

INVEST IN IOWA CRIME VICTIMS

The Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault represent 25 victim service provider agencies supporting crime victims in every Iowa county. These agencies served most of the **49,795 victims** seeking assistance in 2024 from organizations receiving federal grants for victim services.

Our promise to crime victims: When you come forward for help, it will be available. Federal funding is vital to maintaining state capacity to support victims. Providers are struggling to meet ongoing and increasing demand for services and without federal funding thousands of crime victims will lose access to safety and support. *Any* cut in federal funds or elimination of grant programs reduces access to lifechanging support for violent crime victims.

Iowa Crime Victims Served in 2024 w Federal \$\$

49,795 

Crime victims received support from organizations receiving federal victim services funding



49,978

Crisis calls to the Iowa Victim Services Call Center



29,057

Domestic Violence Victims



9,123

Sexual Assault Victims



14,615

Other Violent Crime Victims

Iowa Crime Victims Deserve Our Support: A 24-Hour Snapshot of Service Requests by Crime Victims



625

victims served in one day (total)



385

victims received housing support



606

crisis calls received, averaging more than 25 crisis requests per hour



93%

of unmet requests for support were for housing

*2024 One Day Census Report National Network to End Domestic Violence [Iowa Survey](#)



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Federal FY26 Budget Requests – Vital Support for Crime Victims

Iowa victim service providers work with law enforcement, county attorneys, and a range of human service providers to offer crisis response services and specialize in providing post-crisis support services essential to recovery for violent crime victims. Post-crisis services are most frequently requested because victims need support beyond what family and friends can provide. Providing these services is resource-intensive and most threatened by lack of funding. Providers cannot serve all victims seeking support right now- so any funding cuts significantly reduce access to support, especially in rural areas. Our state budget cannot replace federal victim services funding. Please increase funding for victim services and reject proposals to eliminate core functions of the Office of Violence Against Women and the CDC National Center for Injury Prevention.

Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) – Support \$526 million



The Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) enacted in 1984, is the foundation for our nation's public health response to intimate partner violence (IPV). FVPSA funds support essential victim services, including housing assistance, counseling services, crisis lines, and other vital services. Administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, FVPSA is the only federal funding dedicated to supporting services to help IPV victims regain economic security.



Rape Prevention & Education Program – Support \$100 million

Providing essential funding to prevention, rape crisis centers, and state sexual assault programs. Administered by CDC's National Center on Injury & Prevention.



Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) – Support \$1.9 billion for CVF; Pass HR 909/S 1892

The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) of 1984 created the Crime Victims Fund (CVF) to collect fines and payments from violations of federal law so these funds could support crime victims. VOCA is the largest funding source for victim services nationwide. These funds support organizations serving victims of domestic and sexual violence, child abuse, human trafficking, homicide; and law enforcement, county attorneys, courts, and other human service providers. To ensure stability of the CVF - co-sponsor and pass the Crime Victim Stabilization Act (HR 909/S 1892).



Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) – Support \$1.15 billion

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) of 1994 provides grants to states to support effective responses to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. VAWA grant programs are administered by the U.S. Department of Justice to promote coordination between multiple-system stakeholders, including victim service providers, law enforcement, prosecutors, and judges. VAWA includes essential civil rights protections to ensure equal access to services and housing.



U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program for survivor housing – “DV/SA Bonus funds” – Support \$75 million

These dedicated funds for survivor-specific housing resources are vital to providers for addressing unique safety needs of survivors. **Reject proposals to eliminate HUD CoC funding.**



Ensure protections and funding for immigrant survivors

To reduce a processing backlog of U, T visas and VAWA self-petitions critical for immigrant survivors to escape abuse.