

April 2022

VOCA Subgrantee Training

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OCVS Funding Updates Overview

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Updates

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Updates

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Office of Crime Victim Services

grant programs

	Victims/Offenses This				Eligible Victims		Applicable Programs			
	Sexual Assault	Domestic Violence	Human Trafficking	Other Offenses	Children	Adults	Domestic Violence	Sexual Assault	Human Trafficking	Other Offenses
CJA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SAVS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
VAWA SASP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
VAWA STOP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
VOCA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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### Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Updates

#### What we know

- Recent WI VOCA Award Levels
- 2024 Next VOCA Competitive
- VOCA Fix Passed

#### What we do not know

- Funding levels for 2024 VOCA Competitive
- Future CVF Deposits
- Timeline for WI ARPA Funds
- Timeframe for VOCA Fix impact

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### VOCA Funding

#### Federal Appropriations Process

**Timeline for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Funding**

**Federal Appropriation Process**

The President's budget request and the House and Senate Appropriations bills specify a VOCA "Cap," which is the amount OVC may release from the Crime Victim Fund (CVF) in a specific federal fiscal year (FFY).

**February:** President submits a budget proposal to Congress.

**March-April:** House and Senate Budget Committees develop their versions of a budget resolution that sets overall budgetary spending levels for the following fiscal year. These are the spending caps which appropriations must stay within.

**May:** Committee: House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees hold hearings and draft the 12 appropriations bills that, together, make up the federal budget. In theory the bills should be registered, passed and signed by the President before the new fiscal year begins on October 1. In practice, appropriations bills are often signed around late winter.

If an appropriations bill is not signed by October 1, then Congress may pass a Continuing Resolution (CR) to allow an extension of federal spending at current levels. If Congress does not pass a CR or if the President vetoes it, then unfunded nonessential activities and programs (including VOCA funding) are shut down until appropriations are enacted. Usually, the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs has enough reserves to continue to operate during a shutdown. However, if a prolonged shutdown were to happen, they would not be able to sustain operations.

**Office for Victims of Crime Award Process**

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) cannot determine or distribute state VOCA Assistance or Compensation formula award allocations until the appropriations are enacted. For example, the FFY 2022 appropriations bill had not been passed as of 12/28/2021, and there was a Continuing Resolution extending FFY 2022 funding through February 18, 2022. Continuing resolutions were passed again in February and March 2022 before the budget was ultimately agreed upon and passed by Congress on March 11, 2022.

Once the budget is passed and a VOCA Cap determined, funds are appropriated and the statutory set asides are deducted from the CVF. Currently, those are:

- OVC Administrative Costs
- Funding for OVC's
- DOJ Attorney's Office
- State Attorney's Office
- Federal Victim Notification System
- Funding for the FBI Victim Specialists
- Tribal program(s)
- OVC discretionary grants

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### VOCA Funding

#### Federal Appropriations Process Continued

After all those expenses are deducted, the remainder is available to award for the Victim Compensation and Victim Assistance programs. OJP calculates the Compensation awards for each state and deducts the total amount from the Cap. The funds remaining are distributed to state Victim Assistance programs based on a formula using population data.

The typical funding cycle for Victim Assistance from application to award usually takes 3-4 months:

Spring Solicitation Released

Depends on when final fiscal year appropriation bills are passed and signed

SAA has 60 days to complete and submit application

OVC and OJP Review and Approval Process

This process takes 1-2 months to complete

September-OVC issues Awards to SAA

Must be done by October 1st since that is the start of a new Federal Fiscal Year

<https://files.cttusercontent.com/c6639f6701/c519e06b-f60d-478e-82e0-0c41a45a7e9.pdf?rdn=true>

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Poll – True or False?

VOCA is a federal formula grant awarded to states and the grant amounts are based on population.

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Wisconsin VOCA Award Information

Federal Fiscal Year Award	Award Amount	CVF CAP	5% Administrative Funds	Amount of Admin Funds Used	Award Date	Award Period
2014	\$8,189,763	\$745 million	\$409,488	\$409,488	9/10/2014	10/1/2013 – 9/30/2017
2015	\$34,957,532	\$2.361 billion	\$1,747,876	\$1,677,789	9/15/2015	10/1/2014 – 9/30/2018
2016	\$39,393,063	\$3.042 billion	\$1,969,655	\$1,671,965	9/8/2016	10/1/2015 – 9/30/2019
2017	\$32,661,004	\$2.573 billion	\$1,633,050	\$1,044,362	9/28/2017	10/1/2016 – 9/30/2020
2018	\$58,568,542	\$4.436 billion	\$2,928,427	TBD	8/9/2018	10/1/2017 – 9/30/2022
2019	\$39,619,715	\$3.353 billion	\$1,980,986	TBD	9/13/2019	10/1/2018 – 9/30/2023
2020	\$29,294,541	\$2.641 billion	\$1,464,727	TBD	9/17/2020	10/1/2019 – 9/30/2023
2021	\$18,258,383	\$2.015 billion	\$912,919	TBD	9/16/2021	10/1/2020 – 9/30/2024
2022	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	10/1/2021 – 9/30/2025

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American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)  
Update

Integrate with  
VOCA Funding  
Announcement

Simultaneously  
administer with  
VOCA

Outline ARPA  
Requirements

Reduce  
Administrative  
Burden (OCVS  
and Subs)

Guidance

- Track Separately from  
VOCA
  - Financially
  - OVC PMT

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VOCA Subgrantee Funding Breakdown

Grant Period	VOCA Decrease to Subgrantees' Awards	ARPA Portion of "VOCA Project" Subgrant Award	Total Projected Subgranted Award Amounts
10/01/2022 – 9/30/2023	Initial 15%	15%	\$44,566,489
10/01/2023 – 9/30/2024	Additional 15%	27.75%	\$44,566,489

Subgrant Example:

Grant Period	Total "VOCA Project" Award Amount	VOCA Funded Amount	ARPA Funded Amount
10/01/2022 – 9/30/2023	\$100,000	\$85,000	\$15,000
10/01/2023 – 9/30/2024	\$100,000	\$72,250	\$27,750

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Resources – Federal and State

US DOJ Budget Forecaster

- <https://www.justice.gov/dojgrantsprogramplan>
- <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/explore/current-funding-opportunities>

Coalitions

- AIAA, BBWPC, CACs of WI, End Abuse, WCASA, WI CASAs, WVWP

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