#VOCAFix 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 necessary legislative fix to the Crime Victims Fund (CVF). Please be sure to check the social media channels of your local member organizations as well to help elevate their messaging (examples below). Please feel free to edit these to highlight impact on your local organization and 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.

Hashtags: **#VocaFix** #StandWithSurvivors

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

* A great deal of funding for SCCADVASA’s 22 member organizations comes from VOCA (Victims of Crime Act). While the FY21 cut was less than anticipated, it is still a significant blow and Congress also failed to pass a #VOCAFix. Tell @Tim Scott, @Lindsey Graham and your Congressman to make the much-needed fix a top priority this legislative session. <https://www.postandcourier.com/greenville/news/funding-cuts-for-sc-victims-advocacy-groups-less-than-feared-still-a-big-hit/article_538cd8b8-49ee-11eb-8ac7-4350dd5cf1ec.html> #StandWithSurvivors
* The continuedinstability in the VOCA fund will create enormous hardship to the sustainability of victim service organizations, severely impacting the provision of critical, lifesaving services to survivors across the state. 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 here: <https://www.sccadvasa.org/voca-funding-fy21-call-to-action/>
* Additional funding cuts in FY21 mean it’s critical that Congress acts swiftly to stabilize the Crime Victims Fund. These cuts and continued instability will certainly lead to staff lay-offs and reductions in service during a time of critical need. We urge you to use your voice. Contact your Members of Congress and tell them to make the #VOCAFix a top priority this legislative session. #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. Let your elected officials know a permanent #VOCAFix is urgently needed. #StandWithSurvivors. @Sen. Tim Scott, @Sen Lindsey Graham, @your congressman and @local elected officials
* 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 #VOCAfix is needed NOW for the CVF to be sustained. 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>

**Recent Posts by Member Organizations:**

* “Vital funding for victim services organizations remains insecure. Contact your legislators, urging them to take action so that VOCA funds can continue to support the critical work of Safe Harbor and other agencies throughout the U.S.” <https://www.safeharborsc.org/blog/safe-harbor-voice/advocacy-update-contact-your-legislators-to-fix-voca-funding> @Safe Harbor
* “Grateful to have less of a funding cut, but Hopeful Horizons & sister orgs will still be challenged by this Funding cuts for SC victims advocacy groups less than feared, still a big hit | Greenville News | [http://postandcourier.com](https://t.co/TwFt6lmCka?amp=1) [**#VOCAfix**](https://twitter.com/hashtag/VOCAfix?src=hashtag_click)” <https://www.postandcourier.com/greenville/news/funding-cuts-for-sc-victims-advocacy-groups-less-than-feared-still-a-big-hit/article_538cd8b8-49ee-11eb-8ac7-4350dd5cf1ec.html> @Hopeful Horizons