

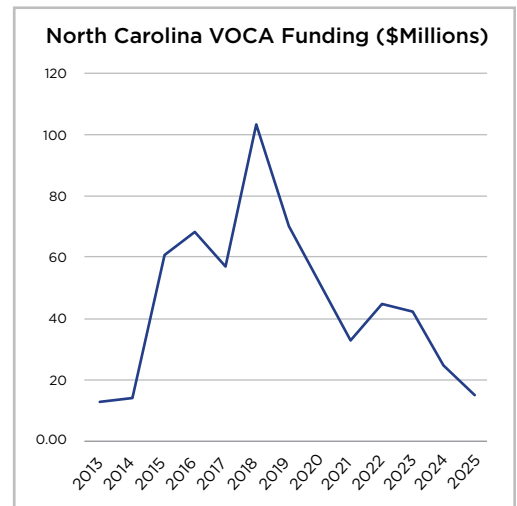
Federal Funding for N.C. Victim Services Drops More than 42% in 2024

North Carolina, like every state in the nation, faces a steep decline in annual funding for services that support victims of crime.

In 2018, the Governor’s Crime Commission received \$103 million in federal Victims of Crime Act funding to support North Carolina organizations.

In 2024, that number has fallen to \$24.6 million – and federal budget projections indicate it won’t stop there. Next year, North Carolina expects to see VOCA funding drop by a third to just under \$16.5 million.

This funding shortfall will strain the resources of many service providers working with victims of crime in communities across the state.

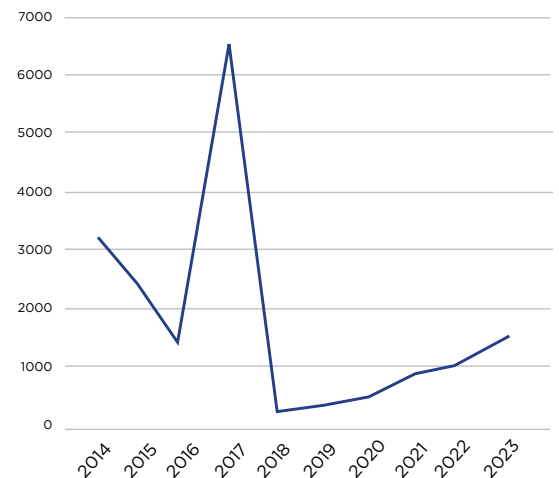


Why Is This Happening?

The federal Crime Victims Fund, established by the 1984 Victims of Crime Act, relies on monetary penalties from prosecutions led by U.S. attorneys. Since 2017, the federal government has distributed more money to states than it has taken in from these prosecutions.

Crime Victims Fund Annual Receipts (\$Millions)

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime



WHAT KINDS OF SERVICES MAY BE IMPACTED?

domestic violence shelters
 rape crisis centers
 support for families of murder victims
 child advocacy centers
 financial crime services
 elder abuse responses



What Can North Carolinians Do?

- ✓ Visit victimconnect.org to view a map of local organizations.
- ✓ Educate your neighbors and your elected officials.
- ✓ Volunteer and donate. Both monetary and in-kind donations are needed.
- ✓ Help organizations identify new philanthropic and community resources.
- ✓ Business owners - Create a partnership in which proceeds from a sale or an event are donated to a local nonprofit.

Learn more about VOCA from the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Victims of Crime. ovc.ojp.gov



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