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Grant Program & State Office Presentations & Training

Welcome

FY25 Contract Updates – Kim Hild

Crime Stoppers Program Overview – Lyndsay Ysla

Victim Assistance Funding Outlook – Aimee Snoddy

Virtual Panel “Prioritizing Victims Services” – Hillary England

FY25 Interlocal Agreement

Kim Hild, Contract Manager





FY25 Renewal Document

- New format for contract renewals (i.e. Amendments)
- FY25 Amendment maintained along with FY24 Contract
- Information or Tasks not specifically changed or updated in the FY25 Amendment remain the same as in the FY24 Contract



Important Due Dates and Reminders

- Make available to potential applicants: COG priorities; workshop attendance requirements; information related to the availability of training materials or other documents regarding PSO grant application creation; and information on how the COG reviews and prioritizes projects - **30 Calendar Days Prior to eGrants Application Submission Deadline** (HS2.1 / CJ2.1)
- Make the current funding opportunities publicly available on the COG's website - **At least 14 calendar days prior to any COG imposed application submission deadline and at least 30 calendar days prior to the PSO eGrants application submission deadline** (HS2.3 / CJ2.3)
- Submit invoices for services performed during the previous month - **By the 30th of each month** (HS6.1 / CJ7.1)
- Complete cybersecurity training and submit the PSO Contract Cybersecurity Certification Form signed by the ED **By August 31, 2025** (Section 9.34)



Important Due Dates - Con't

- Submit *Approved* HS Priority List to the PSO - **On or before the 14th calendar day after the OOG batch** (HS4.4)
- Submit *Approved* CJ Priority Lists to the PSO **No later than May 9, 2025** (CJ5.4)
- Notify applicants in writing of the Region's *approved* prioritization results - **Within 14 Calendar Days of COG Decision** (HS4.3 / CJ5.3)
- Upload into eGrants a signed resolution or approved meeting minutes containing the authorized Executive Committee's approval of the SHSP priority list - **On or before the 45th calendar day from the date the OOG batches applications to the COG** (HS4.5)
- Upload into eGrants a signed resolution or approved meeting minutes containing the authorized Executive Committee's approval of the CJ priority lists - **June 9, 2025** (CJ5.5)

If approved lists are not submitted by the deadline that deliverable will be considered delinquent and the COG will be sanctioned.*



CJ Contract Changes – CJAC Membership

CJ3.1

Each COG shall establish and maintain a Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (CJAC) that consists of participants who are knowledgeable about criminal justice related issues relevant to the COG region. The CJAC shall advise the COG on matters related to criminal justice.

The COG shall ensure that the CJAC has a multidisciplinary representation of members from the COG's Region. The CJAC's membership must include the following disciplines: education; juvenile justice; law enforcement; mental health; prosecution or courts; and victim services, with at least one victim services member from a non-governmental agency. Each individual member may either represent one of the required disciplines or be classified as an "other" discipline. No single discipline, including the "other" category, may constitute more than one-third (1/3) of the CJAC.

Upon request from the PSO, the COG shall provide a complete list of CJAC members and any requested information related to CJAC scoring/prioritization meetings.

Monthly Invoices

- Enter the purchase order number provided by the OOG.
- Ensure September invoice is updated to reflect the new fiscal year - **FY25**.
- Include hours spent working on contract tasks/deliverables during the billing period.
- Include contract-related activities performed **during the billing period**.
- Invoice for the amount specified in the contract; August invoice amount may be slightly different.

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Interlocal Agreement Invoice		Division: <input type="text" value="CJ"/>	P.O. Box 12428
		PO#: <input type="text"/>	Austin, Texas 78711
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COG Name: <input type="text"/>	COG Region: <input type="text"/>		Fax: 512-475-2440
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City State Zip: <input type="text"/>			
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To: <input type="text"/>	To: <input type="text" value="8/31/2024"/>		Attn: Accounts Payable
Total Invoice Amount: <input type="text"/>	Financial Contact Name and Number: <input type="text"/>		Post Office Box 12878
Monthly Report/Work Performed <i>In the below section please provide: 1) The total number of staff hours worked on contract tasks/deliverables during the billing period; and 2) A brief description of contract deliverables worked on or completed during the billing period. Please provide the brief description(s) of contract activity by Task# as listed in Attachment A of the Interlocal Agreement. (HINT: Insert line breaks by pressing the "ALT" and "ENTER" keys simultaneously. If more space is needed please attach a separate sheet to the invoice.)</i>			
Hours Worked:			
CJ1 Local Policies or Bylaws:			
CJ2 Technical Assistance:			
CJ3 Oversight of CJAC:			
CJ4 Strategic Planning:			
CJ5 Application Prioritization:			
CJ6 Cooperation with PSD:			

Provide # hours worked and description of tasks performed during the month



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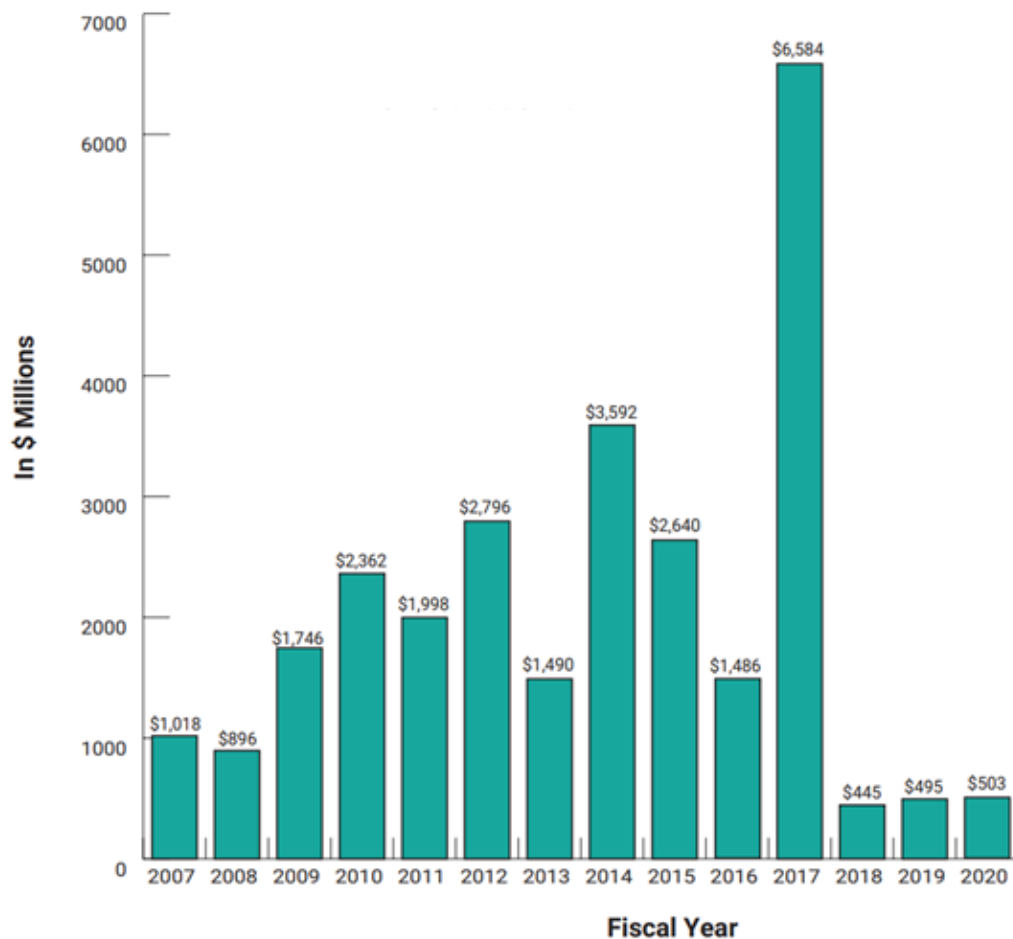
General Victim Assistance Grants

Funding Outlook

September 2024

Crime Victims Fund (CVF)

FY2007 – FY2020 Annual Receipts (Deposits)



The CVF is a special fund within the U.S. Treasury consisting of non-tax revenue (mostly fines, penalties, and bond forfeitures from convicted federal criminals). These receipts are collected through special assessments, criminal fines, and forfeited appearance bonds through the U.S. Attorneys' Offices.

- *Deposits are fickle and fluctuate depending on criminal fines/fees collected by DOJ.*
- *Unprecedented deposit in FY17 followed by a drought in FY18-20*

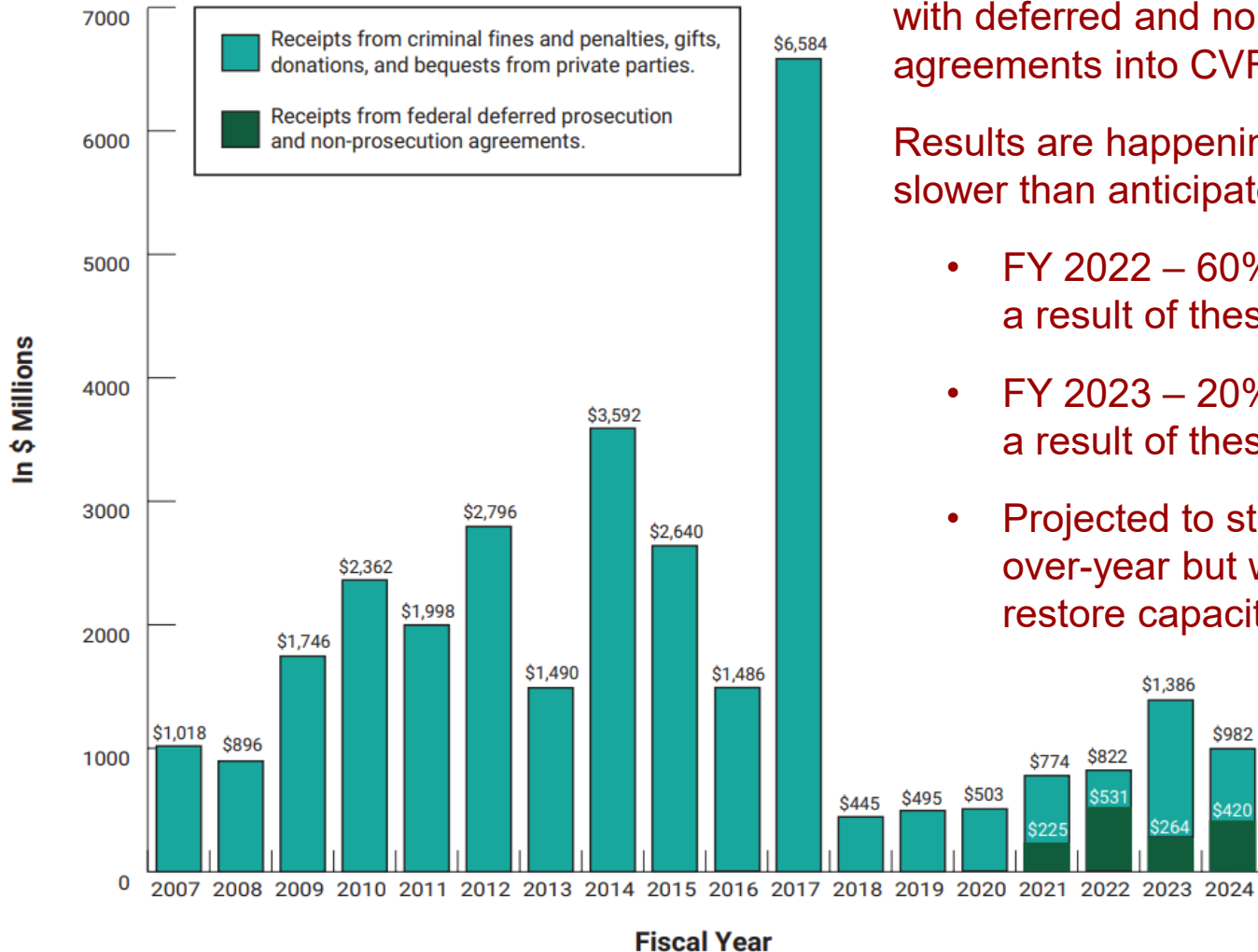
2021 VOCA “Fix” Legislation

Positive Signs

The VOCA Fix Bill was expected to increase deposits by directing penalties associated with deferred and non-prosecution agreements into CVF.

Results are happening BUT have been slower than anticipated:

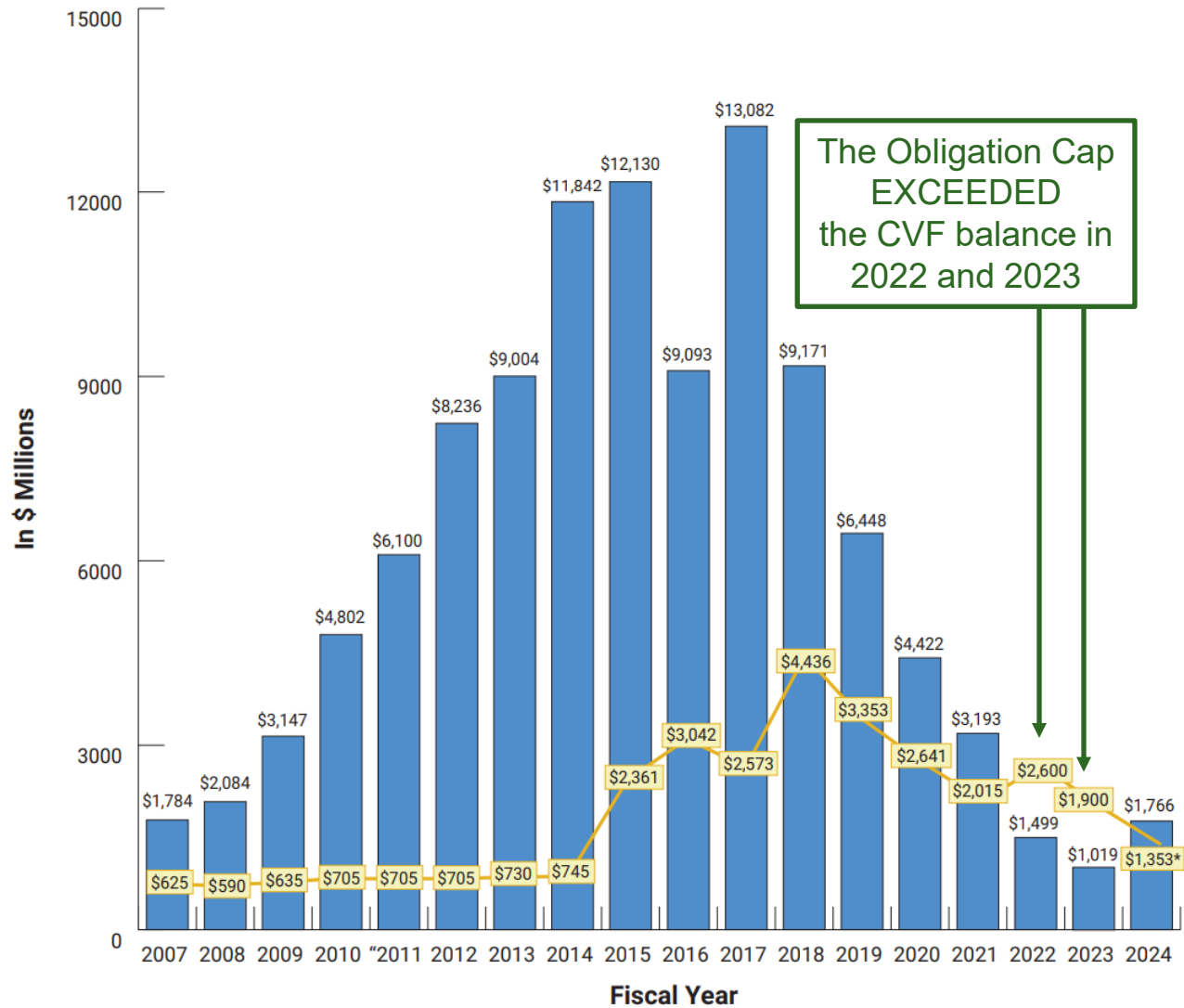
- FY 2022 – 60% of CVF deposits were a result of these new deposits
- FY 2023 – 20% of CVF deposits were a result of these new deposits
- Projected to stabilize the CVF year-over-year but will most likely not restore capacity to pre-2018 levels.



Crime Victims Fund (CVF)

Balance vs Obligation Cap

Each year, Congress sets a funding cap determining how much money from the CVF will be released.



FY 2025 CVF Federal Proposals

2025 President's Budget

- 7.3 billion mandatory appropriation to the CVF over five years to replenish the Fund.
- Sets the annual CVF appropriation at **\$2 billion** between FFY 2026 - 2030, rather than using an annual obligation cap.
- If the balance falls below a certain threshold, automatic spending reductions are triggered.

A \$2B Federal CVF Appropriation = TX Award at Approximately \$113M

To maintain current funding level in Texas we would need:

↻ A \$3.5B Federal CVF Appropriation = TX Award at Approximately \$200M ↻

2024 Crime Victims Fund Stabilization Act

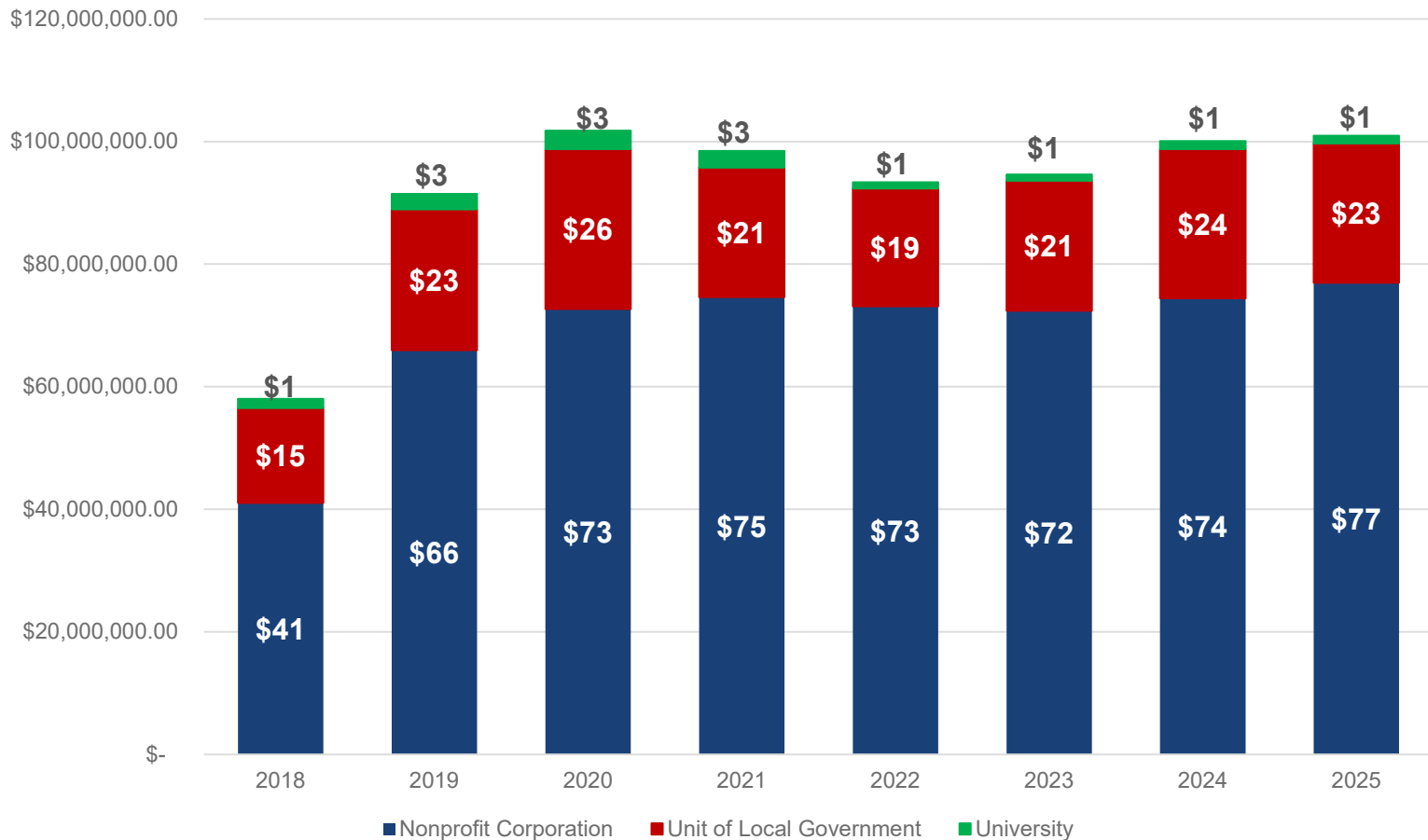
(H.R. 8061 and S.4514)*

- Redirects **surplus*** funds collected through the False Claims Act (FCA) into the CVF through FY 2029
- The FCA holds entities liable that defraud government agencies for up to 3X the damages.
- Over last 2 FYs, settlements and judgments under FCA have totaled nearly \$5B.
 - Priority 1 Payouts – Defrauded government agency
 - Priority 2 Payout – Relevant whistleblowers
 - ***Priority 3 Payout (if passed) – Crime Victims Fund**

*Note: These bills have broad bipartisan support with 134 co-sponsors in the House, 8 of which are from Texas.

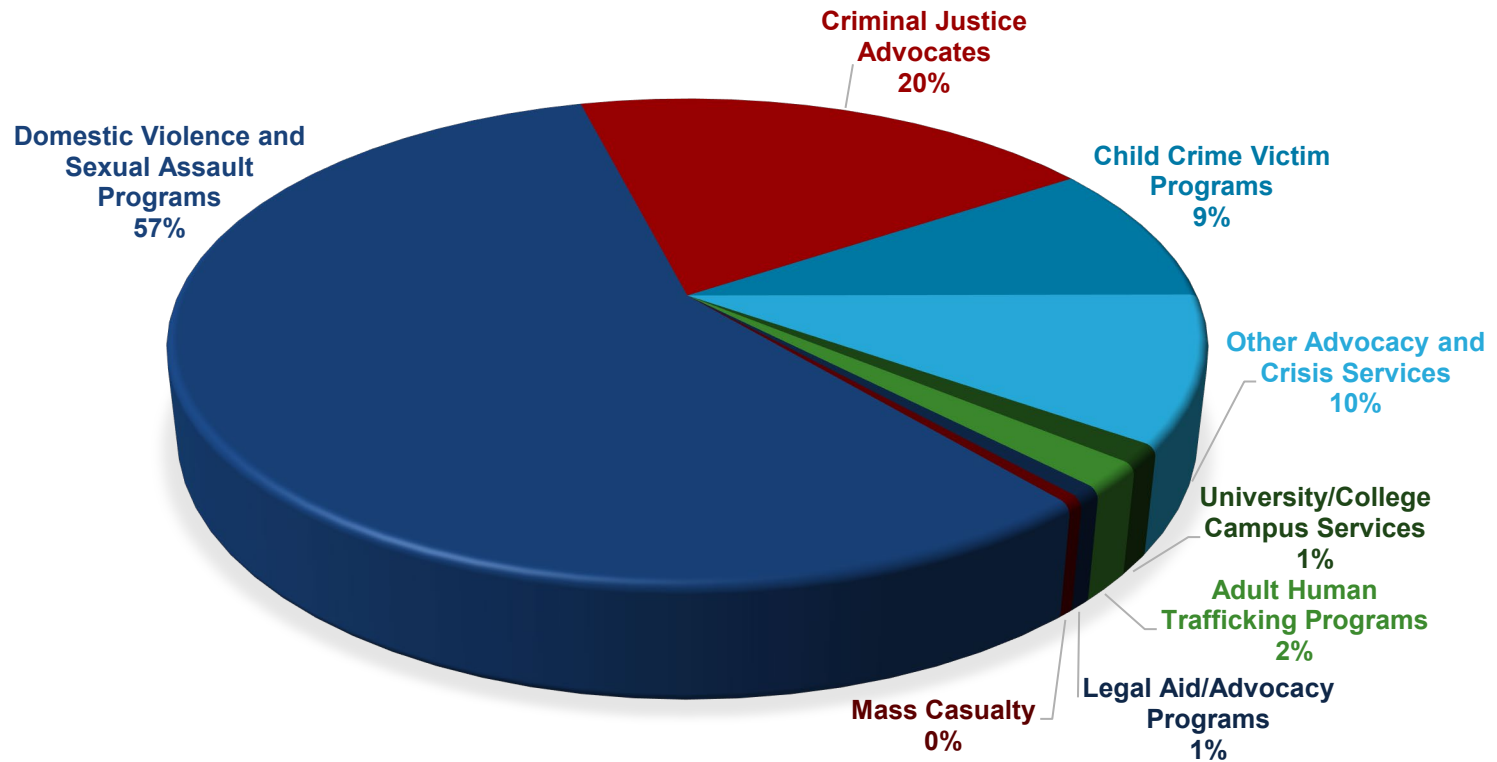
Texas Historical Funding 2018 - 2025

General Victim Assistance Grants By Subrecipient Organization Type Prioritized by COGs



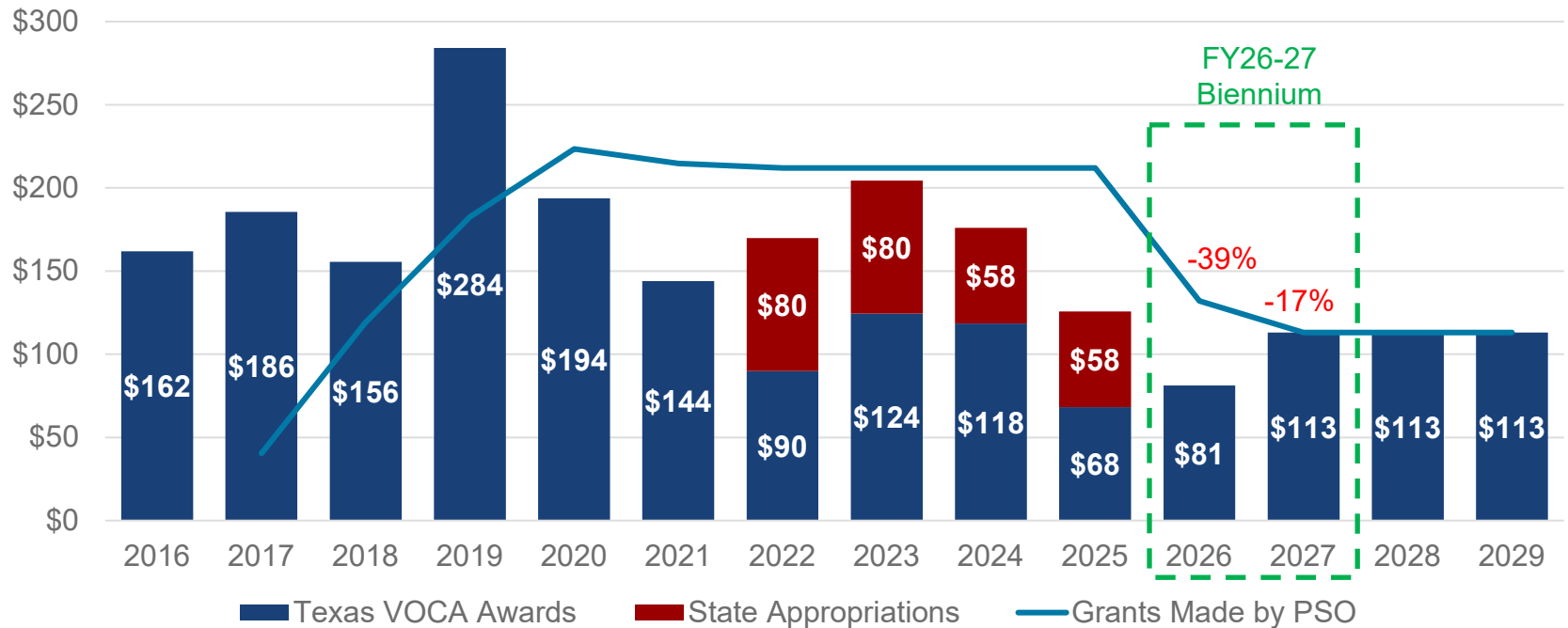
Texas Funding FY 2025

General Victim Assistance Grants By Service Type Prioritized by COGs



Options - Texas Impact

Federal Awards vs. PSO Grants



87(3) Legislative Session (FY 2022 – 23). Appropriated \$160M in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

88(R) Legislative Session (FY 2024 – 25). Appropriated \$115M in General Revenue (GR) funds.

Chart is for illustrative purposes only. Future amounts will most likely change based on federal award amounts.

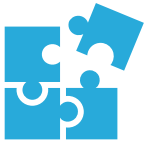
Regional Prioritization Considerations



Begin thinking now about how your COG can prepare to handle possible funding reductions for victim services in 2026.



Educate your CJAC members about the services available for victims in your region and the impact that funding reductions may have on that safety net.



Are there any policy or other changes needed at the COG level to ensure that basic victim services from experienced providers with a demonstrated history of providing trauma-informed services remain available in your region.

Panel Discussion

Prioritizing Victims Services

Moderator

Hillary England, Deputy Director Victim Services and Prevention Programs

Panel Members

Celeste Byrom, Assistant DA/Director of Victim Services, Houston DA's Office

Gloria Terry, CEO, Texas Council on Family Violence

Julie Pleasant, Police Administrator & Director of Victim Services Division, Houston PD

Rose Luna, CEO Texas Association Against Sexual Assault

Thank You!