



MISSION: The Center for Crime Victim Services offers support, advocacy and services for those impacted by crime, and works to hold those who have caused harm responsible.

In 1991, the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services was created under 13 VSA §5361 to:

- ❖ Promote the rights and needs of crime victims statewide;
- ❖ Develop, strengthen and coordinate programs serving victims;
- ❖ Administer federal and state grant funds for crime victim services;
- ❖ Oversee the State of Vermont's Victims Compensation Program and Restitution Unit; and,
- ❖ Serve as a clearinghouse for information regarding crime victims.

Support for Victims of Crime in Vermont

The Center for Crime Victim Services is a multi-faceted agency that provides, sustains, and supports a collaborative system of direct services that provides for the Safety and Security of Vermonters.

Compensation Program 13 VSA §5361

The program provides limited financial assistance to victims who have experienced an uninsured financial loss as a direct result of a crime.

Compensation Claims SFY 2025:

Victims Compensation

- ❖ 418 claims = \$367,681.71 disbursed for eligible victims
- ❖ Each eligible claim has a \$10,000 maximum cap for payment of crime related losses. Crime related losses include, but are not limited to, medical and dental care, counseling, funeral, lost wages, relocation and travel expenses
- ❖ Top expenses were medical, funeral, rent/relocation and loss of wages.

Sexual Assault Program

- ❖ 215 claims = \$76,837.62 disbursed for eligible victims

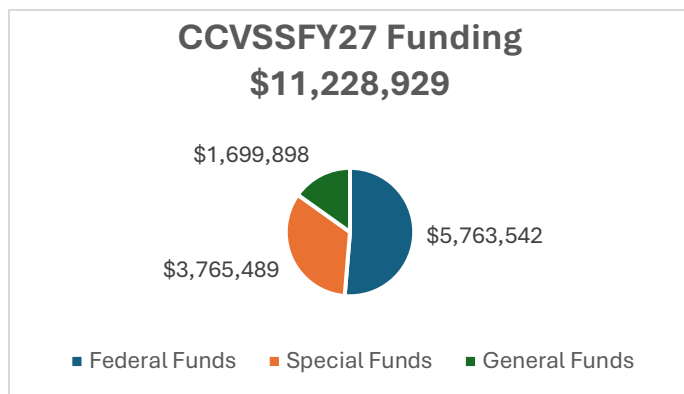
Restitution Unit 13 VSA §5362

The Unit collects restitution owed to victims by criminal offenders, enforces restitution orders, and processes claims for Special Fund advancements of up to \$5,000 to eligible victims.

- ❖ In SFY25, the Restitution Unit made 3,054 payments totaling \$1,066,861.31 of this \$341,127.83 was advanced to individual victims from the fund and
- ❖ \$752,733.78 was paid to victims as it was collected.

CCVS Grant Programming

CCVS administers 200 discrete subgrants, to 60 statewide programs, that support victim services. They are reliant on federal and special funds. Victim Services are overly dependent on fluctuating and declining sources of funding.



General Funds:

General Funds are used to support Supervised Visitation Programs, DV/SV Prosecutor positions and the Vermont Network Anti-Violence Grants. These funds are a “straight pass-through”, currently CCVS is tasked with administering these funds, requiring strict adherence to all federal and state rules, from creation of award documents to closeout, without any financial support to do so.

State of Vermont Funded Grant Programs

Supervised Visitation Program (SVP) \$137,500

Supervised Visitation Programs (SVPs) provide a neutral and safe space in which a child may have contact with a non-custodial parent.

Anti Violence Grant \$1,066,259

The 14 Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence programs individuals whose lives were impacted by domestic and sexual violence.

Domestic Violence & Sexual Violence Special Fund (DVSF) \$793,835

\$783,835 supports Vermont Network Programs; \$17,640 supports the DV Council Coordinator

CRIME VICTIM ADVISORS

AT VERMONT CCVS

The mission of the Crime Victim Advisors is to join with the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services to provide guidance on systemic changes that will benefit other crime victims, contribute to the prevention of crime and violence, and to advance in the healing journey of survivors.

They offer feedback to victim-centered programs, training events, public outreach, education, and legislative advocacy.

Survivors have a critical role to play in Vermont's response to violence and victimization. Their guidance, knowledge, and experience is at the center of our work.

Federally Funded Grant Programs

Services Training Officers and Prosecutors (STOP) \$948,675, STOP supports communities in their efforts to develop and strengthen effective responses to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA) \$816,301, supports emergency shelters, and domestic violence programs throughout Vermont.

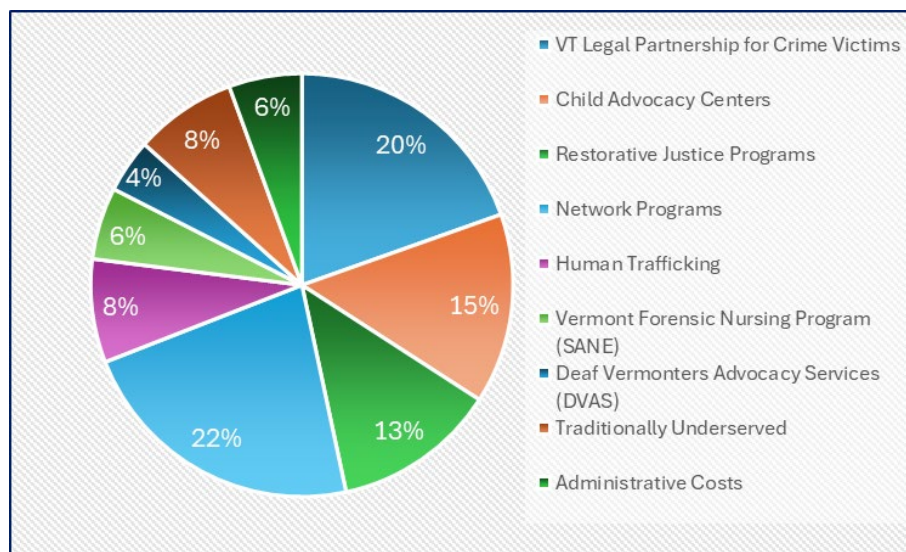
Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) \$772,482 supports Vermont's two stand-alone rape crisis centers to serve victims of sexual assault with legal advocacy, crisis intervention, hospital/clinic/other medical response, case management and 24/7 hot line.

Rural Grant Program \$316,667 Provides funding and support to children and families who live in isolation and whose lives have been impacted by violence.

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) \$2,841,916

In SFY27, federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant increased \$1.9M to \$2.8. This is the largest victim services funding that C CVS receives, supporting 46 programs, to include the following:

Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) Allocations



CCVS Special Funds

CCVS administers 3 Special Funds that are supported by a surcharge on civil violations and criminal convictions, per 13 VSA §7282. This has been a declining revenue source for over a decade.

Victims Compensation Special Fund (Compensation) 13 VSA §5359

The Compensation Fund provides financial assistance to victims that have experienced a financial loss as a direct result of a crime, to include medical, loss of wages, funeral, counseling, housing and relocation, sexual assault mental and health services, crime scene clean up, and others.

The Fund has experienced a 47% decline in revenues over the past five years and is currently projected to have a deficit in SFY 26 in the amount of \$509K.

Crime Victims Restitution Special Fund (Restitution) 13 VSA §5363

The Restitution Fund aims to address the financial loss and hardship caused to victims of crime. The Fund provides advancements to individuals for crime-related losses ordered by a court and supports the operation of the Unit. The Unit collects restitution from offenders on behalf of their victims and enforces outstanding orders.

The Fund has experienced a 33% decrease in revenues over the past five years and is currently projected to have a deficit in SFY 26 in the amount of \$423K.

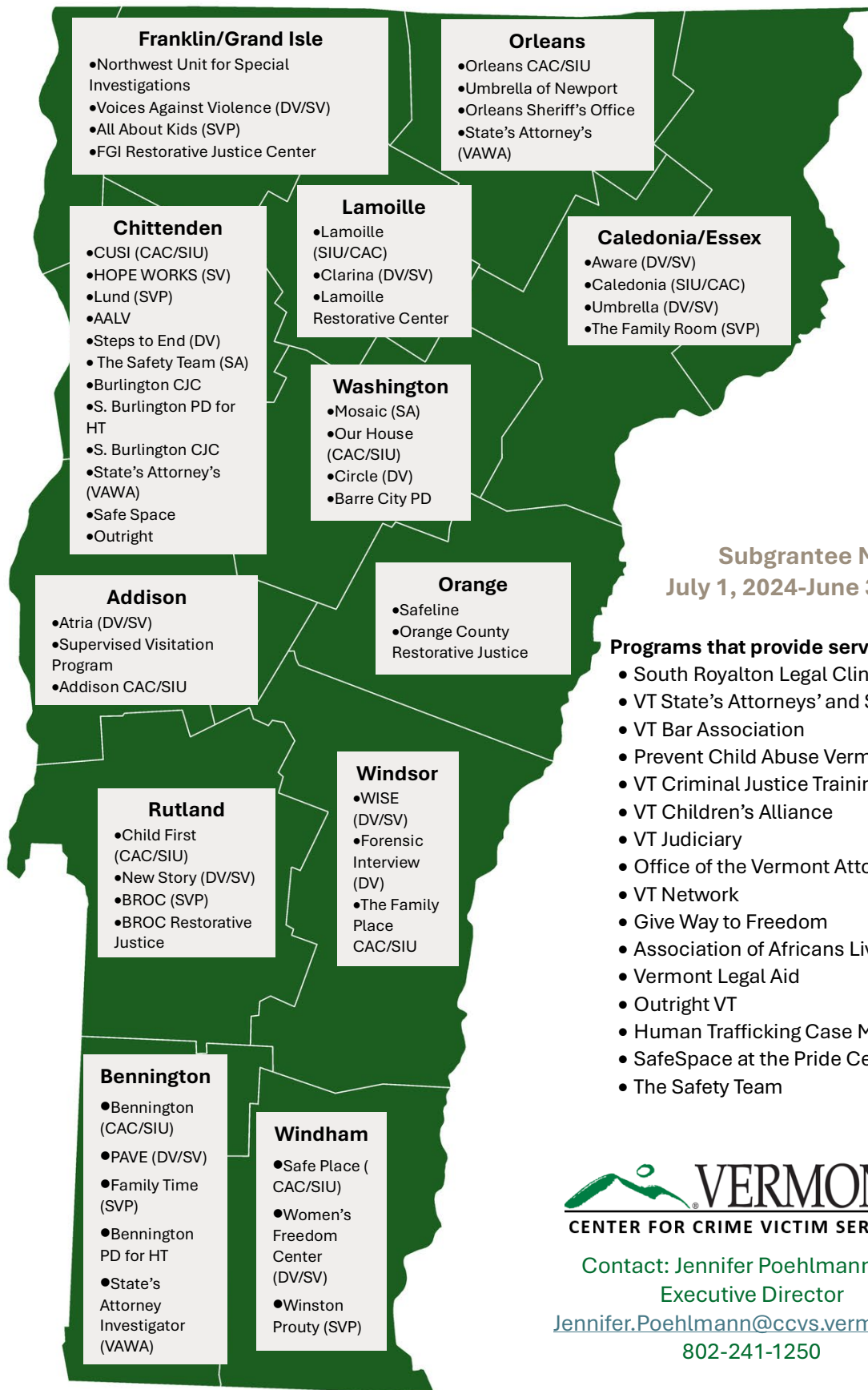
Domestic and Sexual Violence Special Fund (DV/SV) 13 VSA §5360

The DV/SV Fund provides funding for programs that address domestic and sexual violence and stalking. Funding is passed through CCVS to support the Network and its 14 member programs, the Domestic Violence Council Coordinator, and The Pride Center of Vermont. In addition to the surcharge, this Fund also relies on marriage license fees, as established under 32 VSA §1712(1).

The DV/SV Fund continues to fluctuate from year to year and is currently projected to have a deficit in SFY 26 in the amount of \$343K.

The Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services is seeking the following in SFY27:

- \$49,502.73 representing a 3% increase in our base GF appropriation; this is included in the Administration proposed budget.
- \$102,729.70 in General Funds to support the administration cost of State General Fund and Domestic and Sexual Violence Special Funds sub-grants to victim service programs.



Subgrantee Map
July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

Programs that provide services statewide:

- South Royalton Legal Clinic
- VT State's Attorneys' and Sheriffs
- VT Bar Association
- Prevent Child Abuse Vermont
- VT Criminal Justice Training Council
- VT Children's Alliance
- VT Judiciary
- Office of the Vermont Attorney General
- VT Network
- Give Way to Freedom
- Association of Africans Living in VT
- Vermont Legal Aid
- Outright VT
- Human Trafficking Case Managers
- SafeSpace at the Pride Center
- The Safety Team



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