

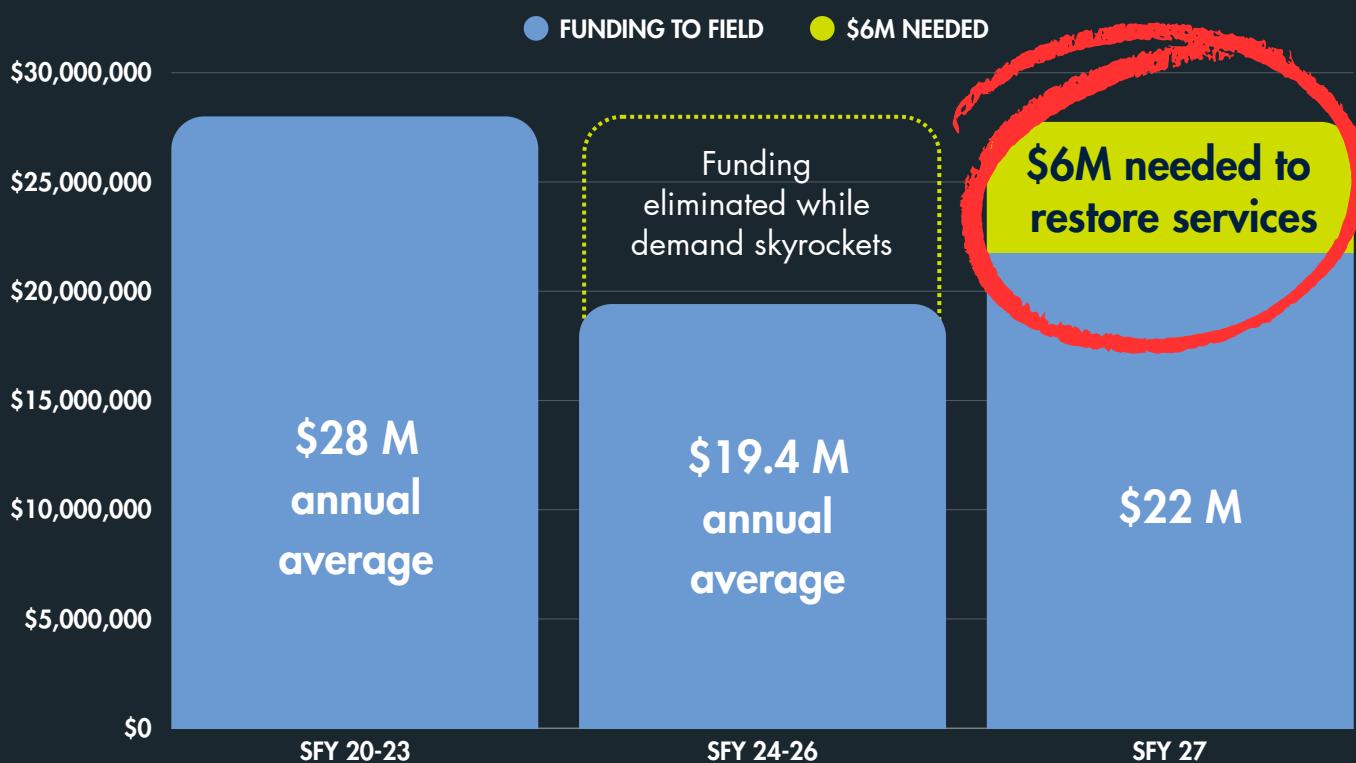


# VIRGINIA'S SEXUAL & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGENCIES ARE IN CRISIS

Sexual and domestic violence agencies (SDVAs) have been reliably funded by federal dollars for decades, making it possible for the state to benefit from services without paying for them.....**but this is not the case anymore.**

## \$6M IS URGENTLY NEEDED TO RESTORE SERVICES

\$6M in additional state funding would restore the field's average to an approximate \$28M annually, ensuring that core victims' services are available in every community.



For more than a decade, federal and state funding to local SDVAs totaled \$28M or more. This year, federal funding plummeted to an all time low of \$11.6M, supplemented by \$10M in state funding. This 54% drop in federal funding has lead to widespread cuts to services.

**\$6M in additional state funding can restore vital services in communities.**

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# PROVIDING LIFESAVING SERVICES

...WHILE THE COST OF SERVICES AND THE DEMAND FOR THEM CONTINUES TO SKYROCKET

In 2024, agencies delivered more than **275,000 hours** of services to nearly **28,000 survivors**, answered over **68,600 hotline calls**, and provided safe shelter and housing to **thousands** of Virginians.

Demand for help continues to rise while funding for these services plummets. Strain on sexual and domestic violence agencies is mounting, and it is survivors across Virginia who will pay the ultimate price.

2020-2024



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unmet  
shelter  
requests up  
**120%**

Funding for services **down 33%**  
Unmet shelter requests up **120%**

## IF THESE SERVICES DIDN'T EXIST, SURVIVORS SAY...

“I wouldn't have considered reporting or taking any legal action for my safety...the information and support I've received made it feel manageable to file a police report and to file for a protective order.”

“I would have crumbled when I got in front of the judge and I probably would be homeless in a vehicle with my two kids.”

“I'd keep going back [to my abuser] and not know the difference between love and control....these services are keeping me alive.”

“I'm slowly starting to see my child recover from the trauma. I'm watching him grow into this incredible human with a mind and voice that's all his own and I attribute that so much to the help that the [SDV] agency has given him. I look at my oldest child, who sets boundaries and says no, I don't wanna be treated that way. Thank you.”

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