

# THE IMPACT OF VOCA BRIDGE FUNDING

**Support and pass \$20M for The VOCA Bridge to ensure the sustainability of victim services throughout the Commonwealth and to allow MOVA to better support survivors and their evolving needs.**

## What is the VOCA Bridge?

The **VOCA Bridge** is a funding request to the Massachusetts legislature to supplement drastically reduced federal funding to support victim services. \$20M was funded in FY23 and \$20M was funded in FY24. \$20M is still needed to support services in FY25. The data in this fact sheet is representative of services in FY23, the most recently completed grant award cycle.

## What is the impact?

The following visuals illustrate the impact that FY23 VOCA Bridge dollars had on survivors, victims, and communities across the state.

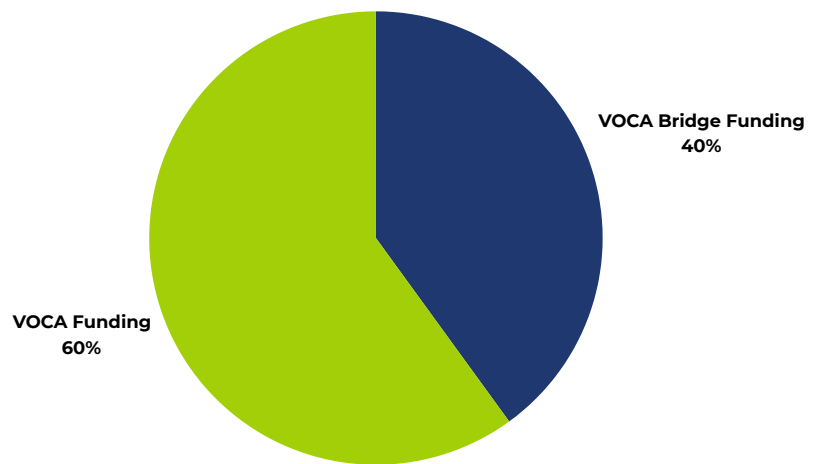
### Survivors Served

In FY23, **34,826** survivors were served that may not have otherwise had access to services without the VOCA Bridge.

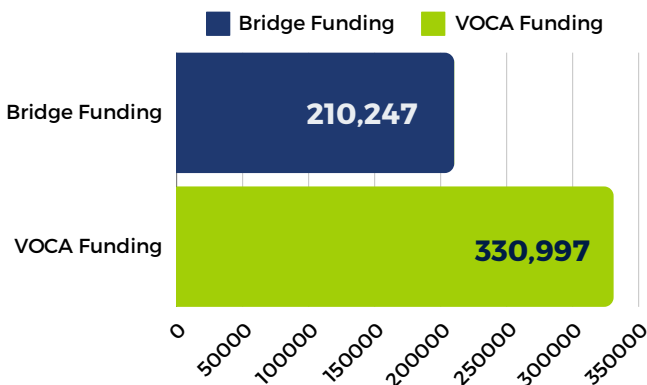
### Services Provided

In FY23, MOVA funded programs provided a total of **534,209** unique services. Of those services, **210,247** were rendered exclusively through VOCA Bridge dollars.

**Total Number of Individuals Served in FY23 by Funding Source**



**Total Number of Services Provided in FY23 by Funding Source**



### Why is this important?

VOCA Bridge dollars have proven crucial in supporting diverse survivors and communities across the Commonwealth. These funds help to provide essential resources tailored to meet the unique needs of survivors. Funding the VOCA bridge in FY25 is essential to sustaining this vital support network and advancing equitable access to assistance and empowerment for all survivors in Massachusetts.