

# OVP Funding Update Video Transcript

**Kelly Kissell:** Hi there, for those of you that don't know me, my name is Kelly Kissell. I'm the manager of the Office for Victims Programs within the Division of Criminal Justice. First of all, I'd like to say thank you to all of the grantees who have patiently been waiting for what next steps to expect for the calendar year 25 funding cycle while the staff at OVP and the Crime Victim Services Board worked on how to best manage the cuts that we're all expecting as a result of the VOCA funding shortfall. Also, I'd like to say thank you to our three coalition's as well as all of the member agencies who helped and collaborated with the Division of Criminal Justice during the legislative session to try and find some additional funding to help mitigate that shortfall in VOCA, we really appreciate everybody's time and effort in that.

Our goal today is really just to let you know the next steps for the calendar year 25 funding process. First of all, you're going to receive an email notifying you of the amount of funding you have available. From there, you should work within your agency and with your Grant Program Manager to determine your statement of work and your budget for calendar year 25. We're here and available to help you answer any of those questions. The new calendar year 25 funding will be a new grant agreement and so we want you to know that, although it feels like a continuation of your 23-24 award, it will be a new grant agreement with a new 12 month reporting period. And starting from that base of the award that we give you in that email. Also, we wanted to just make sure and encourage all of you to continue to think about alternative funding sources if you have any that you can access during this shortfall, including discussions with your county commissioners, your city council, private funders or anything else that may be available while you are trying to fill this gap. We understand that that's a challenge but a conversation that's important to continue having throughout this next year. In addition, we wanted to let you know that staff from OVP will be at the Colorado Advocacy in Action Conference the week of June 10. If you are able to speak with them, they'd love the opportunity to talk to you and answer any questions you may have about the calendar year 25 funding cycle. We want to be as available to you as we can during this difficult time. We certainly recognize that it's hard to experience funding cuts and to continue to do the great work that you do on behalf of crime victims and we're very grateful for all of that work. If you happen to have any questions for us, again you can reach out to [cvsgrants@state.co.us](mailto:cvsgrants@state.co.us), email your Grant Program Manager or find us at the Colorado Advocacy in Action conference. We thank you so much. And we look forward to working with you for calendar year 25. Thank you.