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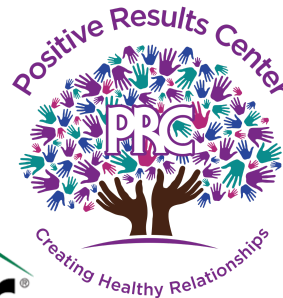
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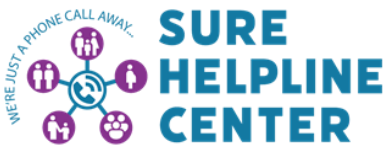


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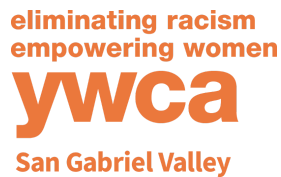
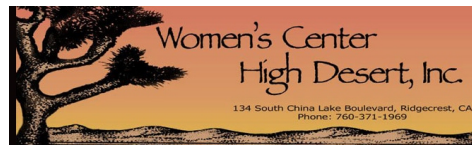
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June 3, 2025

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Chair of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review
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Assembly Member Jesse Gabriel
Chair of Assembly Budget Committee

Senator Laura Richardson
Chair of Senate Budget Subcommittee 5 on
Corrections, Public Safety, Judiciary, Labor
and Transportation

Assembly Member James Ramos
Chair of Assembly Budget Subcommittee 6 on
Public Safety

Dear Pro Tem McGuire, Speaker Rivas, Chair Wiener, Chair Gabriel, Chair Richardson, and Chair Ramos:

We, the 259 undersigned organizations, representing every county in California, ranging from sexual and domestic violence agencies, to district attorneys, to children's advocacy centers, write requesting **\$260 million in one-time funding** to address continuous cuts to the federal Victims of Crime Act Fund (VOCA) and prevent the potentially catastrophic impact these cuts will have on survivors of crime.

VOCA is at the center of California's response to supporting victims of crime and is relied on by local governments, law enforcement, and service providers to fund resources that provide critical care to those facing the traumatic impacts of being a survivor of crime. These programs include counseling, rapid rehousing, legal services, crisis response, and other essential resources

that support vulnerable individuals over both the short and long term. Entities facilitating these programs, which will already need to lay off staff, scale back services, and increase wait times to connect with victims, will now, in some cases, be forced to shut down completely if this minimum amount of funding is not provided. The impacts of these cuts will fall hardest on smaller programs, communities that have been historically underserved, and rural programs. These programs in 2022 alone assisted over 816,000 survivors across the state.

“I am a survivor of sexual and domestic violence. I was held hostage, beaten, raped, tortured, and shot. If rape crisis centers didn’t exist, I would have never been able to tell my story. The staff at the rape crisis center lifted me from the ground where I was left to die.” - Elvira Herrera

In 2024, California made the choice to assist these survivors by allocating \$103 million in one-time funding and passing AB 2432 (Gabriel) to address short-term and long-term solutions.

AB 2432 represents a critical advancement in ensuring sustainable funding for crime victim services in California by establishing a new revenue source through accountability measures for corporate misconduct. By holding corporations who harm the public accountable for financial and legal wrongdoing, the bill promises to generate significant resources in the years ahead to support survivors and the services they rely on. While AB 2432 is a vital step toward insulating California’s crime victim services from the volatility of federal funding, its revenue will depend on the successful prosecution of future corporate cases, which will take time to yield results. Immediate and direct financial support remains essential to prevent a disruption in services that form the backbone of California’s response to crime victims.

The \$103 million provided in the June final budget was the amount requested by the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to maintain current funding levels for FY24-25. Cal OES [shared publicly](#) that this was the bare minimum needed to support the nearly 400 programs experiencing a 44.7% cut in federal funding, with no additional funding to carry over to FY25-26. With the combination of these efforts, our state agreed to supporting survivors for the foreseeable future.

"This funding was vital for our children's advocacy center to continue delivering services to our entire county. It allows us to continue providing child victims of abuse with forensic interviews and mental health services. Losing these funds would have cut out our therapy department completely and would have forced law enforcement to decide which cases of child abuse were most 'important', leading to fewer hurt children getting services. We want to say, 'Thank you for allowing us to continue being the crucial service provider in our county for kids of all types of abuse.'" says Denise Wyatt, Executive Director of Family Healing Center in Fresno, California.

While we wait for AB 2432 to take effect, survivors still find themselves in a precarious situation. With ongoing instability in federal funding and a new Congress and administration, the future of VOCA remains uncertain.

Programs and the crime survivors they serve will be deeply impacted by these cuts. As a result of this reduced funding, organizations may need to lay off staff, scale back on services specific to

historically marginalized and underserved communities, increase wait time to connect victims of crime to valuable services, and more. For survivors, this will reduce their ability to access the support and healing they need and deserve. The impacts of these cuts will fall hardest on smaller programs, rural programs, and communities that have been historically underserved including LGBTQ+ people and people of color. Data has consistently shown that LGBTQ+ people experience hate violence, domestic violence, and sexual assault at higher rates than non-LGBTQ people, with trans folks, bisexual women, and BIPOC LGBTQ+ folks at particularly high risk. We cannot afford to place more restrictions and barriers on LGBTQ+ people's ability to access support, safety, housing security, and legal protections.

To be clear, a choice to not fund these services is a choice to stand by as programs serving 816,000 survivors are cut dramatically. Not providing this minimal investment also has the potential to exacerbate our homelessness crisis, silence immigrant and undocumented communities, and leave survivors at risk of being victimized yet again. We understand that you as state leaders are continuing to navigate through a challenging budget cycle. However, we believe amongst California's top priorities should be ensuring that crime victims are not further victimized because of a lack of resources to support their recovery.

Supporting survivors of crime is one of the most impactful public safety investments that California can make and we strongly urge you to prioritize this funding request.

Sincerely,

California Partnership to End Domestic Violence
Children's Advocacy Centers of California
Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking
Legal Aid Association of California
Los Angeles LGBT Center
The Culturally Responsive Domestic Violence Network
The LGBTQ Center of Long Beach
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California Crime Victims Assistance Association (CCVAA)
California Elder Justice Coalition
California Family Justice Network

California Long-Term Care Ombudsman Association
California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.
California State Association of Counties
California Victims Resource Center
California Women's Law Center
Californians for Safety and Justice
Children's Advocacy Centers of California Advisory Committee
Covenant House California
Equality California
Family Violence Appellate Project
OneJustice
Parent Voices California
Rural County Representatives of California
Smart Justice California
Urban Counties of California
Western Center on Law and Poverty
Women's Foundation California

Alameda County

A Safe Place
BAWAR
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Choose Your Path Foundation
Family Violence Law Center
Safe Alternatives for Violent Environments Inc. (SAVE)
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Tri-Valley Haven

Alpine County

Live Violence Free

Amador County

Operation Care

Butte County

Catalyst Domestic Violence Services

Calaveras County

The Resource Connection, Calaveras Crisis Center

Colusa County

Casa de Esperanza

Contra Costa County

Community Violence Solutions
Contra Costa County
Contra Costa Senior Legal Services
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Del Norte County
Rural Human Services

El Dorado County
Live Violence Free
The Center for Violence-Free Relationships

Fresno County
Central Valley Justice Coalition
Family Healing Center
Fresno County
Marjaree Mason Center
Rape Counseling Services of Fresno

Glenn County
Catalyst Domestic Violence Services
Glenn County

Humboldt County
Humboldt County
Humboldt Domestic Violence Services
North Coast Rape Crisis Team

Imperial County
Sure Helpline Center

Inyo County
Wild Iris Family Counseling and Crisis Center
CASA of the Eastern Sierra

Kern County
Kern County
Open Door Network
Women's Center-High Desert, Inc.

Kings County
Kings Community Action Organization
Kings County

Lake County

Lake County

Lake Family Resource Center

Lassen County

Lassen Family Services, Inc.

Los Angeles County

A Window Between Worlds

Antelope Valley Domestic Violence Council

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Center for the Pacific Asian Family

Community Legal Aid SoCal

Courage California

Downtown Women's Center

East Los Angeles Women's Center

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Foothill Family Service

Haven Hills, Inc.

House of Ruth, Inc.

Inner Circle Children's Advocacy Center

Jenesse Center, Inc.

Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles

Journey Out

Korean American Family Services

LACBA Counsel for Justice

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Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles

Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice

National Organization for Women, Hollywood chapter

Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles

New Directors Counseling Center

New Star Family Justice Center

Pánfila Domestic Violence HOPE Foundation

Peace Over Violence

Positive Results Center

Project: PeaceMakers, Inc.

Project Sister Family Services

PublicCounsel

Rainbow Services, Ltd.

Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, Western American Area

Shepherd's Door Domestic Violence Resource Center

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, LA

South Asian Helpline and Referral Agency

StrengthUnited
Sunita Jain Anti-Trafficking Initiative
Survivor Justice Center
The People Concern
This Hits Home and Pánfila Domestic Violence HOPE Foundation
Women Organizing Resources Knowledge and Services
Women's & Children's Crisis Shelter
YWCA Glendale and Pasadena
YWCA Greater Los Angeles
YWCA San Gabriel Valley

Madera County

Community Action Partnership of Madera County

Marin County

Center for Domestic Peace
Community Violence Solutions
Legal Aid of Marin

Mariposa County

Alliance for Community Transformations

Mendocino County

Project Sanctuary, Inc.

Merced County

Alliance for Community Transformations
Valley Crisis Center

Modoc County

Modoc Crisis Center - A division of TEACH, Inc.
Modoc County Victim Services

Mono County

Wild Iris Family Counseling and Crisis Center
CASA of the Eastern Sierra

Monterey County

Monterey County
Monterey County Rape Crisis Center

Napa County

Napa County District Attorney's Office
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Nevada County

Community Beyond Violence
Sierra Community House

Orange County

Abrazar, Inc.
Child Guidance Center
Community Legal Aid SoCal
Families Forward
Human Options
Laura's House
Orangewood Foundation
Public Law Center
Radiant Futures
Sisters of St. Joseph Healthcare Foundation
Waymakers

Placer County

Placer County
Sierra Community House
Stand Up Placer

Plumas County

Plumas Rural Services, Inc.

Riverside County

Gray's Trauma-Informed Care Services Corp
REACH
Riverside County
SAFE Family Justice Centers
Shelter From The Storm, Inc. (SFTS)

Sacramento County

3Strands Global Foundation
California Coalition for Youth
CHAN-BOF for Peace
Crime Victims Assistance Network (I-CAN)
Friends Committee on Legislation of California
Justice2Jobs Coalition
Opening Doors, Inc.
Sacramento LGBT Community Center
Waking the Village
WEAVE INC

San Benito County

Community Solutions

San Bernardino County

Desert Sanctuary Inc.

DOVES of Big Bear Valley, Inc.

Family Assistance Program

Option House, Inc.

Partners Against Violence

San Bernardino County District Attorney

San Diego County

Center for Community Solutions

Center for Hope and Strength

Chadwick Center for Children and Families

Community Resource Center

Jewish Family Service of San Diego

North County LGBTQ Resource Center

Rooting Movements

San Diego County District Attorney

San Diego LGBT Community Center

San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program

San Francisco

Asian Women's Shelter

Bay Area Legal Aid

Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence

Coalition for Community Safety and Justice

Community United Against Violence

Cooperative Restraining Order Clinic

Equal Rights Advocates

Futures Without Violence

Mujeres Unidas y Activas

Rally Family Visitation Services of SFMH

Safe & Sound

San Francisco Domestic Violence Consortium

San Francisco SafeHouse

San Francisco Women Against Rape

Self-Help for the Elderly

W.O.M.A.N., Inc.

San Joaquin County

Partners for International Cooperation

PREVAIL (formerly Women's Center - Youth & Family Services)

San Luis Obispo County

CASA of San Luis Obispo

Center for Family Strengthening

Child Advocacy Center San Luis Obispo County

Lumina Alliance

San Mateo County

Children's Advocacy Center San Mateo County

Rape Trauma Services: A Center for Healing and Violence Prevention

Santa Barbara County

Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County

North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center

Standing Together to End Sexual Assault

Santa Clara County

Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)

Bill Wilson Center

Children's Advocacy Center of Santa Clara County

Community Solutions

Law Foundation of Silicon Valley

Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence

Pro Bono Project Silicon Valley

Santa Clara County

YWCA Golden Gate Silicon Valley

Santa Cruz County

Monarch Services

Walnut Avenue Family & Women's Center

Shasta County

Children's Legacy Center

One SAFE Place

Sierra County

Sierra Safe Program

Siskiyou County

Siskiyou Domestic Violence & Crisis Center

Solano County

SafeQuest Solano, Inc.

Solano Advocates for Victims of Violence (SAVV)
Victims Empowerment Support Team

Sonoma County

Family Justice Center Sonoma County
Redwood Children's Center
Sonoma County
Sonoma County District Attorney
Verity
YWCA Sonoma County

Stanislaus County

Court Appointed Special Advocates of Stanislaus County
Family Justice Center of Stanislaus
Healthy Alternatives to Violent Environments
Senior Advocacy Network

Sutter County

Casa de Esperanza
Sutton County

Tehama County

Empower Tehama

Trinity County

Human Response Network
Trinity County DA Victim Witness Assistance Program

Tulare County

Central California Family Crisis Center, Inc.
Family Services of Tulare County

Tuolumne County

Tuolumne County District Attorney's Office
Tuolumne County District Attorney Victim/Witness

Ventura County

CASA of Ventura County
Coalition for Family Harmony
Interface Children & Family Services
SOROPTIMIST STOP Human Trafficking Committee, Camino Real Region
Ventura County
Ventura County District Attorney

Yolo County

Empower Yolo, Inc.

Yolo County Children's Advocacy Center, the MDIC

Yolo County District Attorney

Yuba County

Casa de Esperanza

Yuba County

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