

Expert

Q & A

Applying for VOCA Formula Funds on the State Level:

How to Navigate the New Final Rule,
Increased VOCA Funding, and the
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Applications

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Welcome



Grace Call



VOCA

Fines, fees & penalties

U.S. Attorneys' Offices, federal courts, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons collect criminal fines, forfeited bail bonds, penalties, and special assessments, which are deposited into the Crime Victims Fund.

Crime Victims Fund

The Crime Victims Fund established by the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (VOCA), is the major funding source for victim services. Millions of dollars collected are deposited into the Fund annually and support the state victim assistance and compensation program.

Office for Victims of Crime

OVC distributes victim assistance and compensation funds to states and U.S. territories, in accordance with the Victims of Crime Act. OVC may also use funds for demonstration projects, program evaluation, compliance, efforts, training training and technical assistance services, and other related activities.

States & Territories

State administrating agencies distribute VOCA victim assistance to local community-based organizations that provide direct services to crime victims. VOCA federal funds are also distributed to states to match investments made into state victim compensation programs.



*https://www.ovc.gov/pdf/txt/VOCA_Chart_hr.pdf

The VOCA Assistance formula funds to states have increased by more than 400% since 2014



Many things remain the same

A state must award:

- 10% for underserved victims of violent crimes;
- 10% for victims of sexual assault,
- 10% for victims of spousal abuse (domestic and intimate partner violence); and,
- 10% for victims of child abuse

No new unallowable costs:

- Prevention is still unallowable
- Lobbying is still unallowable

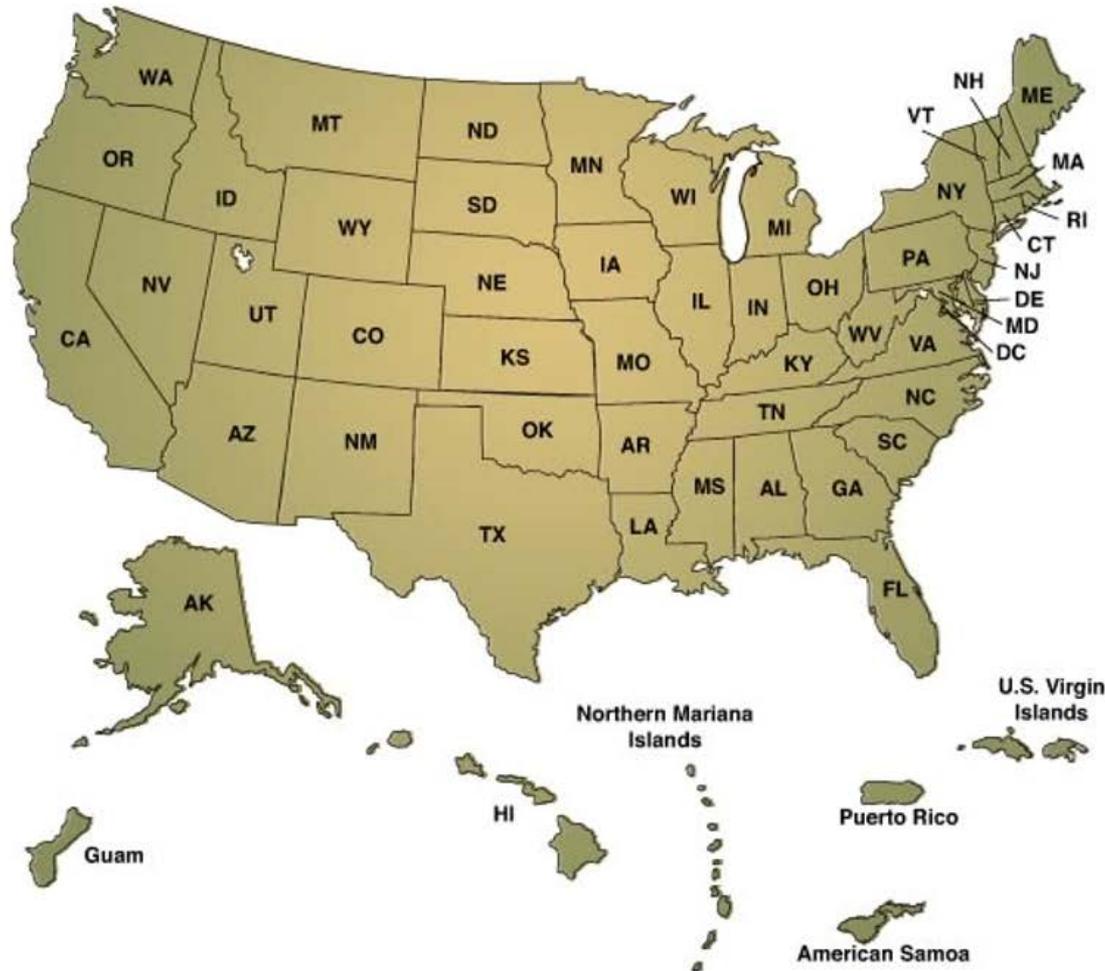


Key Changes: Overview

- Monitoring
- Supplanting
- Match
- Confidentiality
- Allowable costs



State contacts



 Access the Office on Violence Against Women Local Resources Map for state [sexual assault, domestic violence, and tribal coalitions.](https://ojp.gov/ovc/map.html)

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 - Grace Call: gcall@me.com



Next Month

- **Topic:** Working with At-risk Youth with High Levels of Trauma and Risk for (Re)Victimization
- **Presenters:** Mitru Ciarlante & Angela Downes
- **Date:** March 22, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. e.t.

