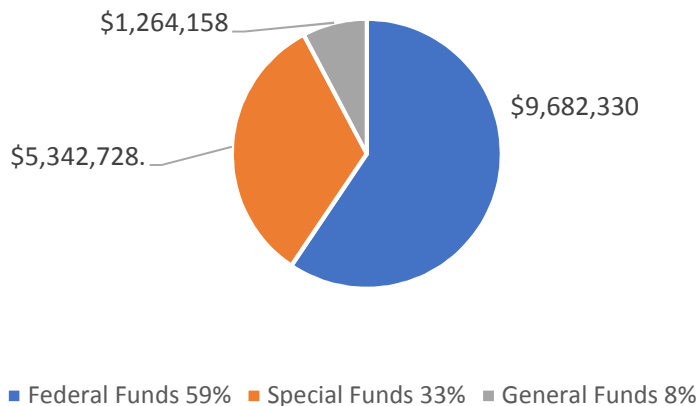


## Center for Crime Victim Services, FY 2020 Governor's Recommend Budget

### MISSION:

Under 13 V.S.A. § 5361, the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services is directed to:  
Strengthen and coordinate programs serving crime victims  
Promote the rights and needs of crime victims statewide  
Administer federal and state grant funds for crime victim services  
Serve as a clearinghouse for information regarding crime victims

Center for Crime Victim Services  
FY2020 \$16,289,216.



## FY 2020 SUMMARY & HIGHLIGHTS

- CCVS administration is supported with Special Funds and Federal Grants. General Funds support the cost of the Dept. of Finance VISION system.
- The SFY 2020 budget reflects an 18% increase in the dependency on federal funds to support Victim Services. This reliance on federal funding is a less-than desirable trend for a 30-year old, statutorily mandated state program.
- The General Fund has been level funded since 2015, these funds provide Domestic and Sexual Violence grants, Supervised Visitation grants, Child Advocacy grants and \$67K to STOP Prosecutors.
- New Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) Technology grant for a Grants Management System.
- New Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) Training grant to create online trainings for victim service providers.
- 2 FTE Human Trafficking positions in collaboration with the Dept. of Public Safety (federally-funded staff increase).
- The 2020 Budget has an increase of \$2.7M in the Federal Victims of Crime Act Assistance (VOCA) Grant. Current deposits into the Victims of Crime fund project a 93% decline in deposits from \$6.5B to \$444M. This could significantly decrease the Vermont allocation for SFY2021 from \$6.7M to \$2.9M. CCVS sub-grants are based on a 3 year average to ensure long-range program stability for local organizations and agencies that rely on these funds.
- An increase to the Dept. of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs of \$25,646.00 for the Victim Advocate Program.