

The Crime Victims Fund Stabilization Act

What It Is

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 slash 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.

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The Crime Victims Fund is rapidly depleting. Congress has a bipartisan fix waiting for a vote, the Senate just needs to take it.

Why It Matters

The Fund pays for services survivors depend on every day: crisis hotlines, shelter, legal advocacy, and victim-witness specialists. When it runs dry, those services disappear, and the communities that lose them first are often rural and under-resourced.

This is not a partisan fight, and it asks for no new taxpayer spending. It is a stopgap that keeps victim services running while Congress and DOJ address the underlying problem. Every day it stalls is a day providers cannot plan, cannot hire, and cannot guarantee a survivor calling for help will find someone on the line.

The Ask

NOVA joined [720 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.

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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."