

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) - Updates

The VOCA Fund

Federal Fiscal Year	Funding Received ¹	Fund Balance ²	Federal Cap ²	Missouri Allocation ³	% of Total ⁴
2017		\$13.082M	\$2.573	\$34.4M	1.3230%
2018	\$4.45B	\$9.171B	\$4.436B	\$61.8M	1.3950%
2019	\$4.95B	\$6.448B	\$3.353B	\$41.7M	1.2437%
2020	\$5.03B	\$4.42B	\$2.641B	\$30.9M	1.1700%
2021	\$7.74B	\$3.193B	\$2.015B	\$19.2M	0.9529%
2022	\$5.53B	\$3.029B	\$2.6B	\$26.3M	1.0115%
2023			\$1.75B ⁶		

Update from OVC Director on September 8⁵:

- Over the last several years, deposits into the Fund have not been keeping pace with prior years.
- The latest data show the current balance of the CVF at just over \$3 billion, which includes all deposits and collections through July 2022. As of September 2022 the fund balance is \$1.49B, which includes deposits and collections through August 2022.
- After the FY22 grants, OVC anticipates the balance of the Fund will be between \$1.1 and \$1.3B on October 1st, and this funding that will be used for FFY23.
- For FFY23, President's Budget and Senate Mark has the proposed obligation cap at \$1.75 billion. Receipts coming fiscal year may meet the \$1.75 billion cap, but it is unknown. The President's budget will be released the first Monday in February 2023.
- OVC is seeking solutions to reverse the shortage of funds and have provided numerous briefings to Congressional staff as well as U.S Attorney Staff about the VOCA Fix and about the status of the CVF.
- There has been an 89% reduction on the CVF since 2017
- OVC has briefed top-level DOJ leadership and we will continue to keep them apprised.

¹<https://ovc.ojp.gov/about/crime-victims-fund/fy-2007-2022-cvf-annual-receipts.pdf>. After the VOCA fix, 2021 includes \$224M from non-prosecuted cases and 2022 includes \$360M. There have been no additional deposits from non-prosecuted cases.

²<https://ovc.ojp.gov/about/crime-victims-fund/fy-2007-2022-cvf-balance.pdf>

³Overall percentage varies based on the amount

⁴<https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/formula-grant-allocations-archive> The percentage of the total for VOCA decreased in 2021 because of the VOCA fix, which allocated additional funds to Victim Compensation.

⁵<https://ovc.ojp.gov/about/from-the-directors-desk>

⁶<https://navaa.org/> Will no longer fund STOP VAWA and Office of Inspector General totaling \$15M. This will have a minimal impact on the funding the states receive.

Grant Awards (Contracts) for 10/1/22 – 9/30/23

- July 2022 - Agencies were notified of their funding and have been developing budget and budget narratives (which are outside of the contract process).
- September 2022 – 184 existing contracts are in the process of being renewed with effective date of October 1st
- Funding* – The funding by year is being determined for the contracts beginning October 1st. It is anticipated VOCA funds will need to be used.

Comparable Grant Management Analysis - Medium States (OVC classifies as small, medium, and large based on funding)

State	Award Process	FY22 Allocation	Subaward Timeframe	Funding Response	Other
Alabama	Competitive	\$21.6M	FFY	Funding decisions depend on the availability of funds. Requires 20% match.	Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance Grant Program – ADECA (alabama.gov)
Arkansas	Competitive	\$13.2M	FFY22 – \$13M with 1 year with 1 year extension	Requires 20% match.	Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Department of Finance and Administration (arkansas.gov)
Colorado	Competitive	\$24.9M	\$90.1M for 2 years, CY21 and CY22	The 28 member Crime Victim Services Advisory Board makes the funding recommendations to the Director of the Division of Criminal Justice and the Executive Director of the Department of Public Safety. Have other state and federal funding.	Victims of Crime Act Division of Criminal Justice (colorado.gov)
Connecticut	Competitive bid process – Conduct needs assessment to determine	\$15.6M	\$15.6M	State general revenue funds of \$900,000	OVS Victim Resources - CT Judicial Branch

	future funding				Awards List Funding Office for Victims of Crime (ojp.gov)
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State	Award Process	FY22 Allocation	Subaward Timeframe	Funding Response	Other
Iowa	Competitive bid process – was 5 year cycle and will be 3 year in 2023 Focus on criminal justice and victim service grants.	\$13.9M	\$13.9M	General revenue funding for domestic and sexual abuse. 3 other federally funded programs.	Victims of Crime Act Assistance Funds (VOCA) Iowa Attorney General
Kansas	Allocated to 66 current and former recipients	\$12.8M	\$22M – FFY23	State GR of \$5.2M for 26 DV/SV providers in underserved areas and populations providers. State GR of \$953K for 17 Child Advocacy Centers	
Kentucky	Competitive – yearly Currently 132 providers	\$19.4M	FFY23 - \$30.2		FY 2021 Kentucky Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program: Annual Performance Measures Report (ojp.gov) Victims of Crime Act - Kentucky Justice & Public Safety Cabinet
Louisiana	Competitive Bid – Every 4 years Applicant submits NOI, and if accepted, must submit application	\$19.9M	\$19.9M	Funds distributed on a formula basis to each of the states eight Law Enforcement Planning Councils, Law Enforcement Planning Districts, and Criminal Justice Coordination. · State-level projects are distributed under supervision of the LCLE VOCA Administrator and approved by the Executive Director of LCLE.	Microsoft Word - Victim Services Advisory Board Guidelines 09302015.docx (la.gov) Victims of Crime Act – LCLE (la.gov) Microsoft Word - VOCA Rules and Regulations 07132016.docx (la.gov)

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Maryland	2018 competitive grant – continuation grant for the same providers	\$26.4M	FY22 and FY23 grants at \$50.09M	State General Revenue of \$35M to bridge the VOCA gap in funds	Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) - Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (maryland.gov) FY2023-VOCA-NOFA.pdf (maryland.gov)
Minnesota	Competitive 5-year bid in FY23 with priority of serving underserved populations.	\$24.4M		Offer small bridge grants throughout the 5 years to bring in new providers to fill gaps.	
Mississippi	Competitive with 7 member board to administer funds	\$12.9M		Victims of DV fund- no more than 10% can go to VOCA DV providers	
Nevada	Competitive for \$17M and non-competitive for \$1M	\$13.7M	\$17M with \$1M innovative funding 7/1/22-7/31/23	N/A	
Oklahoma	-Yearly competitive bid -9 member VOCA board reviews in August	\$17.2M	\$30.1M for FFY23		In September, subgrantees are required to attend financial training

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Oregon	Non-competitive existing grants, competitive new providers, competitive support services & training,	\$18.3M	2 years 10/1/20-9/30/22	<p>Child abuse multidisciplinary intervention fund, Children’s justice Act, non-competitive funds for services to DV/SV providers, survivor housing funds</p> <p>VOCA funding initiatives grant, 2021-2023- VOCA culturally specific and responsive grant</p> <p>OVC Human Trafficking Grant - \$800,000</p> <p>OVC Victim’s Right Increasing Access - \$1M</p> <p>OVC Training & Technical Assistance grant - \$1M</p> <p>OVC Human Trafficking Task Force - \$800,000</p> <p>OVC Family Justice Center Model Grant - \$200,000</p> <p>OVC Victim Assistance Strategic Plan & Implementation - \$390,000</p> <p>OVC Victims’ Rights Enforcement Clinic - \$6.9M</p> <p>OVC Human Trafficking - \$550,000</p> <p>OVC Training & Technical Assistance for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner and DV Sexual Assault Training & Technical Assistance Grant - \$475,000</p>	
Puerto Rico	159 Subrecipients	\$13.7M			
South Carolina	Continuation grants take priority	\$22.3M	SFY20-\$26M	State Victim Assistance Program- % of wages earned by inmates in work release funds this program	

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Utah	Competitive bid for SFY21 – SFY23	\$14.5M	\$42M \$23M- 1st year, \$19M- 2nd year 2 year cycles SFY	Mandatory funding decrease of 5-15% for year 1 and 15% for year 2. Anticipating more cuts for 2023-2025 cycle.	
Wisconsin	- Continuation grants for 5 year for existing providers -Competitive NFO for Sexual Assault providers	\$42.5M	5 years	Using ARPA	

Note: Massachusetts requested state General Revenue as a funding source, and Illinois is using cannabis tax.

DSS Communication

- Webinars:
 - January 2020 – Invoicing
 - September 2020 - Listening session with sub recipients to address current funding status and projected funding amounts
 - April 2021 – Webex regarding reporting requirements
 - March 22, 2022: Methodology, award breakdown, and FAQ
 - March 23, 2022: Changes to monitoring process, invoicing, and new forms
 - March 29, 2022: Reviewed VOCA with new providers including forms, reporting, monitoring, invoicing, websites, introduced MCADSV and Kids First, training approval process, etc.

5% is reserved for administration including state costs, MCADSV at \$331,460, and Kids First at \$58,592). MCADSV also receives \$668,575 from DVSS.

** Distributed to ensure the VOCA percentages for each FFY could be met, and the majority of the funding is spent in the last quarter of the year.

- Ongoing provider communication:
 - 3 VOCA staff are the primary contact for their designated agencies to answer programmatic and fiscal questions review reports and discuss discrepancies. Began non-monitoring site visits on April 4th:
 - Visited 45 locations out of the 139 agencies with 193 contracts
 - Developed a list of gaps in service, and will discuss non-monetary ways to address
 - Monitoring and invoicing are conducted by separate teams
- June 29, 2022 - Met with DPS to discuss victim service funding and creating a shared file of all agencies funded and grant funding, discussed grants management system, DSS will join the DPS MO Victim Services Academy which provides training for Prosecuting Attorneys and non-profit advocates, monitoring grants, and the Missouri Protection Program which 19 out of 700+ agencies are registered. Next meeting is October 3rd
- July 2, 2022 - Met with the OVC Director to discuss Missouri Regional allocations for funding, plan for funding stability, resource maximization, agency blending and braiding of services, etc.
- August 19, 2022 - Presented the regional funding approach at the National Joint Training Conference for VOCA Victim Assistance and Crime Victim Compensation Assistance Administrators.
- August 22, 2022 – VOCA manager checked with DPS and then sent the below email to all VOCA funded programs stating:

“Several of you have asked for additional funding in the past and recently. I would encourage folks to look for funding opportunities that are available.

1. *The OJP- Federal funding opportunities can be found here: They update this regularly, you can sign up for email alerts: [Opportunities & Awards / Current Funding Opportunities / Office of Justice Programs \(ojp.gov\)](#). If you applied for the most recent solicitations from earlier this year, they advised they will be making a funding decision by 9/30.*
2. *State funding opportunities will be available for the FY24 cycle: Department of Public Safety oversees 2 grant programs: STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP).*

Both of these grants are a competitive bid process, and funding is limited, but the grant solicitation will be next year August/September 2023 and the contract will begin January 2024.

If you are interested in applying for their notice of funding opportunity for either of those grants please reach out to their staff: CVSU@dps.mo.gov

3. *DVSS funding opportunities: for domestic and sexual assault providers through the Department of Social services- next contract cycle is SFY24, if you are interested in this program please reach out to Lindsey Latham- Lindsey.A.Latham@dss.mo.gov , or myself to be added to the interest list.*

Please know we are doing our part, and we know funding is a sensitive subject. If anyone is aware of funding opportunities or great fundraising ideas and would like me to share it with your VOCA partners please let me know and I would be happy to send it out.

We are currently working on the renewals for 10/1/22-9/30/23, we will be sending out the documents next month.

Please ensure that you are submitting your invoices timely so that we have an accurate count on our funding.”

After the email, multiple agencies applied through DPS and contacted DVSS.

- September 6, 2022: DSS discussed ways it could assist the Justice Reinvestment Initiative goals by assisting with outreach for victims and training opportunities, other potential funding sources, outlining court intervention services, including other partners in the workgroup, and potential options for a landing page for all program, and options for reducing the reading level on certain documents.
- October 14, 2022: DSS, MCADSV and Kids First discussed drafting a formula for consideration on VOCA funding instead of a competitive bid process, since if only the top bidders were awarded there would be very few providers.
- DSS encouraged subgrantees to attend MOCADSV’s Strategic Fundraising course on 10/21/22 from 10am-3pm. This will assist agencies in understanding the importance of sustainable funding and securing multiple funding sources as VOCA, funding may decrease.
- November 7, 2022: DSS held the first VOCA Stakeholders meeting for the formula discussion. Stakeholders on the call included MOCADSV, KidsFirst, MO-CASA, MAPA, FACT Board, MSHP, KC Mothers in Charge, St. Charles County Family Court-Juvenile Division, House of Representatives, Senate Representatives, DSS representatives and MO-CATE. Topics discussed included: The VOCA Fix, federal funding levels, Missouri VOCA overview, potential options for a formula model.
- December 12, 2022: DSS will hold the second VOCA Stakeholders meeting for the formula discussion. Topics to be discussed include: Notice of Funding Award, Agency award amounts and total funding percentages on current contract, proposed formulas from each stakeholder to include pros and cons, potential survey of all VOCA funded

agencies, update on DSS communication, next steps including potential sub groups, addressing duplicate funded services, regional approach, data collection etc.

- December 13th/14th: DSS will hold the third VOCA Stakeholders meeting for the formula discussion. This meeting will be in person in Jefferson City and supported by WebEx for those who cannot attend in person to continue the discussion from 12/12/22.