

What It Is

POLICY BRIEF

The Crime Victims Fund Stabilization Act (CVFSA) is a bipartisan, temporary fix to stop the collapse of the Crime Victims Fund (CVF), the primary source of funding for victim services nationwide.

- ◆ The CVF was created in 1984 under the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), funded by penalties paid by convicted federal offenders — **not taxpayer dollars**.
- ◆ Annual deposits have declined from an average of **\$2.9 billion (2010–2017)** to about **\$1.3 billion (2018–2025)**.
- ◆ A **40% cut** to VOCA funding between 2022 and 2024 forced providers to reduce programs, lay off staff, and in some rural communities, close entirely.
- ◆ The CVFSA would deposit unclaimed False Claims Act (FCA) recoveries into the CVF through FY2029 after whistleblowers and the government are paid first.
- ◆ It also directs the DOJ Office of Inspector General to audit the CVF and report to Congress on why deposits dropped, so lawmakers can craft a permanent fix.

- ◆ The bill passed the House by unanimous voice vote in January 2026, with 75% of members as sponsors. It is now sitting in the Senate.

Why It Matters

The Fund pays for what survivors rely on daily: crisis hotlines, shelter, legal advocacy, victim-witness specialists. When it runs dry, rural and under-resourced communities lose these services first.

This isn't partisan, and it costs no new taxpayer money. It's a stopgap to keep services running while Congress and DOJ fix the real problem. Every day it stalls, providers can't plan or hire, and a survivor calling for help may find no one there.

The Ask

NOVA joined **738 organizations** nationwide urging Senate leadership to bring the CVFSA to the floor without delay. As of July 2026, the bill has **32 bipartisan cosponsors in the Senate** — nearly a third of the chamber.

The sign-on form can be found [here](#).

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Sample Call Script

"Hi, my name is [NAME] and I'm calling from [CITY/STATE]. I'm asking Senator [NAME] to support swift passage of the Crime Victims Fund Stabilization Act. The Crime Victims Fund is nearly depleted, and victim service providers in our state can't wait any longer. This bill already passed the House unanimously. I'm asking the Senate to act just as quickly."