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TO: CVAD Funded Programs
From: Sandi Tibbetts Murphy, CVAD
RE: Iowa's VOCA Allocation, Oct 2022 – Sept 2023

With cautious optimism, I wanted to let you all know that CVAD received notification of its FY23 VOCA allocation. As you will recall, we had been directed to anticipate flat funding, which would be the \$10 million amount that has been shared with you over the last several weeks. Our state allocation for grants for FY23 will be \$13.2 million, an increase of over \$3 million from our original information.

What does this mean for you? First, we are still waiting for allocation amounts for the remaining formula grants – STOP, SASP and FVPSA. Second, we hope our state compensation fund will permit another transfer to the grants program of \$1.75 million. In the end, this VOCA amount of \$13.2 million, when combined with our transfer from the compensation fund, will mean that **programs will face only a 2 - 3% funding reduction for the next grant year**. Clearly, this is much better than the 15% - 22% amount we had projected earlier.

I must, however, issue a few cautions.

- We are still waiting for our other funding allocation amounts. Until we know all of this information, we are unable to determine the details of what this limited 2% - 3% reduction will look like and how it will be administered. While direct services will remain our priority, we believe that you – as directors and leaders of your programs – know best how to absorb such a reduction and should be allowed to make those determinations without arbitrary rules imposed by CVAD. **At this time, we ask that you continue to review your program budgets and plan for reductions of 2% - 3% from current year CVAD funding.**
- As you know, the VOCA funds come from the Crime Victim Fund, based on caps and appropriations set annually by Congress. The amount allocated by Congress this year was much higher than expected and, frankly, has placed the Crime Victim Fund in a precarious and unsustainable position. Even with an expected increase in deposits from the VOCA fix, no assurances have been provided that the following year's grant allocations will maintain current

levels. We will continue to work with our state and federal partners to identify and share any projections with you.

We hope this update alleviates some of the uncertainty for you, your staff and communities. As we continue to move forward with planning for our future grant awards, CVAD will continue to keep you notified of updates and decisions. We again offer our sincere gratitude for the incomparable work you and your staff do for victims in the face of so many challenges.