



# Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

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## Crime Victims Fund-amentals

## What is the Crime Victims Fund?

- President's Task Force on Victims of Crime (1982)
- In 1984, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) created the Crime Victims Fund (CVF) as a separate, self-sufficient **mandatory spending account** dedicated to supporting state victim assistance and crime victim compensation.
- Only Federal funding dedicated solely to supporting services to victims of ***all types of crimes***.
- Paid entirely by Federal criminal offenders.



***Not by taxpayers!!!***

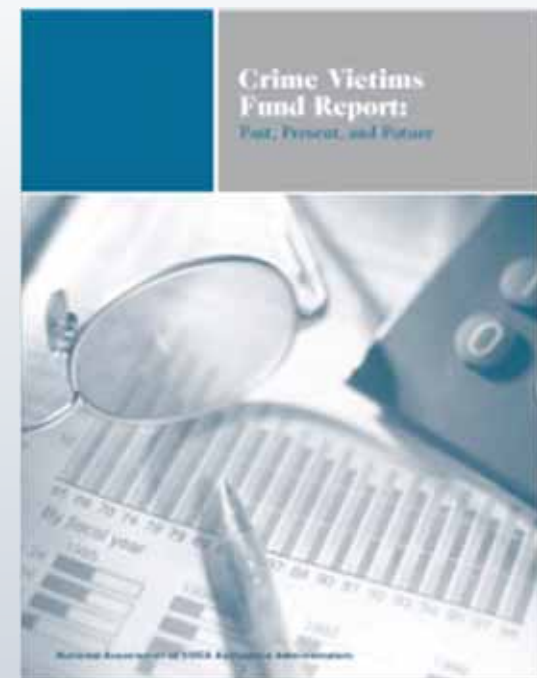


# Crime Victims Fund Report (2005)

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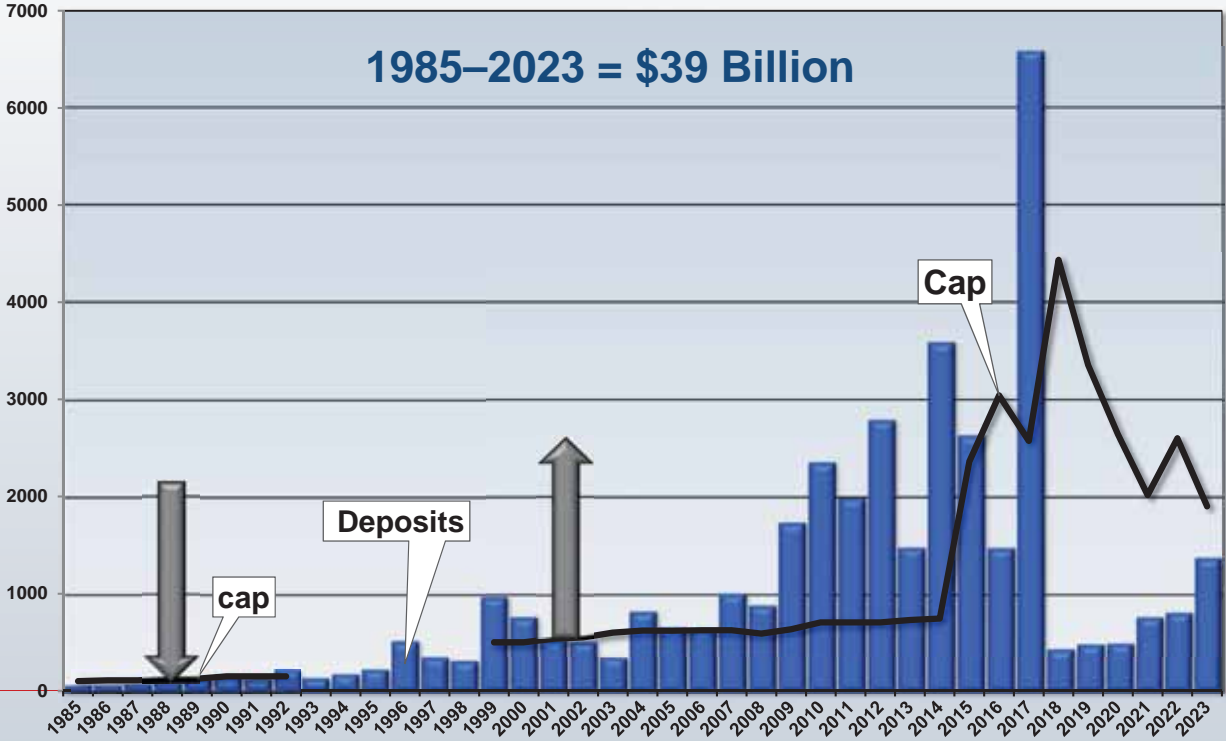
## Takeaways:

1. Very few very large criminal cases account for the overwhelming amount of total Fund deposits.
2. Supplementary revenues are needed to reliably sustain VOCA-funded victim assistance services.

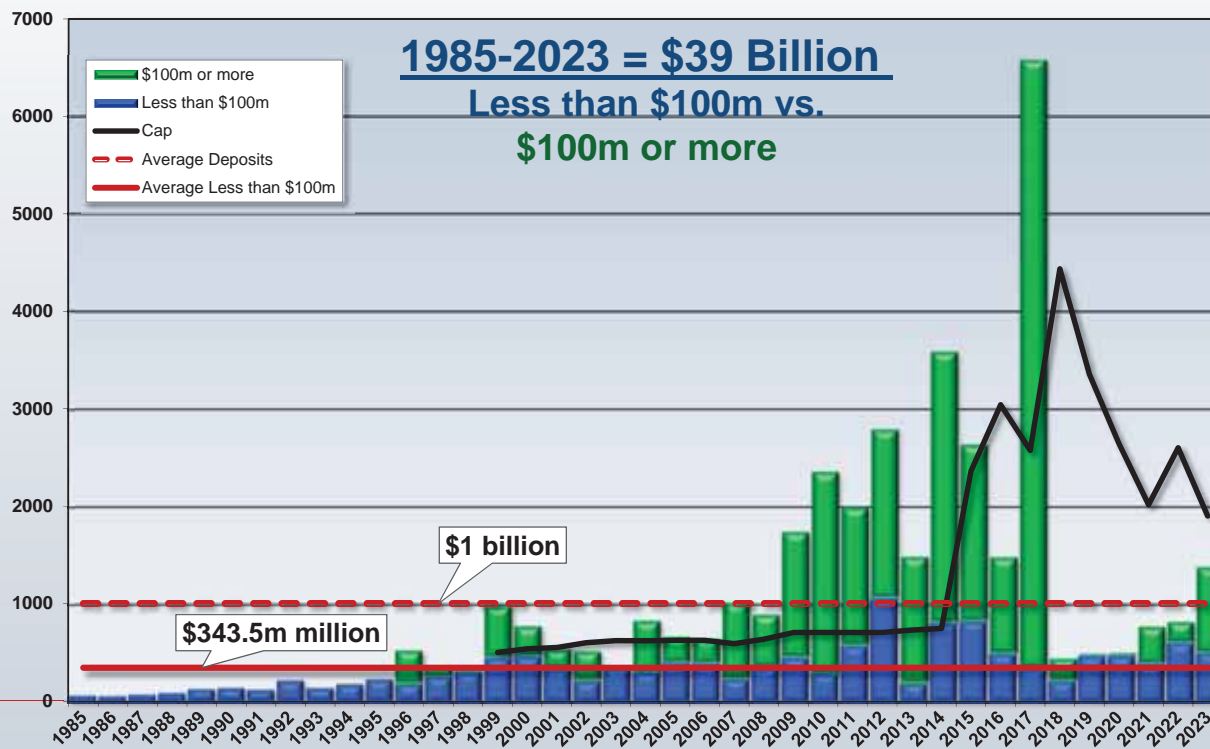


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# Crime Victims Fund Deposits/Caps



# CVF Deposits – Large Fines



# Who paid into the Fund . . .

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**1985-2023**  
**\$ 39,083,613,604**



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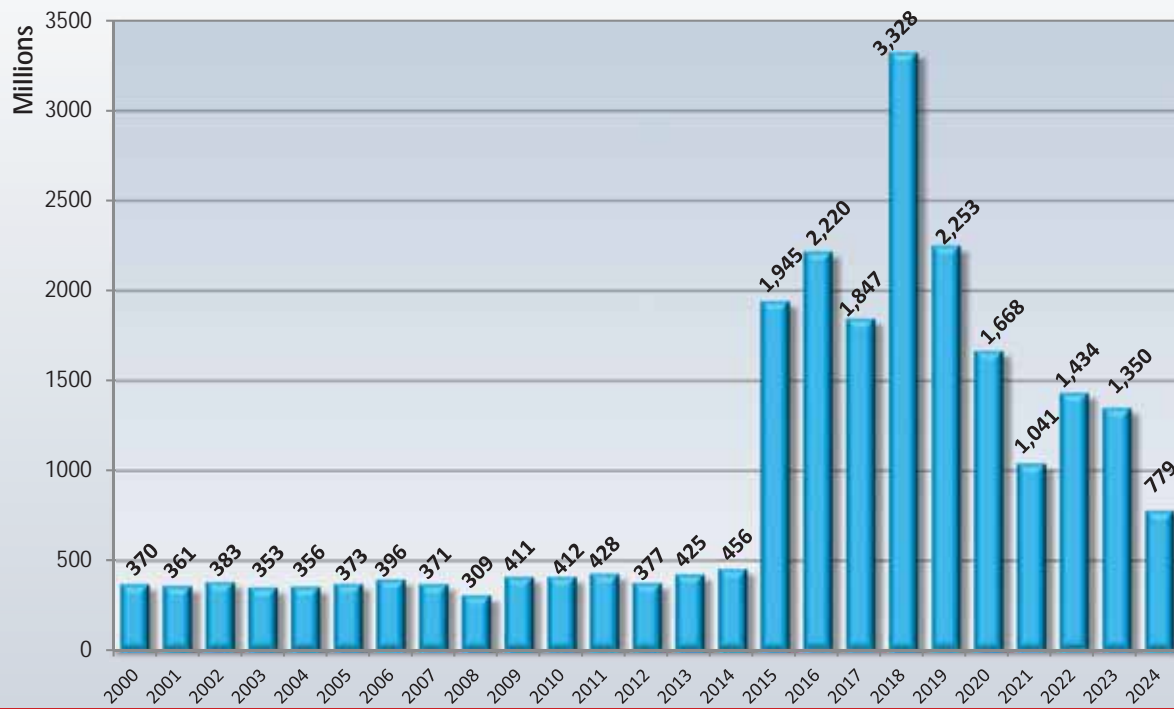
Source: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 1996-2023 (<https://isb.uscc.gov>)

# VOCA 2024 Allocations

<b><u>VOCA cap</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,353,000,000</u></b>
■ <i>OJP Management &amp; Administration</i>	<i>96,542,910</i>
■ <i>OVW</i>	<i>80,000,000</i>
■ <i>Inspector General</i>	<i>10,000,000</i>
■ <i>Tribal grants (5%)</i>	<i>67,650,000</i>
<i>Non-VOCA authorized</i>	<i>254,192,910</i>
<u><i>Amount Remaining</i></u>	<u><i>1,098,807,090</i></u>
■ Children's Justice Act (up to \$20 million)	13,713,647
■ U.S. Atty's Victim/Witness Coordinators	31,638,602
■ FBI Victim Assistance Specialists	41,433,760
■ Federal Victim Notification System	6,784,057
■ OVC Discretionary - 5% of balance	50,261,851
■ State Compensation Grants (75% state paid benefits)	176,084,000
■ <b>State Victim Assistance Grants</b> (based mainly on population)	<b>778,891,172</b>
<u>Above the cap</u>	
■ Antiterrorism Emergency Reserve	18,306,447



# State VOCA Assistance Grants





## Impact of State VOCA assistance grants (FY 2023)

□ 6,458 subgrantee organizations; \$2.7 million subawarded

- 4,515 Non-profits
- 1,804 Government agencies
- 98 Tribal organizations
- 71 Campus organizations

### Priority/Underserved Allocations

■ Domestic/Family Violence:	\$0.99 billion
■ Sexual Assault:	\$403.12 million
■ Child Abuse:	\$525.22 million
■ Underserved:	\$720.88 million

□ 7.9 million individuals served (5 million new); 5.3 million anonymous contacts;

□ 7.7 million reported victimizations; 1.1 million multiple victimizations

- 3 million Domestic/Family Violence
- 873,502 Adult Physical Assault
- 706,292 Child Sexual Assault
- 687,357 Child Physical Abuse/Neglect
- 443,226 Adult Sexual Assault
- 239,032 Identity Theft/Financial Crimes
- 208,214 Homicide Survivors
- 119,615 Adults Molested as Children
- 92,657 DUW/DWI
- 89,310 Elder Abuse/Neglect
- 70,302 Sex Trafficking
- 32,048 Mass Violence
- 16,619 Hate Crimes

Source: OVC Victim Assistance Dashboard, <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/performance-measures/data-analyses/dashboards/voca-victim-assistance>

## Crime Victims Fund Report - Recommendations

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- ❑ Restructure Fund Allocations – ensure a minimum amount for state VOCA assistance grants.
  - ❑ Additional Deposits – continue improved collections by dedicating certain restitution payments (community, unclaimed, multiple victims), and dedicate a percentage of net False Claims Act proceeds.
  - ❑ Supplemental Deposits – transfer additional amount of net FCA proceeds into CVF if increased revenues are insufficient to meet minimum state VOCA assistance grants.
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## Why False Claims Act?

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- Offenders who violate the federal law
  - FCA proceeds are not taxpayer revenues
  - Like criminal fines, FCA treble damages and mandatory minimum penalties are punitive.
  - VOCA already has two provisions (legal assistance and victim notification grants) that may utilize FCA proceeds for specific grant programs.
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