Pennsylvania
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VOCA Funding at Risk: What's at Stake for Victims in Pennsylvania?

The federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) is the primary source of funding that supports salaries, benefits, and essential services for local victim service programs in Pennsylvania and nationwide.

Essential Services Supported by VOCA Funding

CRISIS INTERVENTION & EMERGENCY SERVICES:

24/7 hotlines, emergency shelter or safe housing, safety planning, emergency transportation, and immediate medical or mental health assistance.

COUNSELING & SUPPORT:

Individual and group counseling, peer support groups, and trauma-informed care to help victims begin healing.

ADVOCACY & LEGAL SUPPORT:

Help filing protection orders, assistance navigating the criminal justice system, including court accompaniment, advocacy, and more..

INFORMATION & REFERRAL:

Guidance on victims' rights and referrals to critical community resources such as housing, healthcare, and employment services.

Impact on Victim Service Programs

Pennsylvania victim service programs have absorbed **a 12% funding cut** over the past two years.

12%

Programs are now facing a significant cut next year, and **up to a 80% reduction** in the next two years if no action is taken.

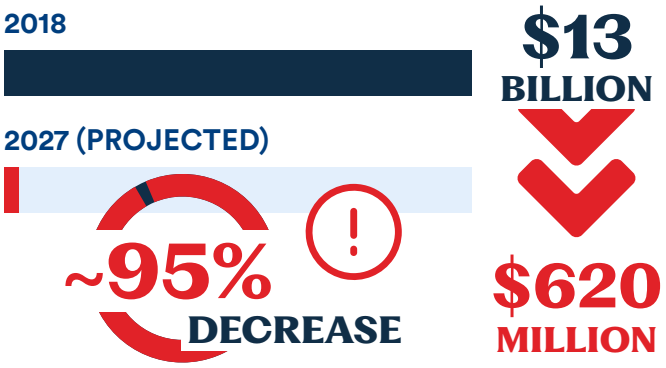
80%



Why VOCA Funding is Declining

VOCA is funded through federal criminal fines, penalties, and assessments—not tax dollars. Over the last several years, deposits into the Crime Victims Fund have dropped sharply.

AVAILABLE CRIME VICTIMS FUND BALANCE



The available balance (excluding deposits still on hold) has declined from a high of $13 billion in 2018 to an anticipated $300 million at the start of 2027—a decrease of roughly 97%.

What's at Stake?

If VOCA funding continues to decline, Pennsylvania's victim service infrastructure will be decimated. Victim service programs across Pennsylvania will be forced to reduce or eliminate services, lay off staff, or shut down entirely.

TAKE ACTION: SUPPORT VICTIMS NOW

Scan the QR code or visit PA.GOV/VOCA to learn how you can help Pennsylvania victims and their families.

ARE YOU A VICTIM OF CRIME?

Visit **PCV.PCCD.PA.GOV** to view eligibility, start your claim, & connect with local support.