

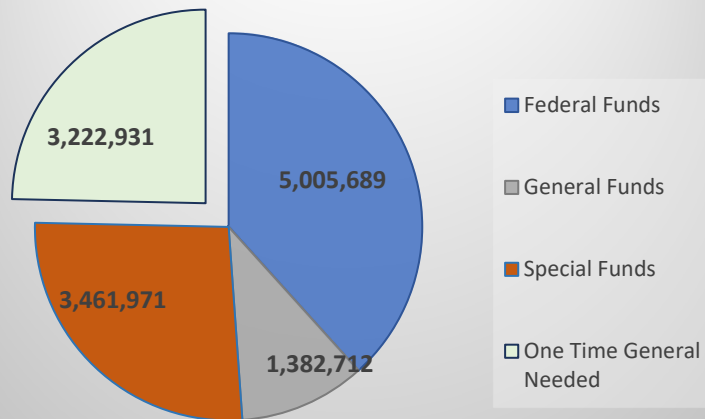
Center for Crime Victim Services, FY 2023 Governor's Recommend Budget

MANDATE:

The Center for Crime Victim Services is mandated under 13 V.S.A. § 5361, §5304 (VAP) §5359 (Comp) and §5362 (Restitution) to establish, strengthen and coordinate programs serving crime victims. In addition to its specific programmatic responsibilities, CCVS is required by statute to:

- Promote the rights and needs of crime victims statewide;
- Administer federal and state grant funds for crime victim services; and
- Serve as a clearinghouse for information regarding crime victims.

CCVS SFY 2023 Funding



VOCA 2018	\$6,748,807	
VOCA 2019	\$4,714,389	(\$2,034,418)
VOCA 2020	\$3,585,905	(\$3,162,902)
VOCA 2021	\$2,397,872	(\$4,350,935)
Decreased funding past 3 years		(\$9,548,255)

FY 2023 SUMMARY & HIGHLIGHTS

- The SFY2023 budget reflects the need for an additional \$3.2M to continue to support core services as well as ensuring long-term program stability for organizations and agencies that provide support to victims and survivors throughout Vermont. CCVS is awaiting the release of the analysis by the Joint Fiscal Office.
- CCVS has seen an unprecedented decline in special fund revenues since COVID. CCVS relies on 3 special funds to support CCVS' administrative costs, operating costs, and numerous programs and services to crime victims in Vermont. These funds provide Victim Compensation, Restitution, grants to the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence programs, Supervised Visitation Programming, and the Victim Advocate Program.
- Each of these funds rely on fines and fees from the courts and traffic tickets as a source of revenue. Those revenues declined between 23%-47% in SFY2021 and continue to decline in SFY 2022.
- The SFY 2023 budget reflects that the dependency on federal funds to support Victim Services is no longer sustainable, with a decrease in funding of over 9.5M over the past 3 years.
- The SFY2023 budget includes a \$2.5 M grant to the Dept. of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs for the Victim Advocate Program. This is an increase of \$150K over the SFY2022 budget. CCVS now grants out more to the VAP than the entire SFY2021 VOCA award.
- The General Fund provides anti-violence grants to the Network programs, Supervised Visitation grants, Child Advocacy grants, and prosecutors funded with the STOP Grant. In SFY2022 CCVS received a one-time appropriation of \$1.8 million to support the VAP and the DV/SV grants. In addition, CCVS received a BAA of \$1.3 million to support core services and an additional \$250,000 to support the DV/SV grants and \$112,000 in bridge funding to support the Legal Assistance for Victims clinic.