

Victims of Crime Act Fund FY 02-06

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State/Territory	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05	FY 06
Alabama	\$ 6,042,000	\$ 5,497,000	\$ 5,543,000	\$ 5,773,000	\$ 6,108,000
Alaska	\$ 1,281,000	\$ 1,217,000	\$ 1,224,000	\$ 1,260,000	\$ 1,311,000
Am. Samoa	\$ 271,000	\$ 264,000	\$ 264,000	\$ 267,000	\$ 271,000
Arizona	\$ 6,894,000	\$ 6,578,000	\$ 6,633,000	\$ 7,038,000	\$ 7,610,000
Arkansas	\$ 3,831,000	\$ 3,519,000	\$ 3,546,000	\$ 3,693,000	\$ 3,907,398
California	\$ 42,709,000	\$ 39,613,000	\$ 39,969,000	\$ 42,073,000	\$ 44,933,000
Colorado	\$ 5,860,000	\$ 5,520,000	\$ 5,565,000	\$ 5,831,477	\$ 6,190,000
Connecticut	\$ 4,744,000	\$ 4,354,000	\$ 4,390,000	\$ 4,581,000	\$ 4,837,000
Delaware	\$ 1,476,000	\$ 1,399,000	\$ 1,407,145	\$ 1,458,000	\$ 1,528,000
District of Columbia	\$ 1,213,000	\$ 1,136,000	\$ 1,142,000	\$ 1,160,000	\$ 1,185,000
Florida	\$ 20,417,000	\$ 19,116,000	\$ 19,285,000	\$ 20,439,000	\$ 22,036,000
Georgia	\$ 10,702,000	\$ 10,035,000	\$ 10,122,000	\$ 10,675,000	\$ 11,430,000
Guam	\$ 393,000	\$ 372,000	\$ 374,000	\$ 381,000	\$ 392,000
Hawaii	\$ 2,010,000	\$ 1,887,000	\$ 1,899,000	\$ 1,973,000	\$ 2,063,000
Idaho	\$ 2,112,000	\$ 1,994,000	\$ 2,007,000	\$ 2,101,000	\$ 2,225,000
Illinois	\$ 15,976,000	\$ 14,535,000	\$ 14,663,000	\$ 15,325,000	\$ 16,238,000
Indiana	\$ 8,077,000	\$ 7,360,000	\$ 7,423,000	\$ 7,759,000	\$ 8,221,385
Iowa	\$ 4,147,000	\$ 3,771,000	\$ 3,801,000	\$ 3,949,000	\$ 4,157,000
Kansas	\$ 3,850,000	\$ 3,525,000	\$ 3,553,000	\$ 3,691,000	\$ 3,886,000
Kentucky	\$ 5,537,000	\$ 5,059,000	\$ 5,100,000	\$ 5,324,000	\$ 5,632,000
Louisiana	\$ 6,069,000	\$ 5,493,000	\$ 5,538,000	\$ 5,768,000	\$ 6,090,000
Maine	\$ 2,089,000	\$ 1,942,000	\$ 1,955,000	\$ 2,030,000	\$ 2,131,000
Maryland	\$ 7,100,000	\$ 6,579,000	\$ 6,635,000	\$ 6,954,000	\$ 7,380,000
Massachusetts	\$ 8,412,000	\$ 7,660,000	\$ 7,725,000	\$ 8,037,000	\$ 8,443,000
Michigan	\$ 12,885,000	\$ 11,695,000	\$ 11,796,000	\$ 12,309,125	\$ 13,018,000
Minnesota	\$ 6,630,000	\$ 6,091,000	\$ 6,142,000	\$ 6,427,000	\$ 6,814,382
Mississippi	\$ 4,045,000	\$ 3,699,000	\$ 3,728,000	\$ 3,876,000	\$ 4,094,000
Missouri	\$ 7,472,323	\$ 6,818,000	\$ 6,876,000	\$ 7,183,000	\$ 7,624,000
Montana	\$ 1,624,000	\$ 1,513,000	\$ 1,522,000	\$ 1,575,000	\$ 1,647,000
N. Mariana Islands	\$ 286,000	\$ 277,000	\$ 278,000	\$ 281,000	\$ 286,000
Nebraska	\$ 2,632,000	\$ 2,426,000	\$ 2,444,000	\$ 2,538,000	\$ 2,663,000
Nevada	\$ 2,990,000	\$ 2,921,000	\$ 2,943,000	\$ 3,126,000	\$ 3,390,000
New Hampshire	\$ 2,040,000	\$ 1,920,000	\$ 1,933,000	\$ 2,009,000	\$ 2,109,000
New Jersey	\$ 10,986,000	\$ 10,068,000	\$ 10,155,000	\$ 10,621,000	\$ 11,268,000
New Mexico	\$ 2,767,000	\$ 2,566,000	\$ 2,585,000	\$ 2,696,000	\$ 2,856,000
New York	\$ 24,148,000	\$ 21,838,000	\$ 22,033,000	\$ 22,983,000	\$ 24,301,000
North Carolina	\$ 10,531,000	\$ 9,767,000	\$ 9,852,000	\$ 10,350,000	\$ 11,073,000
North Dakota	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,206,000	\$ 1,213,000	\$ 1,243,000	\$ 1,285,000
Ohio	\$ 14,648,000	\$ 13,221,000	\$ 13,337,000	\$ 13,898,000	\$ 14,685,000
Oklahoma	\$ 4,800,000	\$ 4,391,000	\$ 4,427,000	\$ 4,614,000	\$ 4,862,000
Oregon	\$ 4,764,000	\$ 4,422,000	\$ 4,458,000	\$ 4,670,000	\$ 4,950,000
Pennsylvania	\$ 15,804,000	\$ 14,239,000	\$ 14,364,000	\$ 14,987,000	\$ 15,858,000
Puerto Rico	\$ 5,246,000	\$ 4,798,000	\$ 4,837,000	\$ 5,044,000	\$ 5,321,359
Rhode Island	\$ 1,806,000	\$ 1,692,000	\$ 1,702,000	\$ 1,761,000	\$ 1,838,000
South Carolina	\$ 5,500,000	\$ 5,075,000	\$ 5,116,000	\$ 5,359,000	\$ 5,697,000
South Dakota	\$ 1,441,000	\$ 1,348,000	\$ 1,355,000	\$ 1,395,000	\$ 1,454,000
Tennessee	\$ 7,590,000	\$ 6,957,000	\$ 7,016,000	\$ 7,344,000	\$ 7,805,000
Texas	\$ 26,485,000	\$ 24,759,000	\$ 24,980,000	\$ 26,414,000	\$ 28,340,000
Utah	\$ 3,283,000	\$ 3,080,000	\$ 3,103,000	\$ 3,255,000	\$ 3,457,000
Vermont	\$ 1,259,000	\$ 1,187,000	\$ 1,193,000	\$ 1,225,000	\$ 1,269,000
Virgin Islands	\$ 635,000	\$ 621,000	\$ 622,000	\$ 627,000	\$ 634,387
Virginia	\$ 9,321,000	\$ 8,624,000	\$ 8,698,000	\$ 9,154,000	\$ 9,734,408
Washington	\$ 7,845,000	\$ 7,260,000	\$ 7,321,000	\$ 7,683,000	\$ 8,180,000
West Virginia	\$ 2,753,000	\$ 2,507,000	\$ 2,525,000	\$ 2,621,000	\$ 2,747,000
Wisconsin	\$ 7,184,000	\$ 6,561,000	\$ 6,616,000	\$ 6,911,000	\$ 7,320,000
Wyoming	\$ 1,115,000	\$ 1,055,299	\$ 1,061,000	\$ 1,087,000	\$ 1,127,000
TOTAL	\$ 383,027,323	\$ 353,027,299	\$ 355,994,145	\$ 372,806,602	\$ 395,918,319

VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT FUND

Funding Need: Preservation of the Balance of the Fund

The President's FY '07 Budget requests \$625 million for this program.
It also proposes seizing the balance of the Fund.

The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Fund

The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Fund was created by Congress in 1984 to provide federal support to the many state and local programs that assist victims of crime. The VOCA Fund is derived entirely from fines and penalties paid by offenders at the federal level, not taxpayer revenues, and is distributed to the states through a formula grant. The state money funds both crime victim compensation programs, which pay many of the out-of-pocket expenses incurred by victims, and victim assistance programs such as rape crisis centers, domestic violence shelters, victim assistants in law enforcement and prosecutor offices, and other direct services to victims of all types of crime. The amount of funding available to the states is affected by earmarks and set-asides. Avoiding the creation or expansion of additional earmarks and preserving the balance of the Fund for future years will make a tremendous difference to crime victims across the country.

Urgent Need for Funds

VOCA assistance grants are a key source of funding for programs that directly assist crime victims, including crisis intervention, assistance with the criminal justice process, safety planning, counseling, support, court accompaniment, and much more. Domestic violence, sexual assault, and general victim services programs all have pressing needs to expand their outreach and service components. Some 4,400 agencies rely on continued VOCA funding to serve 3.8 million victims a year. And yet, there are still too few services for disabled victims, rural victims, teen victims, elder victims, non-English speaking victims, and others.

Urgent Need to Protect the VOCA Fund

The President's budget again proposes to rescind the remaining balance from the VOCA Fund – \$1.26 billion. Such a rescission was firmly rejected by both the House and Senate appropriations committees last year. The money at risk would have already been distributed to the states for much needed funding for victim assistance, but for Congress' creation of the reserve for the express purpose of preserving the money to ensure stable funding in future years. Now that stability is threatened. Because the Fund is entirely made up of criminal fines on federal offenders, the amount collected each year fluctuates greatly. The balance has allowed Congress to maintain consistent funding for VOCA assistance. **We urge Congress to protect the VOCA Fund balance.**

Congress must also guard against the creation of new earmarks from the VOCA Fund. The VOCA Fund was created specifically as a non-tax source of money to provide basic but crucial services and compensation to victims of crime. Crime victims' services rely on this funding to meet the basic needs of victims of crime. Therefore, Congress should prevent the creation of any new earmarks from the VOCA Fund for federal administrative expenses, special projects or other purposes – even those that might benefit crime victims. Earmarks reduce the amount states will receive to support victim assistance efforts. In addition, a key to the VOCA Fund's success is the flexibility it affords states to address the specific assistance needs in each state. Diverting or earmarking money for specific projects undermines this important aspect of the Fund and depletes the funding available to meet future needs. **Congress should fund VOCA in FY '07 with no new or expanded earmarks.**

The Solution: Release sufficient VOCA Funds for FY '07 with no new or expanded earmarks, and protect the VOCA Fund for the future.

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