

# Crime Victims Programs

Request: **\$132 Million**

WA Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, Office of Civil Legal Aid, WA State Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Children's Advocacy Centers of WA, NW Immigrant Rights Project, Washington Sexual Assault Working Group



## Support victims of crime and protect those at risk

Programs that support crime victims across Washington have been chronically underfunded and have had to rely on unstable federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding to keep their doors open. Significant state investment is needed to meet the rapidly rising needs, retain staff and ensure that quality services continue to be available in every county.

**Programs in your community that support survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, trafficking and extreme violence need your help NOW.**

## Demand for services has never been greater

Decades of inadequate funding from the State and the loss of VOCA dollars, combined with the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic has put vulnerable individuals and families at even higher risk. Service providers across our state are resorting to wait lists for services.

### A snapshot of the escalating need:

| Children's Advocacy Centers                     | Domestic Violence Programs   | Sexual Assault Program   | Civil Legal Services   |
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| Double-digit increase statewide, between 15-43% | Single day count 2020, 75% of WA programs served 2,306 survivors; 603 requests for help went unmet | Double-digit increases statewide; King County increased by 19% | Survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault experience 2x as many civil legal problems each year |

## Working together to strengthen the safety net for victims

A broad coalition of statewide programs are working together to protect and strengthen the services and supports provided to survivors in Washington by respectfully requesting ongoing stable state funding to ensure quality and dependable services for our communities.

**These life-saving programs are struggling to provide trauma-informed care and direct services to those in need and are at a breaking point. No one asks to be a victim of crime - it is our duty to step up and fund the services they need to recover.**

## Please support our \$132M request to support victims of crime

Funds to be allocated according to current state plans and formulas

### Sustainable funding is necessary for the following Vital Statewide Services

- Domestic Violence Services
- Sexual Assault Services
- Children's Advocacy Center Services
- Civil Legal Aid for Victims of Crime and their Families
- Civil Legal Aid for Immigrant Victims of Crime
- Services for Victims of Trafficking
- Crime Victim Witness Assistance Services
- Tribal Government Crime Victims Services

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