$48,758,272	\$36,496,512	\$15,756,386		
CA	\$396,642,274	\$266,680,824	\$195,905,619	\$83,318,677		
CO	\$56,681,557	\$38,825,662	\$28,979,526	\$12,570,465		
CT	\$36,452,243	\$24,540,595	\$18,131,939	\$7,972,937		
DC	\$7,453,336	\$5,226,846	\$3,990,245	\$1,979,269		
DE	\$10,138,264	\$7,008,130	\$5,315,699	\$2,541,036		
FL	\$210,755,732	\$143,823,948	\$106,717,018	\$45,517,912		
GA	\$104,998,424	\$71,285,938	\$53,007,906	\$22,754,403		
HI	\$14,803,390	\$10,058,537	\$7,502,120	\$3,467,705		
IA	\$32,018,832	\$21,737,817	\$16,103,233	\$7,113,111		
ID	\$17,703,118	\$12,304,131	\$9,337,836	\$4,245,736		
IL	\$128,771,417	\$86,235,200	\$63,167,824	\$27,060,476		
IN	\$67,298,989	\$45,529,895	\$33,793,835	\$14,610,911		
KS	\$29,688,388	\$20,091,625	\$14,907,641	\$6,606,384		
KY	\$45,129,285	\$30,568,043	\$22,594,642	\$9,864,362		
LA	\$47,435,241	\$31,857,165	\$23,490,366	\$10,243,997		
MA	\$69,232,786	\$46,944,817	\$34,586,511	\$14,946,871		
MD	\$61,140,519	\$41,161,674	\$30,398,592	\$13,171,907		
ME	\$13,885,282	\$9,506,170	\$7,147,730	\$3,317,504		

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MI	\$100,318,579	\$67,762,883	\$49,889,476	\$21,432,720		
MN	\$56,375,478	\$38,257,832	\$28,390,503	\$12,320,820		
MO	\$61,755,273	\$41,725,123	\$30,852,327	\$13,364,213		
MS	\$30,399,551	\$20,596,471	\$15,218,388	\$6,738,088		
MT	\$11,025,542	\$7,648,290	\$5,785,585	\$2,740,187		
NC	\$103,435,763	\$70,371,764	\$52,368,267	\$22,483,305		
ND	\$8,068,751	\$5,614,586	\$4,268,738	\$2,097,303		
NE	\$19,738,434	\$13,482,116	\$10,066,513	\$4,554,571		
NH	\$13,954,297	\$9,627,656	\$7,224,379	\$3,349,991		
NJ	\$90,733,139	\$60,445,762	\$44,426,403	\$19,117,308		
NM	\$21,421,670	\$14,600,213	\$10,869,757	\$4,895,010		
NV	\$30,539,214	\$20,918,536	\$15,732,749	\$6,956,089		
NY	\$199,383,453	\$132,000,250	\$96,706,562	\$41,275,185		
OH	\$117,314,842	\$79,158,689	\$58,307,829	\$25,000,667		
OK	\$39,885,767	\$27,033,125	\$20,068,992	\$8,793,917		
OR	\$42,009,045	\$28,699,463	\$21,358,596	\$9,340,490		
PA	\$128,806,626	\$86,679,182	\$63,811,563	\$27,333,312		
PR	\$34,084,036	\$22,669,661	\$16,524,540	\$7,291,674		
RI	\$11,117,181	\$7,614,712	\$5,739,014	\$2,720,449		
SC	\$50,842,273	\$34,711,279	\$25,962,694	\$11,291,842		
SD	\$9,213,724	\$6,436,592	\$4,875,035	\$2,354,269		
TN	\$67,791,613	\$46,055,649	\$34,273,320	\$14,814,131		
TX	\$284,101,321	\$193,635,780	\$143,897,603	\$61,276,143		
UT	\$31,579,191	\$21,771,193	\$16,354,897	\$7,219,774		
VA	\$85,366,389	\$57,815,818	\$42,711,960	\$18,390,676		
VI	\$1,574,785	\$1,219,852	\$1,027,338	\$723,501		
VT	\$6,748,807	\$4,714,389	\$3,585,905	\$1,807,898		
WA	\$74,702,737	\$51,207,272	\$38,159,052	\$16,461,019		

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WI	\$58,568,542	\$39,619,715	\$29,294,541	\$12,703,977		
WV	\$18,694,199	\$12,651,511	\$9,362,969	\$4,256,388		
WY	\$6,304,517	\$ 4,387,614	\$3,362,222	\$1,713,094		
Total	\$3,328,058,070	\$2,253,332,144	\$1,378,586,675	\$627,100,000		