

VOCA Funding Cuts – Impacts to California Survivors of Crime

The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) is California’s and the nation’s largest federal funding source for crime victim services. In FY 21-22, VOCA funds allowed California programs to serve 816,000 survivors of crime. This includes survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, human trafficking, child abuse, elder abuse, and more. The Office for Victims of Crime recently released their state allocations, only including \$87 million for California crime services for fiscal year 24, which equates to a 43% reduction from the \$153.8 million allocation last year. Once the funds are administered by Cal OES, this will result in a **44.7% reduction** in these vital services. With such a steep cut, this will have devastating impacts on survivors across the state. The table below only highlights a fraction of how many survivors will go without services should the State not backfill federal funding.

VOCA Grant Program & Description	FY 21-22 Numbers	44.7% reduction (or prorated if VOCA is not 100% of funding)	Expected number of survivors who will not receive services in 2025	Notes
Domestic Violence Assistance – Number of shelter nights provided to survivors of DV and their families	354,227	275,057	79,170	VOCA is half of this grant, calculating a 21.5% reduction.
Domestic Violence Assistance – Number of unmet requests from adult survivors for shelter	15,706	n/a	19,216	We only anticipate this number will rise in future years. VOCA is half of this grant, calculating a 21.5% reduction.
Domestic Violence Housing First – Number of DV survivors provided services	17,142	9,480	7,662	This program is funded 100% by VOCA.
Rape Crisis – Number of individuals provided comprehensive services from rape crisis centers	46,461	28,392	18,069	VOCA is 87% of this program, calculating a 37% reduction.

Child Advocacy Centers – Number of children and families accessing CAC services.	16,636	9,200	7,436	This program is funded 100% by VOCA.
Human Trafficking Services – Number of human trafficking survivors provided comprehensive services	1,138	629	508	This program is funded 100% by VOCA.
Transitional Housing – Number of times transitional housing was used to support survivors of crime seeking safe, stable housing	180,628	99,887	80,741	This program is funded 100% by VOCA.
Total number of survivors served in California.	816,000	451,248	364,752	

Information courtesy of the [2023 Joint Legislative Budget Committee Report](#).