VOCA FY21 Proposed Funding Cut + Needed Fix
Membership Social Media Starter

Notes: *Anywhere there is an @ symbol, this indicates that you should try to TAG the elected official, organization, etc. on social media. We have not included the specific social media handles for each individual / channel.*

Social Media Overview: Below you will find social media posts that the SCCADVASA team has drafted that you can use on social media for a grassroots push effort to raise awareness surrounding the proposed VOCA FY21 40% funding cut and necessary fix to the CVF. There are a few posts that highlight the impact on specific member organizations. Please feel free to edit these to highlight the specific impacts to your organization or the organization(s) that serve your community.

These posts are intended to be an asset to you and can be tailored as necessary and as you see fit to best fit you and/or your organization’s needs/views.

Hashtag: #StandWithSurvivors

For questions or assistance: Email communications@sccadvasa.org.

* A great deal of funding for our 22 member organizations comes from VOCA (Victims of Crime Act), and the recent FY21 Senate Appropriations committee spending bill proposes a 40% cut — which would put organizations like @My Sister’s House at risk of closing their doors. <https://abcnews4.com/news/local/lowcountry-domestic-abuse-shelter-at-risk-of-closing-if-federal-funding-is-cut> Contact SC Senators @Tim Scott & @Lindsey Graham and your Congressman to let them know you #StandWithSurvivors
* Our member organizations cannot withstand a 40% cut in funding and we must see a fix to stabilize the Crime Victims Fund. We urge you to use your voice - call, email, write - and let Senator @Tim Scott, Senator @Lindsey Graham & your Congressman know you #StandWithSurvivors. Information & resources (including contacts + letter templates) here: <https://www.sccadvasa.org/voca-funding-fy21-call-to-action/>
* After experiencing an 18% cut in VOCA funding for FY20, agencies serving victims of domestic & sexual violence cut everything they possibly could while simultaneously having to adjust quickly to transform services to meet safety measures for COVID-19. Additional cuts will lead to staff lay-offs and reductions in service during a time of critical need. We urge you to use your voice - call, email, write - and let Senator @Tim Scott, Senator @Lindsey Graham & your Congressman know you #StandWithSurvivors. <https://www.sccadvasa.org/voca-funding-fy21-call-to-action/>
* Although the pandemic has increased the demand for survivor assistance and support, Domestic Violence programs in S.C. saw a huge decrease in state appropriations and fundraising dollars due to constraints brought about by COVID-19. A 40% cut in VOCA funding will be detrimental to programs who are already stretched incredibly thin. Let your elected officials know you #StandWithSurvivors. @Sen. Tim Scott, @Sen Lindsey Graham,  @your congressman and @local elected officials <https://www.sccadvasa.org/voca-funding-fy21-call-to-action/>
* The Crime Victims Fund is funded entirely from criminal fines arising from federal convictions, not taxpayer funds. Due to a change in prosecution strategies, available funding has been reduced. A VOCA fix needs to be included in the Appropriations bill in order for the CVF to be sustained. Time is running out. Call on your elected officials now and ask them to #StandWithSurvivors. <https://nnedv.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Library_Policy_VOCA_legislative_fix.10.13.2020.pdf>

**Specific Organization Impact Posts:**

* What would a 40% cut in funding would mean for @Safe Harbor? They would lose 2 Counselors providing services to adult survivors, 1 Child and Family Counselor, a Crisis line Advocate and 5 PT shelter staff—nights and weekends. Use your voice to help victims in Greenville, Oconee, Pickens and Anderson Counties. Contact your members of congress today. Let them know you #StandWithSurvivors
* A 40% cut in VOCA funding would result in a loss of $550,000 for @Hopeful Horizons. This would likely mean eliminating at least 10 direct service staff positions across the organization along with funding that helps staff travel to provide services over a 5-county area and funding to pay rent and keep the lights. It would also negatively impact funding for training to ensure staff are providing the best possible services to victims. Contact your members of congress today. Let them know you #StandWithSurvivors