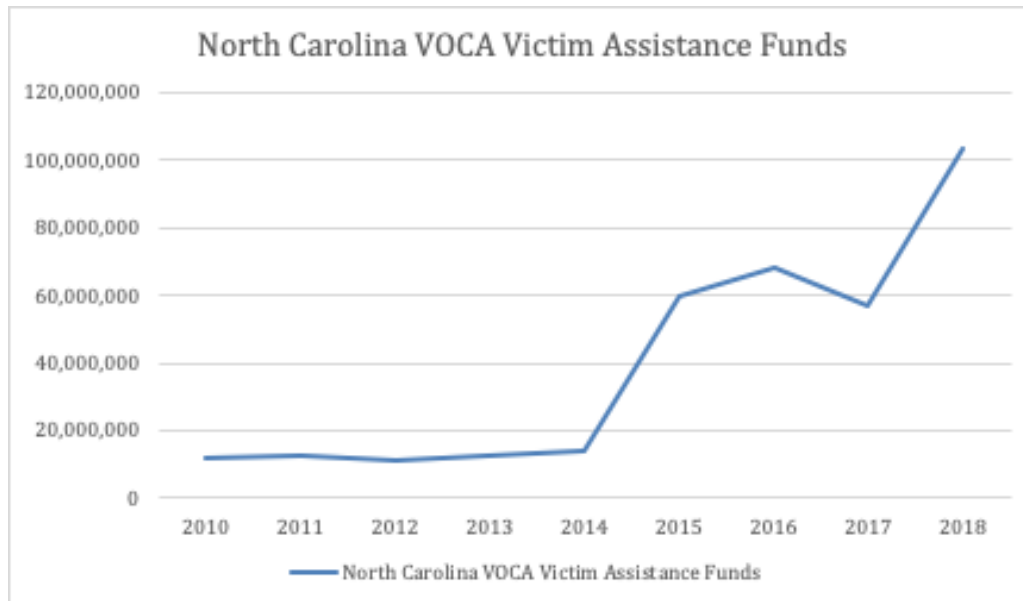


VOCA VICTIM ASSISTANCE FUNDING BY STATE

NORTH CAROLINA VOCA VICTIM ASSISTANCE FUND



VOCA victim assistance grants fund programs that provide direct assistance to victims of crime. Each year, the federal Office of Victim Services, which oversees VOCA funds, allocates VOCA victim assistance funding to states and territories based on population size. Each state and territory is then responsible for granting the funding to public agencies and nonprofit organizations (e.g., state or city government agencies and community-based service providers) that provide direct assistance to victims of crime. States have four years, including the year the funding is granted to spend down victim assistance allocations. Beginning in 2015, more federal money became available to fund victim assistance programs.

Historically, **North Carolina has not spent its annual VOCA victim assistance allocations.** In 2017, the United States Department of Justice conducted an audit of North Carolina’s VOCA victim assistance program.¹ The audit found that North Carolina failed to spend over \$650,000 of its 2010 to 2013 funding prior to the expiration of the funding.² With the spike in victim assistance funding from 2015 onward, the Department of Justice expressed concerns that North Carolina would spend down its allocations going forward.³ In 2019, North Carolina received \$70,371,764 in VOCA victim assistance funds. This funding can be used to finance services to gun violence victims.

Who administers VOCA victim assistance funding in my state?

The Governor’s Crime Commission (GCC)

What is the duration of VOCA victim assistance funding awards in my state?

Typically, awards are for two years beginning October 1st of the application year.

When can I apply for VOCA victim assistance funding in my state?

Requests for Applications (RFAs) are generally released in November and due by January 31st. The 2020 application is currently available.

¹ Office of the Inspector General, “Audit of Victim Assistance Formula Grants Awarded by the Office for Victims of Crime to the State of North Carolina’s Department of Public Safety Governor’s Crime Commission,” Department of Justice, August 2017, <https://oig.justice.gov/reports/2017/q4017005.pdf>

² Ibid. at p. 4

³ Ibid.



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How do I apply for VOCA victim assistance funding in my state?

Applicants must submit proposals through the GCC online application process. Applications must include a written agreement demonstrating community partnerships, training plans for staff, a project narrative, a budget narrative, and various certifications.

What is the evaluation process for VOCA applications in my state?

The Crime Victims' Services Committee of the GCC scores applications based on a rubric. The Crime Victims' Services Committee selects applications to move forward to the full GCC for approvals. All states must allocate at least ten percent of their VOCA victim assistance allocation to *each* of the following victim categories: domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and "underserved" populations.

How does my state define "underserved" populations?

North Carolina lists the following populations as examples of underserved populations: Rural Populations, African American victims, American Indian victims, Latinx victims, Male victims, Elderly victims, Disabled victims, Family/Friends of Homicide victims, LGBTQ+ victims, Immigrant victims, Victims of Gang-related Crimes, Children who Witness Family/Domestic Violence, Support to Children/Adolescent victims.

What are the reporting requirements for VOCA funding in my state?

Quarterly programmatic reports and monthly financial reports. Note: VOCA victim assistance funds operate on a reimbursement of expenditure basis. Programs will be reimbursed based on their financial reports.

Additional Resources

2020 VOCA Victim Assistance Application

<https://files.nc.gov/ncdps/documents/files/2020-VOCA-RFA-Final.pdf>