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CVS Funding Update Webinar Sept 2023

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Division of Criminal Justice

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Webinar Objectives



Review important funding updates



Walk through next steps for CY25

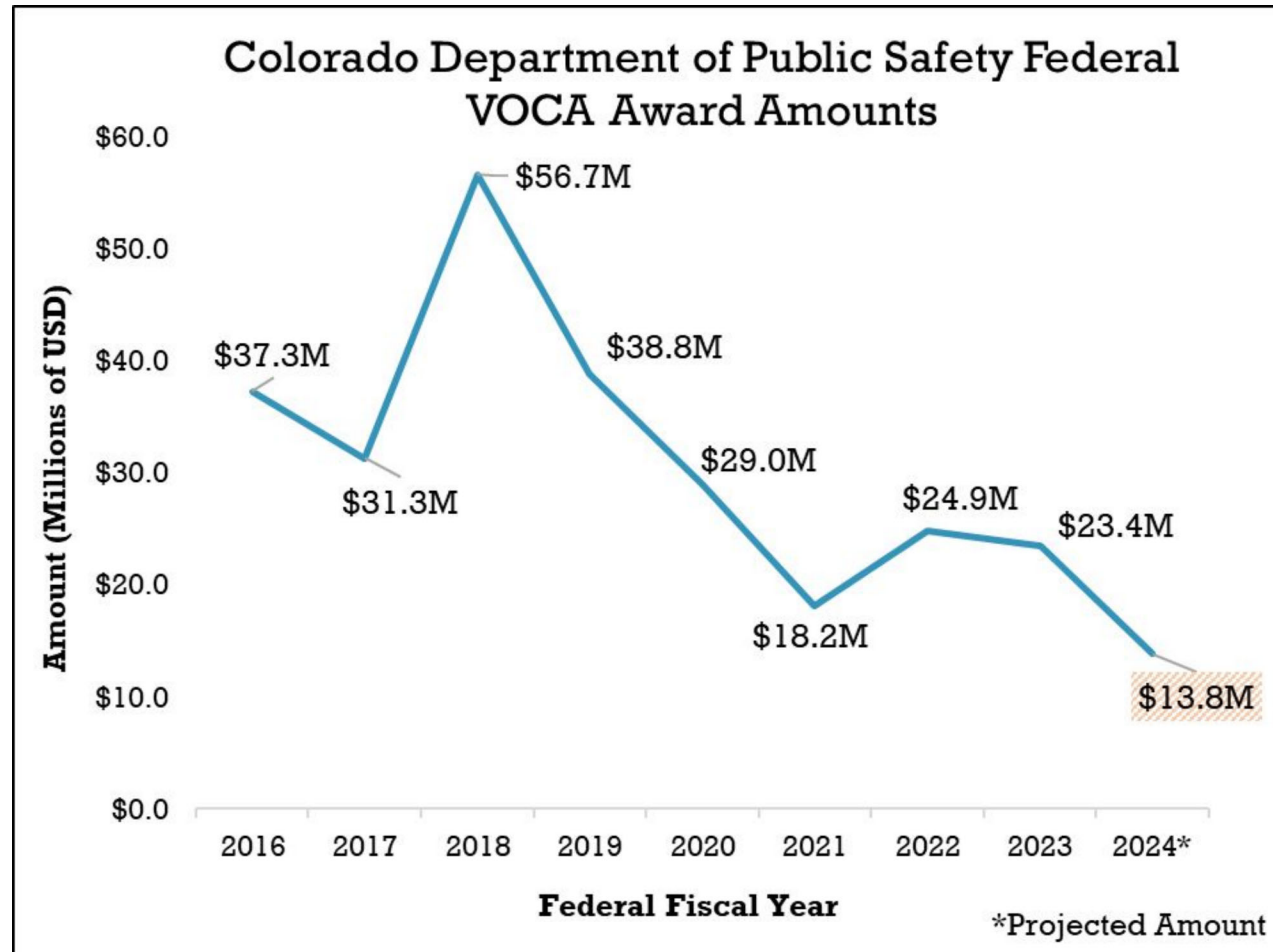


Answer your questions

Funding Source Updates

- VAWA funding - expected to be stable
- SASP funding - expected to be stable
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - no future funding
- General fund dollars - one-time allocation
- VOCA - will continue to experience decreases

Federal VOCA Fund Trends



What does this mean?

- There will be at least a **45-50%** cut in current grant awards for VOCA
- There will not be a competitive CY25-26 funding cycle for any of the CVS funding - **1 year extensions instead**
- Anticipate having **\$24,475,000** in VOCA funding for one year to award across all VOCA, ARPA, and General Fund Grantees
- 3rd year award amounts will be provided to grantees around June 2024
- Flexible budgets and coordination with your GPM

Efforts to minimize the impact

- The 3 state coalitions and OVP have worked on legislative funding requests the last 3 legislative sessions and will continue to do so in the next session
- Unspent personnel costs were de-obligated by VOCA grantees at the end of the last funding cycle
- 15 grantees were just moved from VOCA to General Funds for a 9 month period (approximately \$6 million)
- With some unspent VAWA funds, additional grantees will be moved from VOCA to VAWA (\$700,000)
- Currently talking with other states to explore strategies

Next Steps

- Survey
 - Will be sent out via the cvsgrants email
- OVP is preparing public awareness materials by county that we will share out as well as website updates
- Focus Groups in 2024
- Track legislative efforts
- Coordination with your GPM next year around the budget

Strategies/Suggestions

- Consider coordinating in your community with other partners to not duplicate similar services or share overhead costs
- Talking with City Council
- Talking with County Commissioners

Timeline

CVS 2023-2024 Funding

1.1.2023-12.31.2024

- Budgets will remain as awarded, but current VOCA grantees with personnel vacancy savings or other unspent costs will be asked to deobligate these funds.

CVS 2025 Extension

1.1.2025-12.31.2025

- OVP staff will reach out to CVS grantees in June of 2024 to notify grantees of their 1-year extension award amount.
- These amounts will be determined by available funding, grantee input and other factors and are expected to be an estimated 45% lower than current funding levels.

CVS 2026-2027 Funding

1.1.2026-12.31.2027

- The application will be released in January 2025 for CVS 2026-2027 funding.
- The amount of funding available will depend on available funds at the federal and state levels and is currently unknown.

Questions

- This recording will be on the OVP website
- FAQ will be created after the webinar and posted on the OVP website
- Funding questions to cvsgroups@state.co.us
- Legislative questions can be sent to kelly.kissell@state.co.us
- Next step questions can be sent to cvsgroups@state.co.us

