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CRIME VICTIM SERVICES

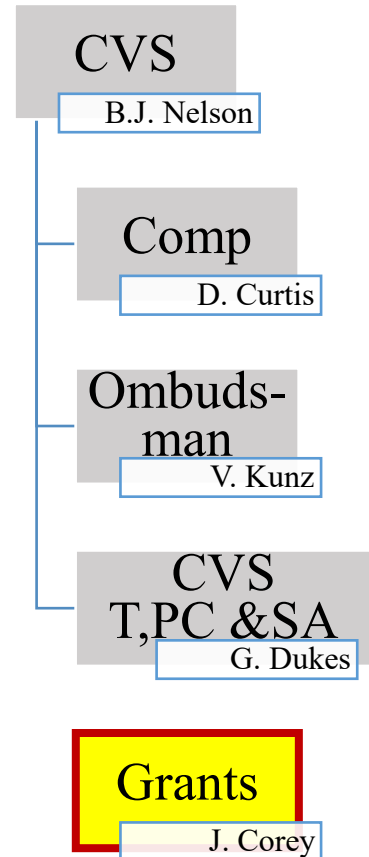
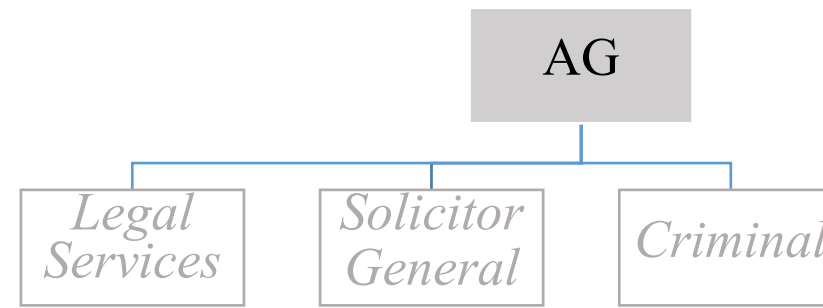
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In preparing the Deliverable Group presentations, some data provided in the original Program Evaluation Report has been corrected. The presentations will reference the corrected data, and the Program Evaluation Report will be updated once the Deliverable Group presentations are concluded.



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Sections of Crime Victim Services

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Crime Victim Ombudsman

Provide responses and investigations to citizens and criminal justice community members that submit requests to resolve individual questions/issues and promote systemic improvements in agencies related to rights of crime victims to assure crime victim rights are protected at all stages of the criminal justice process

Training, Provider Certification, and Statistical Analysis

Provide training and certification to those interacting with crime victims to assure crime victim rights are protected at all stages of the criminal justice process

Provide research/ analysis of criminal justice data to policymakers to keep them apprised of issues relevant to crime victims

Crime Victim Assistance Grants

Provide federal and state financial assistance grants to government and non-government agencies that submit applications to help with expenses for projects that provide direct services to crime victims in South Carolina (e.g., victim advocacy, residential shelters, forensic exams)

Crime Victim Compensation

Provide state financial compensation to eligible crime victims that submit applications to help with expenses directly resulting from a crime that are not covered by other payment sources



Crime Victim Assistance Grants

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Mission

To provide for the administration of grant funds to governmental and non-profit agencies for the support and enhancement of **direct services to victims of crime.**

Applicable Laws

- Federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) 1984- Public Law 98-473
- Federal Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) 1994 – Title IV of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, Public Law No. 103-322. 108 Statute 1796
- S.C. Omnibus Criminal Justice Improvements Act 1986 – S.C. Code Section 23-3-40

How we accomplish our mission

- Grant funds help provide victims services such as:
 - Victim Advocacy
 - Forensic Nurse Examiners
 - Human Trafficking
 - Residential Shelters
 - Emergency Assistance
- Positions at governmental and non-profit organizations paid with grant funds:
 - FY 2020: 772 (645 full time / 127 part time)
 - FY 2021: 702 (530 full time / 172 part time)



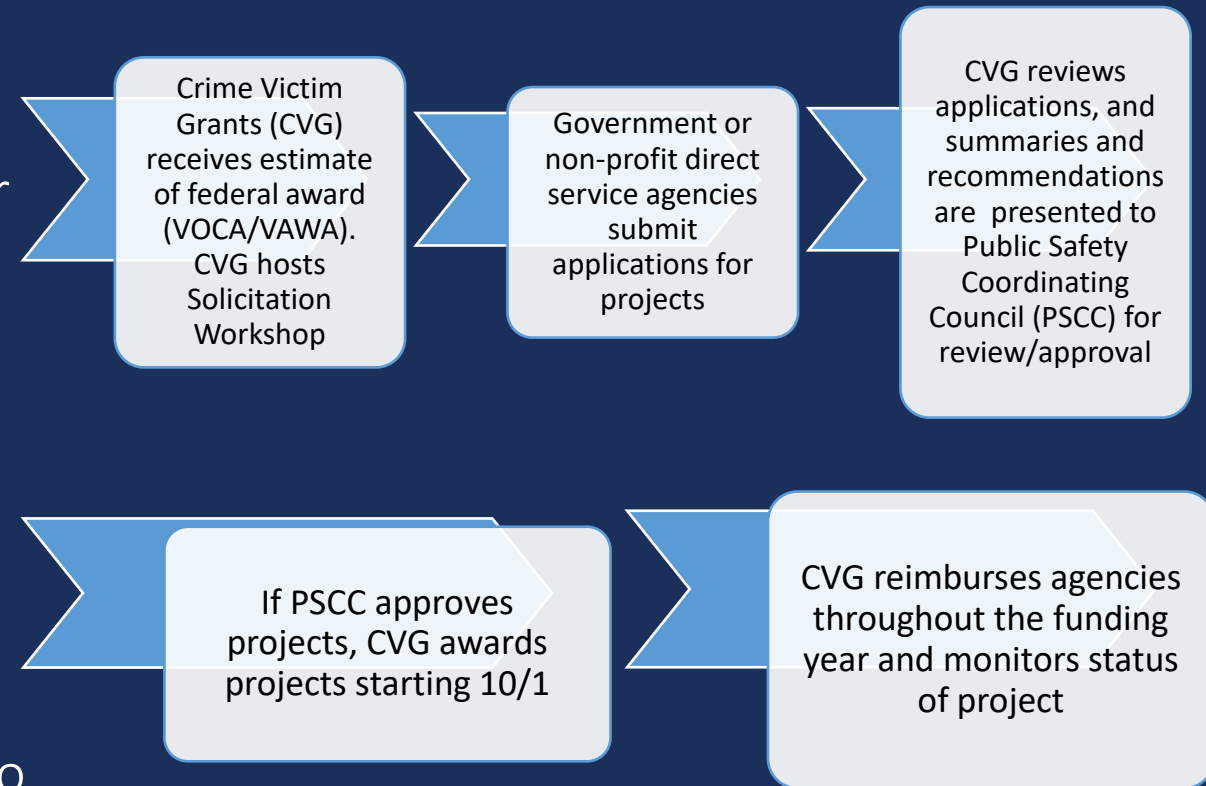
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SC Code Section 16-3-1095:

- Apply for and administer federal grant funds under VOCA & VAWA (*Victims of Crime Act and Violence Against Women Act*)
- Administer SVAP (*State Victims Assistance Program*)
- Solicit grant funding proposals from governmental entities and non-profits
- Review proposals and present recommendations to the Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC)*
- Oversee the proper administration of sub-grants and provide technical assistance to projects.



*See next slide



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Public Safety Coordinating Council

Purpose:

- Administers certain responsibilities of the Department of Public Safety and coordinate certain activities between the department, the Office of the Attorney General, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and municipal and county law enforcement agencies.

Duties related to AG's Office include:

- In collaboration with AG's Department of Crime Victim Assistance grants, establish process to solicit and administer fund disbursement for Victims of Crime Act grants, the Violence Against Women Act grants, the State Victim's Assistance Program grants and all other crime victim service funding as provided by law, including, but not limited to, the authority to solicit for federal formula or discretionary grant awards and foundation funding.

Members include:

- Governor or designee (chair)
- Senate Judiciary Committee Chair or designee
- House Judiciary Committee Chair or designee
- SLED Chief
- DPS Director
- Attorney General or designee;
- Sheriff appointed by the Governor
- Municipal police chief appointed by the Governor
- Victim representative appointed by the Governor
- Victim with a documented history of victimization appointed by the Attorney General

*See, S.C. Code Section 23-6-500



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	Turnover	Leave unit during year	Exit interviews conducted	In unit at end of year	Satisfaction tracked
2016-17		0	No	0	No
2017-18	19%	2	No	11	Yes
2018-19	18%	2	Yes	12	No
2019-20	44%	4	Yes	7	No

Note:

FY 2020

- 1 left for employment with another state agency
- 3 left the division because the Office restructured the financial portion of Crime Victim Assistance Grants to fall under the Finance Section of the Administration Division

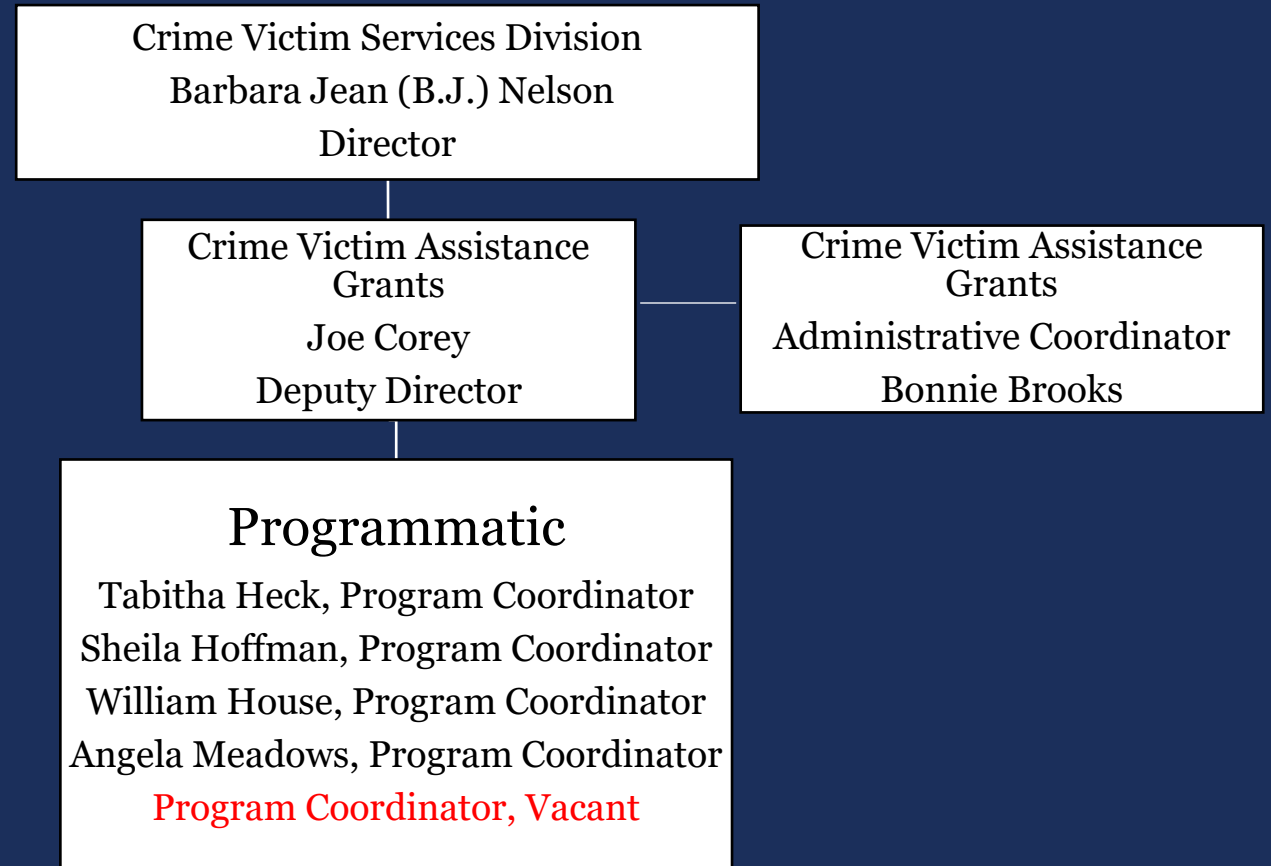


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Departures	Current Employees	Additions
<p>Barbara Jean (B.J.) Nelson (new CVS Director)</p> <p>Ginger Dukes (new CVST Deputy Director)</p>	<p>Joe Corey (FTE)</p> <p>Bonnie Brooks (FTE)</p> <p>Sheila Hoffman (FTE)</p> <p>William House (FTE)</p> <p>Angela Meadows (FTE)</p> <p>Tabitha Heck (FTE)</p>	<p>Angela Meadows (effective December 17, 2021)</p> <p>Tabitha Heck (effective Feb. 17, 2022)</p>





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Associated Services

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Funding Distribution

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

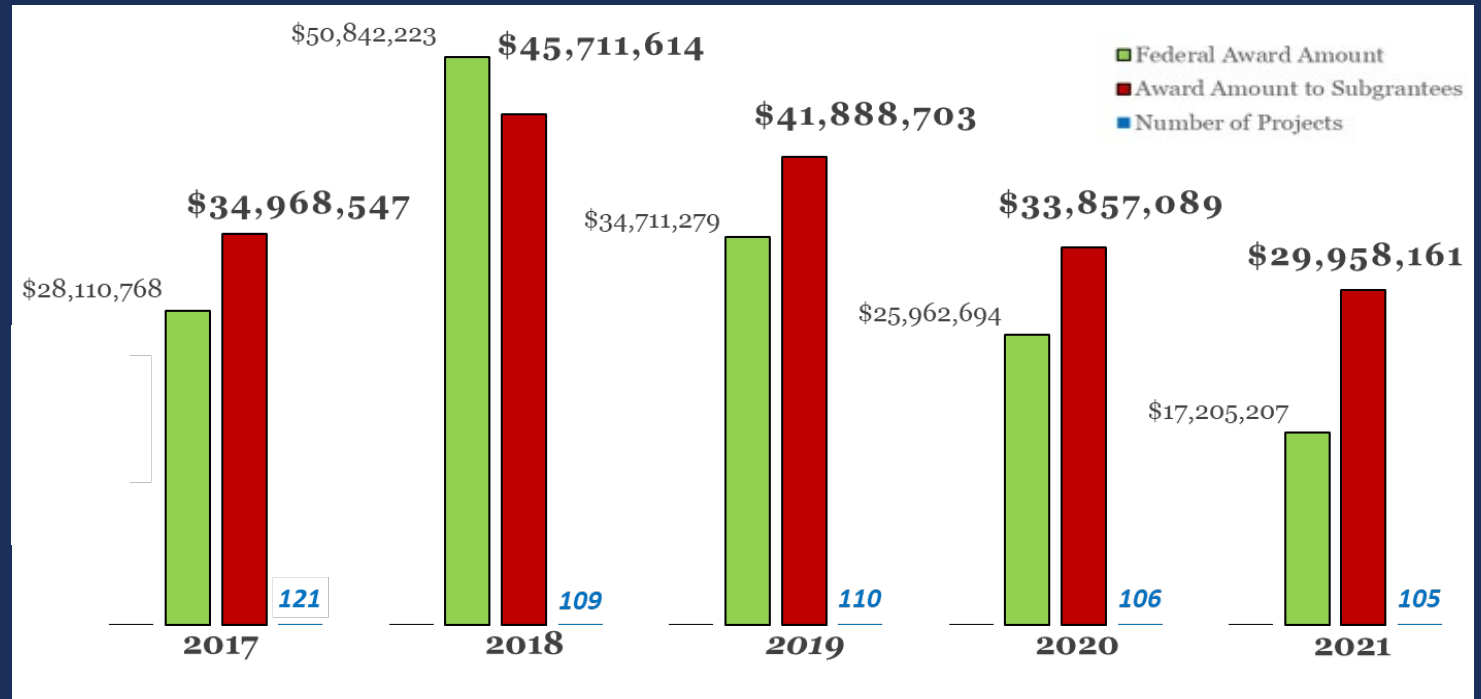
Total amount in applications approved at CVG level for S.C. projects

Federal FY 2020: \$33,857,089

Federal FY 2021: \$29,958,161

Program Priority Areas

- Sexual Assault
- Spousal Abuse
- Child Abuse and Neglect
- Underserved Victims of Violent Crime



Agency Service #213 - S.C. Code Section 16-3-1095

Customers: Criminal justice government agencies and non-profits

Funding Distribution

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

Total amount in applications approved at federal level for S.C. projects

FY 2020: \$2,430,659

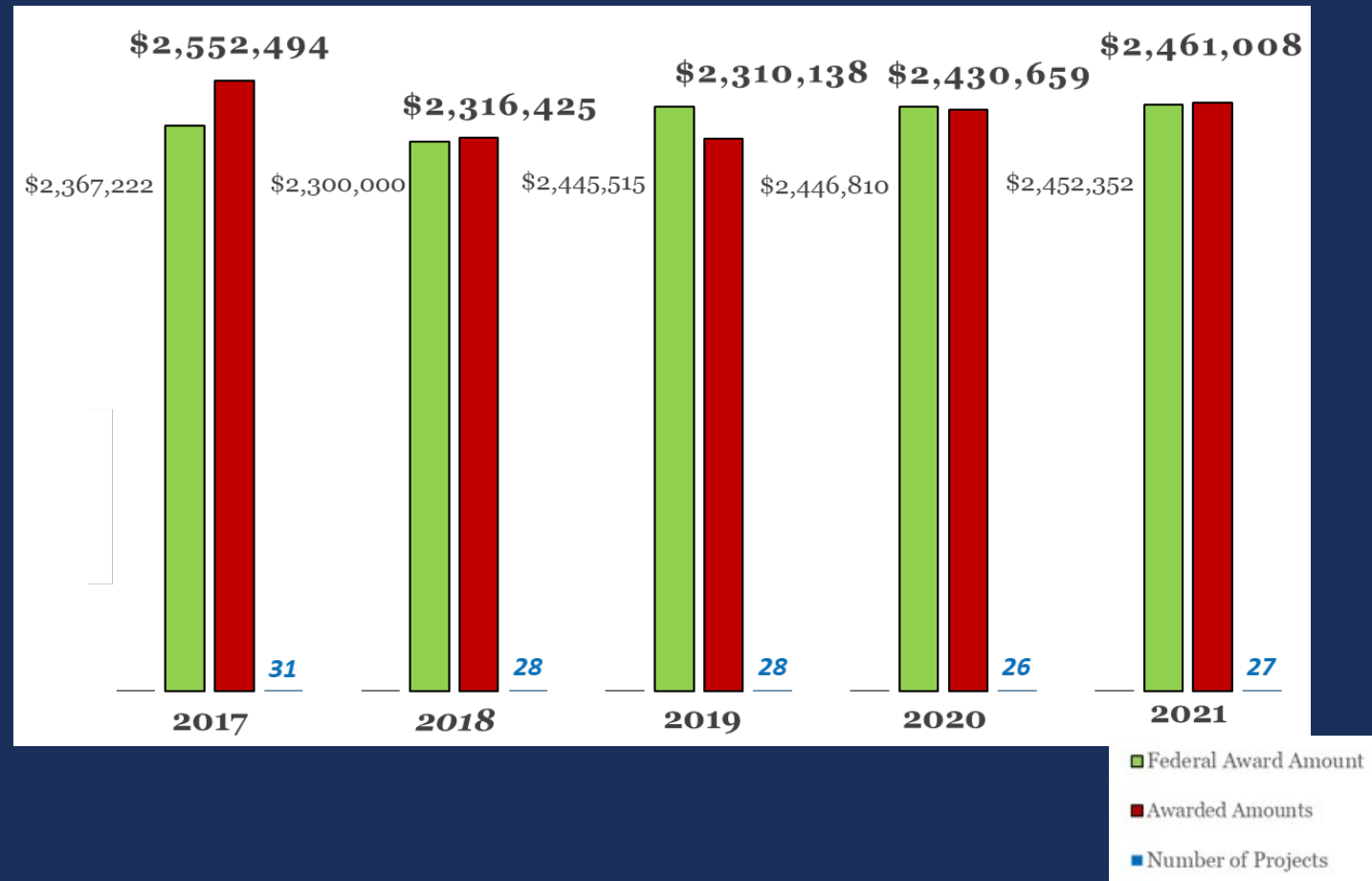
FY 2021: \$2,461,008

Program Priority Areas

Projects that primarily focus on female victims of

- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Assault
- Dating Violence
- Stalking over the age of 11

Note: There are 20 priority purpose areas Pursuant to 34 U.S.C. 10441(b) (See "VAWA Priority Purpose Areas" in meeting packet)



Agency Service #214 - S.C. Code Section 16-3-1095

Customers: Criminal justice government agencies and non-profits

Funding Distribution

State Victims Assistance Program (SVAP)

Source:

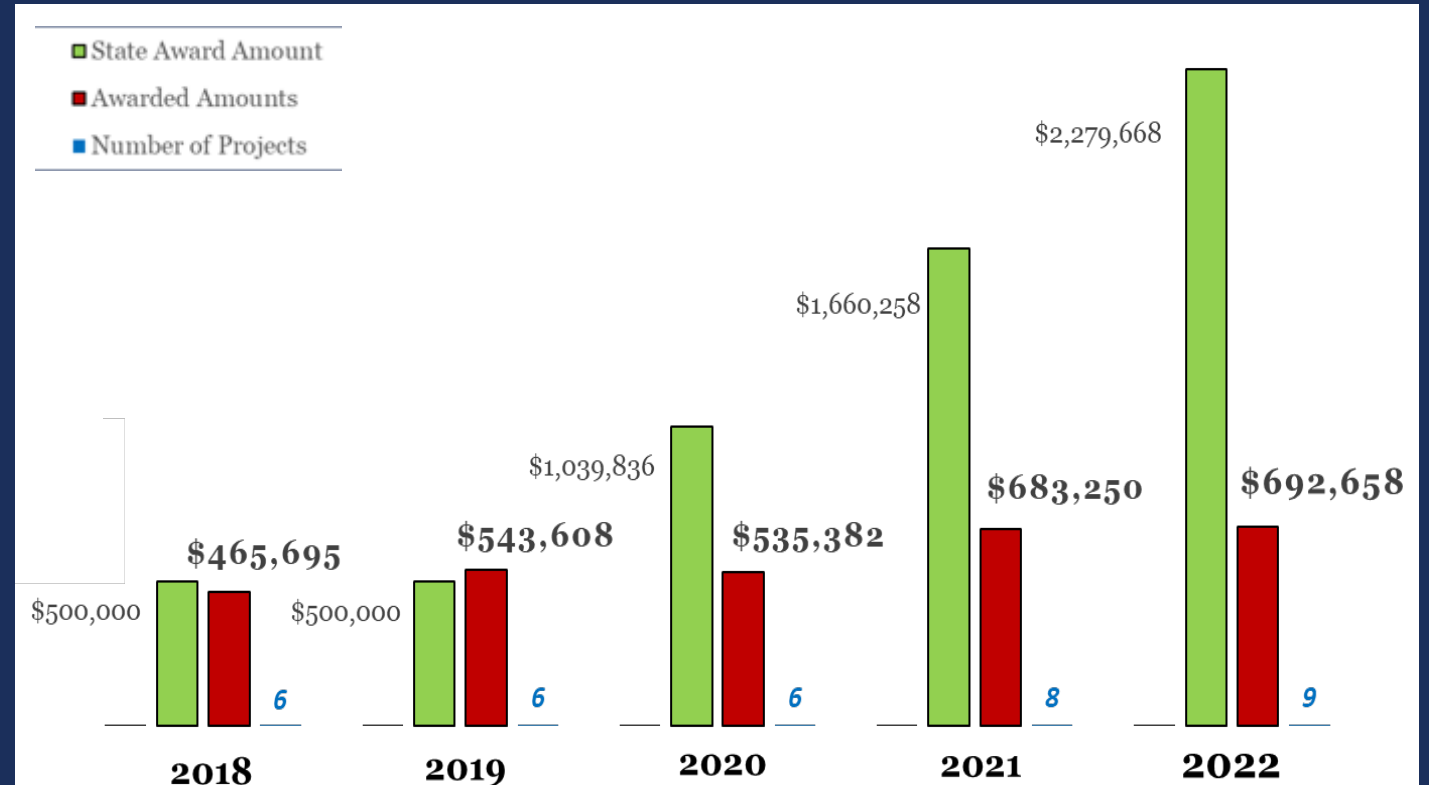
- Other funds garnished from SCDC inmate work-release pay
- Act 141 Recovery Funds

Total amount in applications approved for S.C. projects

- FY 2021: \$683,250
- FY 2022: \$692,658

Program Priority Areas

- Sexual Assault
- Spousal Abuse
- Child Abuse and Neglect
- Underserved Victims of Violent Crime
- Training



Agency Service #215 - S.C. Code Section 16-3-1095

Customers: Criminal justice government agencies and non-profits

Crime Victim Assistance Grants

Funding Sources

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

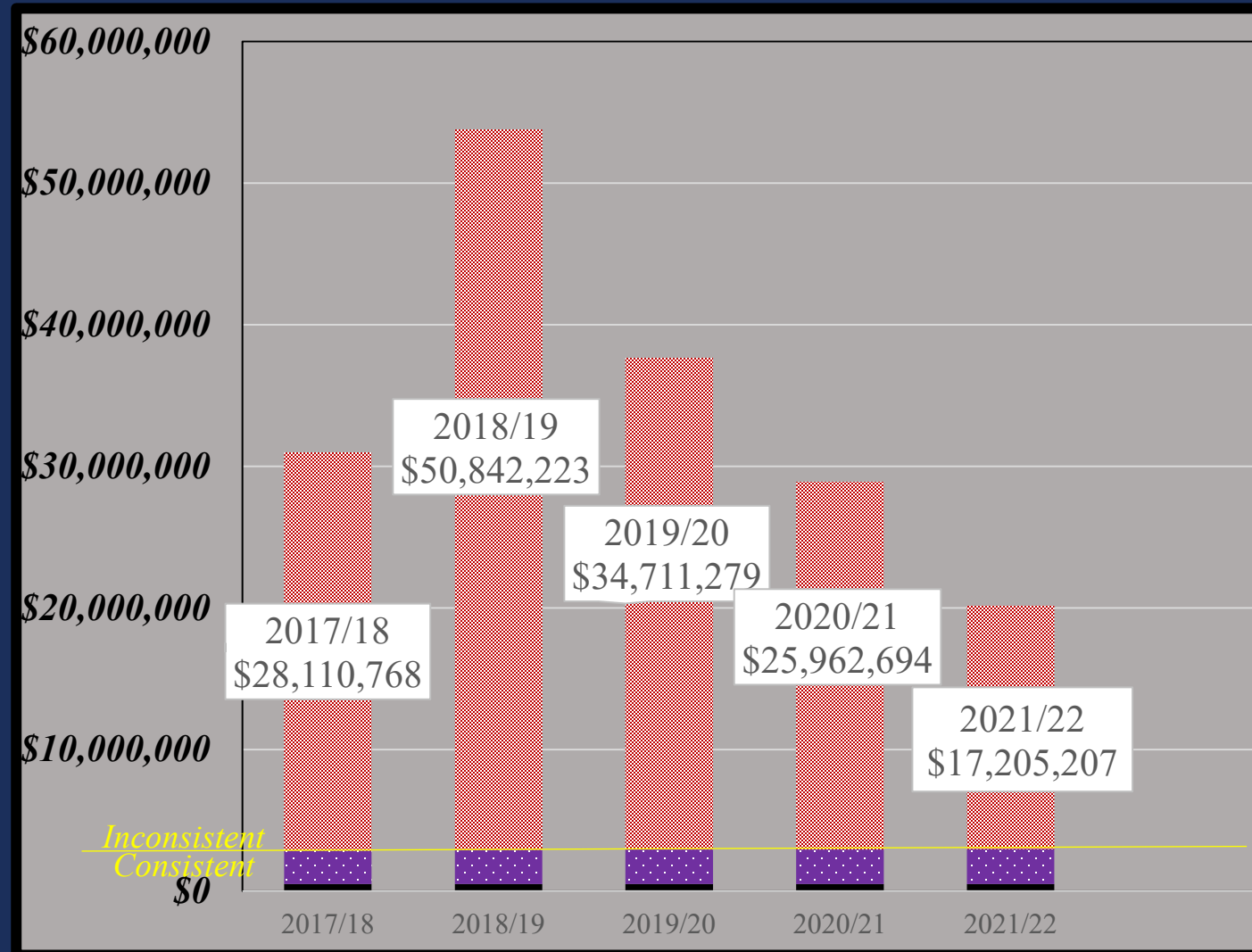
- *Source:* Federal Fines, Fees, and Assessments
- *Stability:* Fluctuates greatly
- *Law:* 1984, Public Law 98-473

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

- *Source:* Federal Appropriation
- *Stability:* Stable and consistent
- *Law:* 1994, Title IV of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, Public Law 103-322

State Victim Assistance Program (SVAP)

- *Source:* Other funds from SCDC inmate work release pay; and solicitation of grant funding from governmental entities and non-profits
- *Stability:* Stable and consistent
- *Law:* 1986, Omnibus Criminal Justice Improvements Act; 2017, S.C. Crime Victim Services Act



Does law require it:

Yes

Assoc. Law(s):

Section 16-3-1095

Purpose (as understood by agency):

Establish a process to administer all other crime victim service funding as provided by law, including, but not limited to, the authority to solicit for federal formula or discretionary grant awards and foundation funding.

Customers:

Criminal justice agencies and non-profits

Agency Service #216

Administer other crime victim service funding –

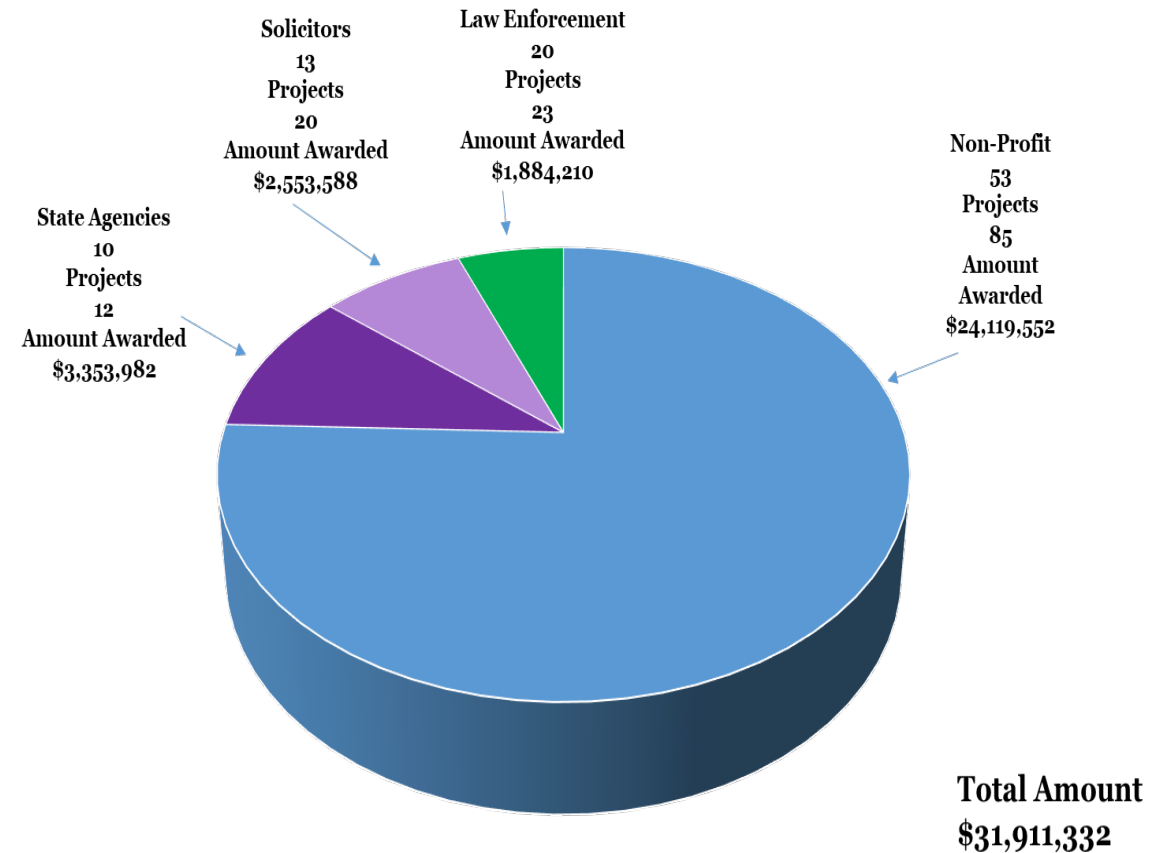
FFY2019 – Federal Technology Grant:

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Victim Crimes, Victim Notification Project to the SC Department of Corrections -
\$600,000

Crime Victim Assistance Grants

2021 Grants and Customers	Non-profit	State Agencies	Solicitors	Law Enforcement
Amount applied for	\$25.2 M	\$3.3 M	\$2.8 M	\$1.9 M
Amount Approved	\$24.1 M	\$3.3 M	\$2.5 M	\$1.9 M
Number of Entities	53	10	13	20
Avg. amount per entity	\$455,085	\$335,398	\$196,429	\$94,210
Number of projects	85	12	20	23
Avg. amount per project	\$283,759	\$279,498	\$127,679	\$81,922

CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE COMBINED GRANTS APPROVED IN 2021





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Associated Successes and Concerns

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SUCSESSES

- 148 applications were reviewed and processed successfully
- Due to COVID-19, the 2021 and 2022 Solicitation and Implementation Workshops were held via Go To Webinar for participants

Crime Victim Assistance Grants

CONCERNS

- Although the agency's grants system is functional, there is continual development occurring for improvements and enhancements to support staff and subrecipients.
- Any further reduction in Federal FY2022 VOCA funds (and subsequent future funds) by Congress