

VOCA Funding Projections: How OCVS Administers VOCA Funds Webinar

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will DOJ’s Administrative budget be reduced, or will reductions only be for victim service providers?

A: Our Admin also goes down as the federal grant goes down. Historically, we have not used all of our 5% Admin, and have implemented cost savings already with the understanding that unused Admin goes to subrecipients.

2. I remember when VOCA & SAVS had only one grant specialist. My question is what is the current budget for the VOCA WI administration portion of the grant?

A: Below is a breakdown of the amounts used for Administration of VOCA. *FFY2021 Award not yet received by OCVS.

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	\$39,393,093	\$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 – 9/30/2021
2019	\$39,619,715	\$3.353 billion	\$1,980,986	TBD	9/13/2019	10/1/2018 – 9/30/2022
2020	\$29,294,541	\$2.641 billion	\$1,464,727	TBD	9/17/2020	10/1/2019 – 9/30/2023
2021*	\$19,172,856	\$2.015 billion	\$958,643	TBD	TBD*	10/1/2020 – 9/30/2024

4. Has the pandemic increased or decreased available funding? (Ex. Funding not used and returned). What is the average amount of funding returning each year and what is done with that funding?

A: The pandemic has not affected VOCA funding at federal level. At the subgrantee level, it depends on the agencies. Any unspent funds are then re-awarded to other subrecipients. No funds are returned to OVC.

5. Is the potential, projected 15% for the 2023-2024 plus additional 15% from the grant amount, bringing the total potential decrease to 30%?

A: the 2022-23 will be potential 15% reduction. 2023-24 will be an additional 15% reduction.

6. How will VOCA subrecipients see the reductions disbursed among the subrecipients? Will all subrecipients see the same percent decrease across the board?

A: According to OCVS' current plan, all subrecipients will see the same percentage decrease. The reduction was determined based on our projections.

7. What or who determines cuts?

A: Based on our projections, and how we manage multiple federal grant award years, we determined how much to decrease the awards in order to continue to sustain subrecipients for the next two years at the highest level possible.

8. What plans does WI (Legislature, Governor, DOJ) have to help offset the VOCA decrease in funding?

A: Our role is really the administration of the federal and state grants. We continue to inform the Attorney General's office of our funding levels and priorities, who then relays information to the Legislature and Governor. We also work closely with the Coalitions and stakeholders to ensure our messaging is the same as they lobby for other types of funding.

9. What coordinated effort will be done to request cities, counties, community foundations, united ways and general public to commit ongoing financial support to agencies serving people affected by intimate partner violence, including culturally specific organizations?

A: Please continue to reach out to coalitions, elected officials as you are able (not federally funded time or time that is reported as match for a VOCA subgrant). Also, please reach out to your community partners. Agencies can do outreach to talk about their VOCA project and its impact on the community.

10. If the VOCA Fix passes, what is WI DOJ OCVS' perception on when the pot of funding would be restored to current levels? If more funding is available would VOCA subgrantees see funds increased back to original grant award amounts (before 15% reductions) and when might that be?

A: It depends, and it's dependent on the number of prosecutions, etc. and the amount that goes into the Crime Victims Fund. We will continue to have these conversations.

11. What accommodations can be made in grant oversight procedures to decrease cost of grantees to administer a VOCA grant?

A: Grant recipients will still be responsible for the administration of their VOCA grants, as they are federal requirements. Your VOCA grant manager can assist you with specifics.

12. Can you please explain a little more where the CAP comes from and how it relates to the award amount? What exactly is being capped and by whom?

A: The Crime Victims Fund (CVF) consists of fines, forfeitures, and penalties from federal convictions. Congress sets the annual CVF Cap.

13. If we do not spend all of our 2021-2022 VOCA grant, we can request a budget modification & move those unspent funds to our 2022-2023 VOCS grant?

A: All funds must be spent during the one-year project period. So, the 2021-2022 funds need to be spent by 9/30/2022. There is no carryover at the subgrantee level to the next grant year.

14. Is the additional 15% is based off of the original Grant amount?

A: There will be a potential 15% decrease in 2022-2023 from your current award amount. The subsequent potential reduction in 2023-2024 will be 15% off of the 2022-2023 award amount.

\$1,000 Original Award

2022-2023 = \$1,000 -15% = \$850 – New Award is **\$850**.

2023-2024 = \$850 – 15% = \$722.5 – New Award is **\$722**.

15. Will new or additional grants be awarded?

A: As of now, we do not foresee new or additional grants being offered.

16. If we have an open position, do we try to fill it or will the decreases affect new positions over time?

A: We will defer to each grant recipient on their staffing needs but will assist with any budget or grant modifications. Please reach out to your grant manager for one-on-one assistance.

17. Is there a new RFP process for 2024-on?

A: The current 5 year grant cycle will conclude September 30, 2024. We expect a competitive VOCA RFP in 2024 that would begin October 1, 2024.

18. Will there be more opportunities for cash match waivers given the decrease?

A: Yes, we will work with our subrecipients to request match waivers as needed. Please connect with your grant manager for assistance.

19. Why would all subrecipients receive the same reduction when the increases were not at all allotted equally?

A: The same decrease for each grant recipient is the most efficient and fair way to implement these reductions. OCVS has consulted internally, externally with other states, as well as our federal program manager to determine the most equitable way to implement reductions.

20. How are other states handling this situation?

A: Other states have already implemented cuts, because they utilize their federal funds as they receive them, which is different than WI. We spread out the federal funds over 3 years.

21. Will the SAVS funding follow this same pattern, or is that separate?

A: SAVS is separate and is state-funded by General Purpose Revenue and the Child Pornography Surcharge.