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**TO: ALL FUNDED PROGRAMS
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SUBJECT: Crime Victims Fund Update

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Dear Colleague:

As you know, we have been concerned about the Crime Victims Fund (CVF) as deposits remain low, but the need for victim service programming is greater than ever, especially in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The increased need for services will extend far beyond the current crisis. As the nation and individual states lift stay at home orders and survivors feel comfortable accessing services, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funded programs will continue to see a significant increase in outreach.

I wanted to provide you with the latest information on recent developments in federal legislation that may have an impact on VOCA funding. A [VOCA COVID Fact Sheet](#) from the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAAVA), National Association of Crime Victims Compensation Boards (NACVCB), National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) and the Council of State Governments (CGS) is available for download [here](#) and includes highlights of the proposal including redirecting fines and fees resulting from deferred and non-prosecution agreements to the CVF.

These are extraordinary and challenging times. On behalf of the entire staff of OVS, thank you for your continued commitment to providing the highest quality services to innocent victims for crime in New York State.



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