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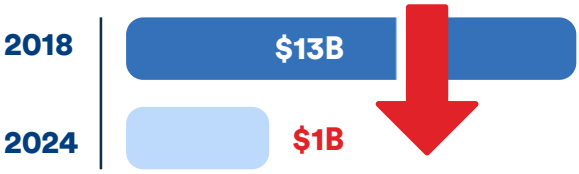
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# VOCA Funding is Essential for Victims of Crime



*Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding is an essential part of Pennsylvania's response to crime and delivers critical resources to provide victims with safety, stability, and healing.*

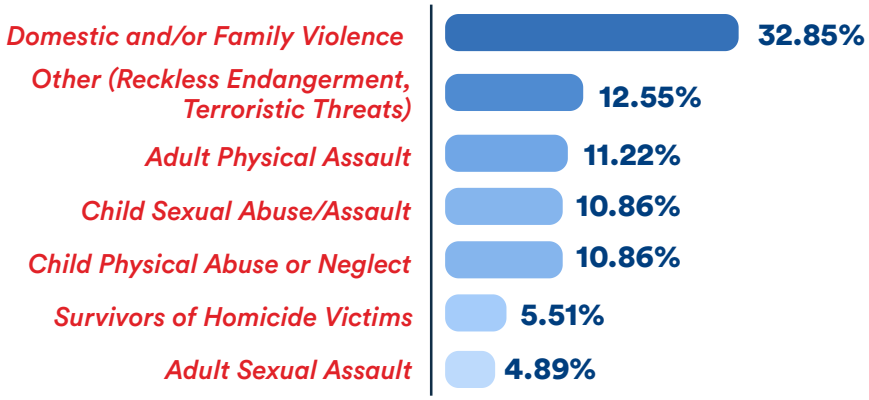
Deposits into the federal fund that supports VOCA have dropped sharply and the fund's balance has fallen from a high of **$13B** in 2018 to **less than $1B** at the start of 2024.




*This does not include fines/fees on hold under litigation.*

## The Top Reasons Victims Seek Services

### TOP VICTIMIZATION TYPES




### CRITICAL SERVICES SUPPORTED BY VOCA FUNDING

**Counseling & Therapy**
*essential for recovery and to overcome trauma.*

**Legal System Support**
*critical for protection orders, custody hearings, and court accompaniment.*

**Housing Assistance**
*domestic violence victims have the highest housing needs of all types of victimization.*

**Victims Compensation**
*helps with expenses related to medical care, mental health services, relocation, and other needs.*

### AFTER RECEIVING VOCA-FUNDED SERVICES, SURVIVORS REPORT POSITIVE OUTCOMES

**85%** of victims were able to apply the help they received to improve their life

**95%** felt treated with dignity and respect.

**85%** gained coping skills for rebuilding safety and autonomy.

**93%** believe their life can change for the better

## The Bottom Line

With the decreases in VOCA funding – less victims are going to be able to receive these life-saving services.



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