# U.S. Department of Justice

# September 11th Victim Compensation Fund

## FY 2027 Budget & Performance Plan

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# I. Overview of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund

The September 11th Victim Compensation Fund ("VCF" or "Fund") was created to provide compensation for any individual (or a personal representative of a deceased individual) who suffered physical harm or was killed as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, or the debris removal efforts that took place in the immediate aftermath of those attacks.

The VCF operates under a Special Master appointed by the Attorney General, with the operational and administrative support of the Department of Justice's Civil Division (CIV). As of December 31, 2025, the VCF has awarded $16.9 billion in compensation to just over 71,500 individuals who have suffered physical health conditions (including the families of more than 5,200 people who have died), as a result of their exposure to toxins caused by the terrorist attacks in New York City, at the Pentagon, and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Those compensated include first responders; people who worked or volunteered in rescue, recovery, clean-up, construction, or debris removal at the three sites; as well as people who lived, worked, or went to school in the affected areas of New York City and were exposed to toxins resulting from the attacks, the airline crashes, and the building collapses.

In acknowledgment of the continuing need for compensation among 9/11 responders and survivors, on July 29, 2019, the Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act, Public Law No. 116-34 ("Permanent Authorization Act") was signed into law. The Act extends the VCF's claim filing deadline to October 1, 2090, and appropriates such funds as may be necessary in each fiscal year (FY) through FY 2092 to pay all eligible claims.

Following the Permanent Authorization Act, the VCF underwent a strategic planning effort to position the program for long-term success. This resulted in the launch of the VCF Transformation Project, a multi-year, enterprise-level effort to transform the VCF's staffing and processes and develop a new claims management system called myVCF. The full configuration of myVCF, currently anticipated to be deployed over three separate software releases, will achieve the VCF's goals of improving the overall claimant experience when filing a claim and establishing a more streamlined end-to-end process. With increased efficiencies achieved through greater automation, the VCF will be poised to achieve its larger goal of issuing award decisions in 12 months or less, which represents a significant improvement over the current processing timeframe of approximately 16-17 months. Additionally, myVCF will include an enhanced claim form, which will guide claimants step-by-step through the process, utilizing plain and victim-centered language, easing any difficulty in submitting an individualized claim form. The implementation of myVCF, however, is just one piece of the VCF Transformation Project. The VCF Transformation Project also includes a reorganization of the VCF itself, to ensure that processes, policies, and organizational structure are optimized to leverage the new technology enabled by myVCF, and to support the VCF's ongoing operations through 2092.

The VCF maintains a robust website, www.vcf.gov, with information about the current claim filing process, including the policies and procedures that apply to the determination of eligibility and compensation, forms and other resources, as well as public reporting and statistics regarding the program. VCF claims are filed online through a web portal, although hard copy claim forms are available if needed. The VCF also maintains a toll-free telephone Helpline, 1-855-885-1555, to answer claimant and attorney questions during regular Government business hours.

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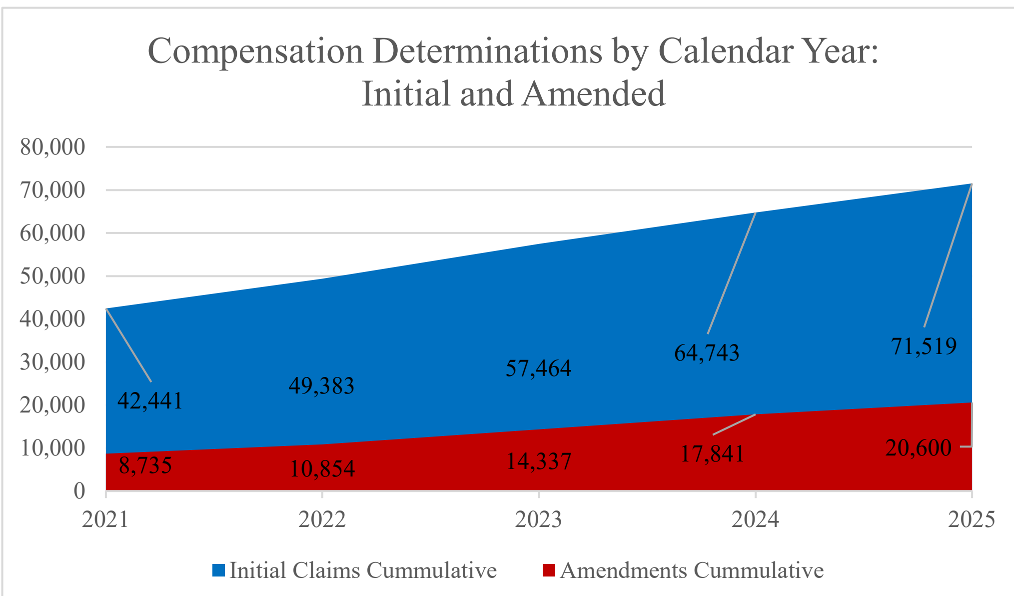
**FY 2027 Estimate**
The VCF estimates that approximately $2.6 billion will be needed for the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund in FY 2027.

**Significant Achievements**
***71,500 Claimants with Awards***
As of December 31, 2025, the VCF has received a total of 105,975 claims, 73,588 of which were found eligible for compensation. The VCF has made initial award determinations on 71,519 eligible claims and has issued 20,600 amended award determinations.




***Improved Efficiency and Continued Robust Routine Operations including Appeals and Expedited Claims***
The scale of the VCF's operations is noteworthy. In calendar year (CY) 2025, the VCF's dedicated helpline received nearly 49,000 incoming calls, and the VCF generated almost 74,000 letters to claimants and their attorneys, processed over 8,500 pieces of incoming mail, and received approximately 1,100 new claims or requests for amendments to existing awards per month. The VCF also continues to work to expedite the timeframe in which claims are decided, shortening claim determination times from over two years in 2016, to about 16-17 months at present. Additionally, in CY 2025, the VCF conducted 655 appeal hearings. The VCF remains committed to expediting claims in cases involving terminal illness or significant financial hardship. Claims for which an expedited status is granted can go from filing to payment in less than three weeks. In CY 2025, the VCF expedited 509 claims.

***Expanded Outreach***
The VCF continues strategic efforts to provide basic information about the Fund and its eligibility requirements to communities affected by September 11th, by leveraging partnerships with the World Trade Center ("WTC") Health Program, 9/11 advocacy groups, government agencies, congressional representatives, victim service organizations and others. The VCF leadership meets regularly with 9/11-related organizations to provide training and resources to their staff or support their efforts to educate the broader community about the VCF. As announced in the VCF's 2025 Annual Report, one of the VCF's highest priorities has been to expand the VCF's outreach efforts, which includes asking members of the 9/11 community to join the VCF as "unofficial outreach ambassadors" by sharing the VCF's Helpline and website information with their family members, friends, co-workers, and neighbors who were present at an eligible location during the applicable timeframe, but might not be aware of the VCF or their potential eligibility for compensation. In CY 2025, the VCF increased its participation in formal outreach events, including community-based groups, congressional office staff, public programs at the 9/11 Memorial and Museum, and various organizations whose employees, members, or volunteers may be eligible for compensation.

## II. Summary of Program Changes

| Item Name | Description | Pos. | FTE | Amount ($000) | Pg. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Program Offset – Claims** | Funding for the VCF program to pay eligible claims. | 0 | 0 | -$98,641 | 14 |
| **Program Offset – Salaries and Expenses** | Funding to process VCF claims and ensure the operations of the program. | 0 | 0 | -$3,283 | 16 |
| **Program Offset – Transformation** | Funding to continue and complete the VCF Transformation project | 0 | 0 | -$12,777 | 18 |
| **Program Offset – Sequester** | 2027 Sequester Cut | 0 | 0 | -$3,836 | 20 |

## III. Appropriations Language and Analysis of Appropriations Language

The FY 2027 budget request does not include proposed changes in the appropriations language.

## IV. Program Activity Justification

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| **<u>Mission Statement</u>: The VCF is committed to issuing determinations on eligibility and compensation claims in a manner that is faithful to its statute, fair to claimants, and defensible to taxpayers.** |

| ***Victims Compensation Fund*** | **Direct Pos.** | **Estimate FTE** | **Amount ($000s)** |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2025 Enacted[1] | [38] | [38] | $2,499,348 |
| 2026 Enacted | [40] | [40] | $2,667,505 |
| Adjustments to Base and Technical Adjustments | 0 | 0 | $4,975 |
| 2027 Current Services | [40] | [40] | $2,672,480 |
| 2027 Program Increases | [0] | [0] | $0 |
| 2027 Program Offsets | 0 | 0 | -$118,537 |
| 2027 Request | [40] | [40] | $2,553,943 |
| **Total Change 2026-2027** | **[0]** | **[0]** | **-$113,562** |

**Eligibility Requirements**
To be eligible for compensation from the VCF, an individual must meet the following requirements: (1) timely register to file a claim by their applicable registration deadline; (2) have a 9/11-related physical health condition certified for treatment or verified by the World Trade Center ("WTC") Health Program; and (3) demonstrate that they were present at the Pentagon; the Shanksville, Pennsylvania site; or in the New York City Exposure Zone (see map on next page) at any time between September 11, 2001, and the specific date when the official clean-up effort ended at each of the respective sites. In addition, when applicable, the following requirements also must be met: (1) if the individual is filing a claim on a victim's behalf, they must show the proper legal authority to file the claim; (2) if the individual was a party to a 9/11-related lawsuit they must show the lawsuit was properly settled, dismissed, withdrawn, or otherwise properly resolved; and (3) if already compensated under VCF1 (the VCF that operated from 2001-2004), the individual must be able to show a new condition or new loss not previously compensated. If the VCF denies a claim as ineligible, the claimant has 30 days from the date of the letter, per the statute, to file an administrative appeal of the decision.

[1] The Victim Compensation Fund is permanent and indefinite; all unobligated balances are returned to the Treasury at the end of the fiscal year.

# NYC Map Of Exposure Zone

The NYC Exposure Zone is defined as the area in Manhattan south of the line that runs along Canal Street from the Hudson River to the intersection of Canal Street and East Broadway, north on East Broadway to Clinton Street, and east on Clinton Street to the East River; and any area related to or along the routes of debris removal, such as barges and the Fresh Kills landfill. **Note**: The routes of debris removal apply only to those individuals who loaded, unloaded, or drove the trucks containing WTC debris, worked on the barges transporting the debris, and/or worked at the Fresh Kills landfill.


https://www.vcf.gov/nycExposureMap.html

**Calculation of Awards**

All VCF awards are individually calculated and are comprised of three components: (1) non-economic loss (typically referred to as “pain and suffering”); (2) economic loss, which includes loss of past and/or future earnings and employment benefits, replacement services loss, and/or out-of-pocket medical expenses related to the eligible condition; and (3) collateral offsets, which are benefits or payments received from other sources for the eligible condition, which the VCF is required by statute to subtract from the calculated amount of loss.

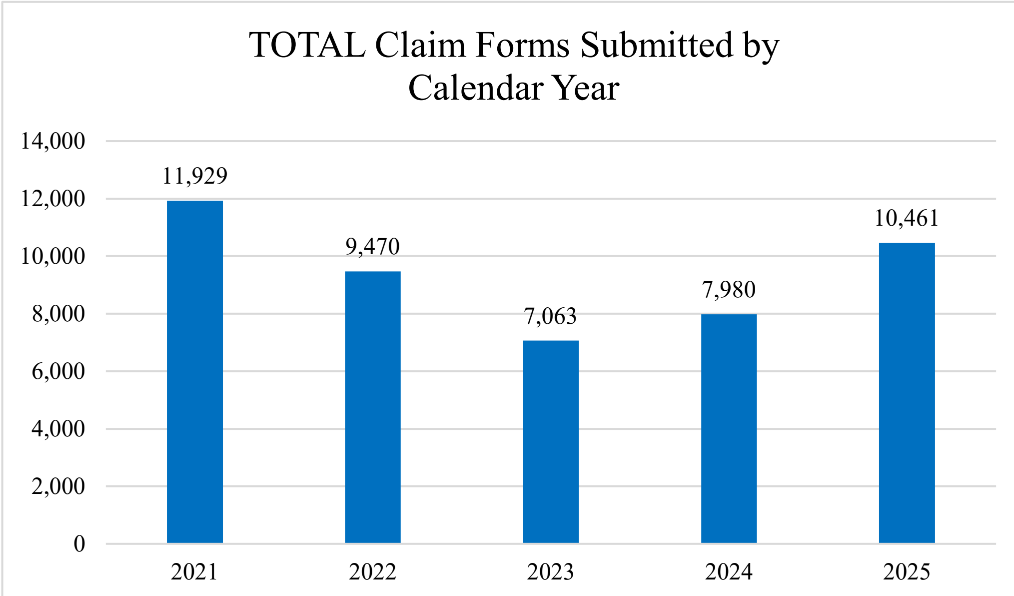
There is no cap on the total amount of an individual's VCF award. There are, however, statutory caps on the amount of non-economic loss that can be awarded, as well as a gross annual income limit (currently $255,610 but subject to periodic adjustment by the Special Master for inflation) applicable to economic loss claims. Non-economic loss awards are capped at $90,000 for non-cancer conditions and $250,000 for a single cancer condition. Non-economic loss awards are not based on the number of conditions an individual may have but are based on the severity of the condition(s) and the collective impact of the conditions on the individual's quality of life. Under current policy, non-economic loss awards range between $10,000 (for claimants with the least severe physical health conditions) and $340,000 (for claimants with multiple cancers or with cancer and a severe non-cancer condition). Economic loss awards require a third-party finding of occupational disability on the basis of a VCF-eligible condition and that the claimant demonstrates that the victim lost earnings or employment-related benefits as a result of the condition. Economic loss awards compensate for past and future losses and consider factors such as age, income, percentage of disability (e.g., whether the disability is partially attributable to ineligible conditions), date of onset of disability, and employer-provided benefits. Awards are also made to personal representatives of deceased victims (if their 9/11 condition caused or contributed to their death), with some additional funds being paid for wrongful death, burial expenses, and replacement services. Awards include a 30-day appeal right and the individual may file an administrative appeal if they believe that the VCF made an error in calculating the award. Claims may be amended at any time until the VCF stops accepting claims on October 1, 2090, even after an award is paid, if the claimant has a new eligible condition or suffers a new compensable loss.

**Payments**
VCF claims are paid in full in a lump sum payment. The statute requires the Special Master to authorize payment within 20 days of the date the award is determined to be final, which the VCF defines as the date the award letter (initial award, amended award, or any increase on a subsequent appeal) is sent to the claimant.

As stated in the statute, the Special Master's determinations on eligibility and compensation are final and not subject to judicial review.

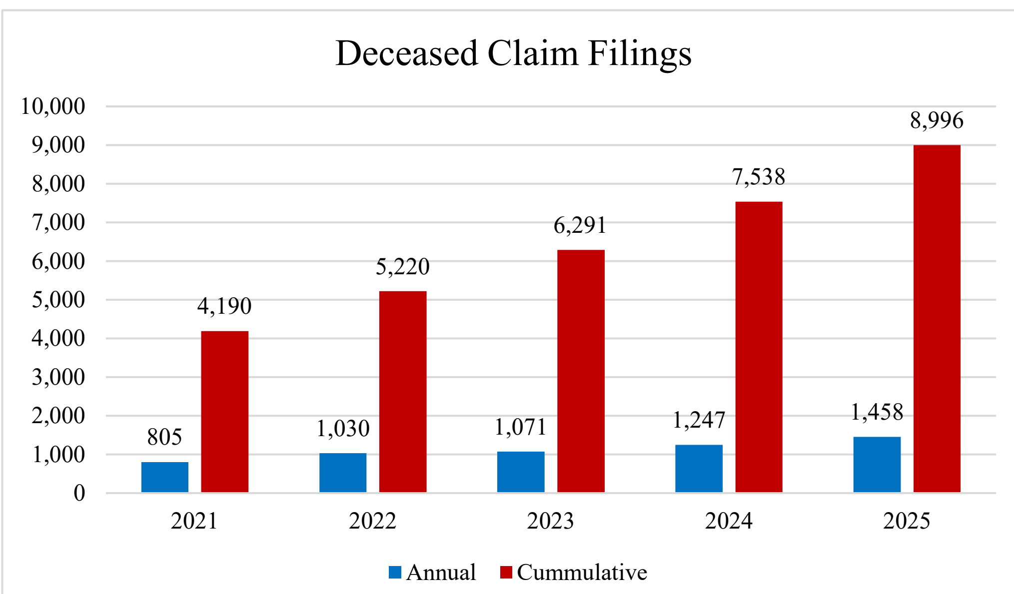
**Historical Claims Statistics and Trends**
There is no accurate count of how many people might have been exposed to toxins stemming from the attacks, and there is considerable uncertainty about the number of individuals who will ultimately fall ill due to the long latency periods that can elapse before manifestation of the cancers determined to be related to exposure of the 9/11 events. The VCF also has suffered from an information gap. In the early years of the program, many eligible individuals were not aware that the VCF was an available resource, assuming it was meant only for New York City first responders.

The upward trend in initial claim submissions seen in CY 2024 continued in CY 2025, with 10,461 new claims submitted. This amounts to a 31 percent increase in new claims over the CY 2024 totals. The VCF also continues to see a large number of amendments filed for previously decided claims. Amendment submissions remained relatively steady, with 3,494 amendments submitted in CY 2025, compared to 3,602 amendments submitted in CY 2024. This trend is expected to continue as claimants' conditions worsen, they are certified for new conditions, and/or they have a new loss related to their eligible condition(s).

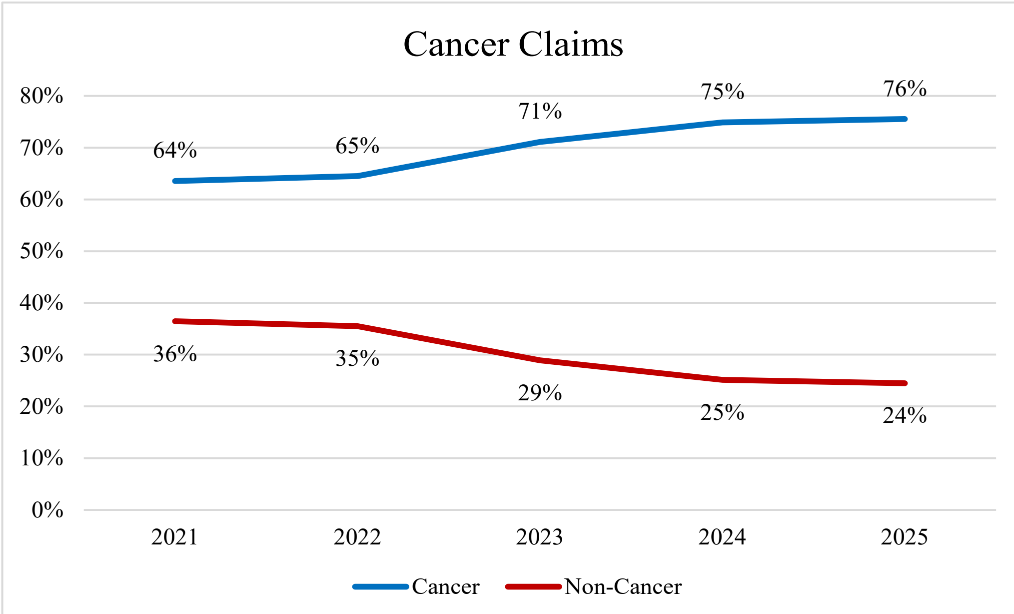



In addition to increased outreach efforts, the continued high volume of claims has been influenced by a number of factors, including significant changes to the composition of the VCF's claimant population, in terms of the types of claims filed, the types of conditions claimed, and the types of claimants filing claims. Notably, the VCF has seen:

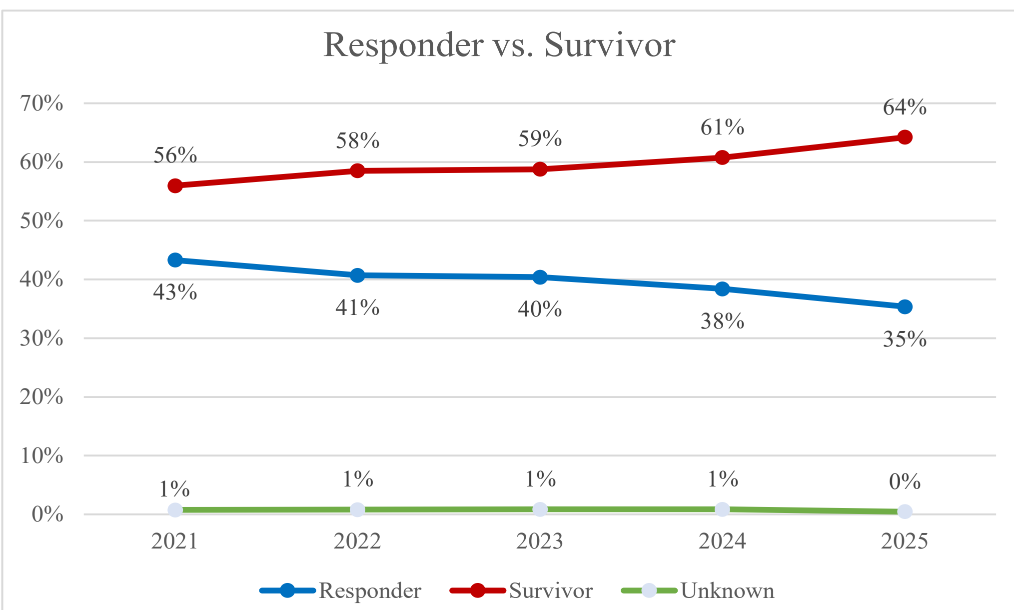
- A dramatic increase in deceased claims, which are claims filed on behalf of those who are believed to have died as a result of their 9/11-related physical health condition. In CY 2024, 1,247 deceased claims were filed, and 1,458 deceased claims were filed in CY 2025, bringing the cumulative total of deceased claims as of December 31, 2025, to 8,986.




- A substantial increase in cancer claims. As of December 31, 2025 the VCF has awarded compensation to nearly 44,000 individuals who have an eligible cancer condition. The chart below shows the percentage of claims with communicated award determinations (either initial or amended) for which cancer is one of the eligible conditions. Each claim is counted only one time and is reflected in the year in which the most recent award determination was communicated. Overall, 61 percent of VCF awards are made to individuals with cancer as one of their eligible conditions.




- A marked increase in claims from the survivor population, meaning those who lived, worked, or went to school in the VCF New York City Exposure Zone. In December 2015, just over 17 percent of all VCF claims were filed by survivors. In CY 2025, 64 percent of new claims filed were from this population. In total, as of December 31, 2025, the VCF has received 51,470 survivor claims and 53,453 responder claims.




It should be noted that deceased claims and cancer claims tend to be higher value awards.

The VCF's actual and anticipated outlays through FY 2027 are set out below:

**SEPTEMBER 11th VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND**

**Claims Filed and Approved**

(Dollars in Thousands)

| | **FY 2023 Actuals** | **FY 2024 Actuals** | **FY 2025 Actuals** | **FY 2026 Estimate** | **FY 2027 Estimate** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Claim Forms Filed (Initial and Amendment) * | 9,787 | 9,943 | 13,955 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Count of Claims with at Least One Compensation Determination ** | 10,543 | 11,529 | 9,535 | 9,000 | 9,000 |
| Award Obligations | $1,715,279 | $2,329,074 | $1,975,284 | $2,589,127 | $2,490,486 |
| Administrative Obligations | $47,669 | $62,188 | $68,429 | $78,378 | $63,457 |
| **Total** | **$1,762,948** | **$2,391,262** | **$2,043,713** | **$2,667,505** | **$2,553,943** |

*Claim Forms Filed has been updated to include both initial and amended claim submissions.

**Includes all awards issued on the claims, original or revised due to amendment or appeal.

**Program Sunset**

Under the 2019 Permanent Authorization Act, all claims, or amendments to existing claims, must be submitted on or before the VCF's claim filing deadline of October 1, 2090. Any claims received after that date will be barred. On October 1, 2092, or at such time thereafter as all funds are expended, the Victim Compensation Fund shall be permanently closed.

# V. Program Offsets by Item

## A. Claims

Budget Decision Unit(s): Victim Compensation Fund

Organizational Program: Civil Division, September 11th Victim Compensation Fund

Program Decrease: Positions 0 Atty 0 FTE 0 Dollars -$98,640,759

Description of Item

The Civil Division seeks a decrease of -$98.6 million below the FY 2026 Enacted level for the payment of September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (VCF) claims in FY 2027.

Justification

The Civil Division's September 11th Victim Compensation Fund projections are based on current trends resulting in an anticipated decrease in award obligations and corresponding payments in FY 2027. In FY 2025, which is the last full fiscal year of data available, VCF paid 8,914 claims with an average award amount of $221,381. VCF expects to pay a similar number of claims in FY 2027. Applying inflation for outyears, the total amount required to pay anticipated claims is $2.5 billion.

Impact on Performance

The requested decrease will not impact performance. The Civil Division will still be able to process and pay all valid VCF claims.

**Funding**

1. **Base Funding**

| FY 2025 Enacted | | | | FY 2026 Enacted | | | | FY 2027 Current Services | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pos | Agt/ Atty | FTE | Amount ($000) | Pos | Agt/ Atty | FTE | Amount ($000) | Pos | Agt/ Atty | FTE | Amount ($000) |
| [0] | [0] | [0] | $2,424,087 | [0] | [0] | [0] | $2,589,127 | [0] | [0] | [0] | $2,589,127 |

2. **Personnel Offset Cost Summary**

Not applicable.

3. **Non-Personnel Offset Cost Summary**

| Non-Personnel Item | FY 2027 Request ($000) | Unit Cost ($000) | Quantity | Annualizations ($000) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | FY 2028 (net change from 2027) | FY 2029 (net change from 2028) |
| VCF Claims | -$98,641 | N/A | N/A | $0 | $0 |
| **Total Non-Personnel** | **-$98,641** | | | **$0** | **$0** |

4. **Total Request for this Item**

| Category | Positions | | | Amount Requested ($000) | | | Annualizations ($000) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Count | Agt/ Atty | FTE | Personnel | Non-Personnel | Total | FY 2028 (net change from 2027) | FY 2029 (net change from 2028) |
| Current Services | [0] | [0] | [0] | $0 | $2,589,127 | $2,589,127 | $0 | $0 |
| Offsets | [0] | [0] | [0] | $0 | -$98,641 | -$98,641 | $0 | $0 |
| **Grand Total** | **[0]** | **[0]** | **[0]** | **$0** | **$2,490,486** | **$2,490,486** | **$0** | **$0** |

# B. SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Budget Decision Unit(s): Victim Compensation Fund

Organizational Program: Civil Division, September 11th Victim Compensation Fund

Program Decrease: Positions 0 Atty 0 FTE 0 Dollars -$3,283,371

Description of Item

The Civil Division seeks a decrease of -$3.3 million below the FY 2026 Enacted level to process September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (VCF) claims in FY 2027 and ensure the operations of the program.

Justification

The VCF program utilizes contracts and base information technology (IT) services to perform multiple critical functions for the VCF, including but not limited to: operating the VCF's Helpline; processing incoming mail; managing data exchanges with third parties (ex: the Social Security Administration and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Enterprise Vetting Center); reviewing claims; making eligibility and award recommendations to Department of Justice staff and the Special Master; and processing payments to claimants. These tasks are essential for the program to be able to fulfill its mission of assisting claimants with claim filing, and ensuring required statutory obligations are met for timely claim processing, eligibility issuance, compensation decisions, and payments. The Civil Division has identified efficiencies and cost savings, which has reduced the funding required to maintain these critical services in FY 2027.

Impact on Performance

The requested decrease will have no impact on performance. The non-personnel operational funding will still enable the critical continued functioning of the program and enable VCF to meet the statutory obligations for claims processing established by Congress.

## Funding

### 1. Base Funding

| *FY 2025 Enacted* | | | | *FY 2026 Enacted* | | | | *FY 2027 Current Services* | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Pos** | **Agt/ Atty** | **FTE** | **Amount ($000)** | **Pos** | **Agt/ Atty** | **FTE** | **Amount ($000)** | **Pos** | **Agt/ Atty** | **FTE** | **Amount ($000)** |
| [38] | [31] | [38] | $49,226 | [40] | [31] | [40] | $51,432 | [40] | [31] | [40] | $54,779 |

### 2. Personnel Offset Cost Summary

Not applicable.

### 3. Non-Personnel Offset Cost Summary

| **Non-Personnel Item** | **FY 2027 Request ($000)** | **Unit Cost ($000)** | **Quantity** | **Annualizations ($000)** | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | **FY 2028 (net change from 2027)** | **FY 2029 (net change from 2028)** |
| VCF Claims Processing and Operations | -$3,283 | N/A | N/A | $0 | $0 |
| **Total Non-Personnel** | **-$3,283** | | | **$0** | **$0** |

### 4. Total Request for this Item

| **Category** | **Positions** | | | **Amount Requested ($000)** | | | **Annualizations ($000)** | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Count** | **Agt/ Atty** | **FTE** | **Personnel** | **Non-Personnel** | **Total** | **FY 2028 (net change from 2027)** | **FY 2029 (net change from 2028)** |
| Current Services | [40] | [31] | [40] | $9,865 | $44,914 | $54,779 | $0 | $0 |
| Offsets | [0] | [0] | [0] | $0 | -$3,283 | -$3,283 | $0 | $0 |
| **Grand Total** | **[40]** | **[31]** | **[40]** | **$9,865** | **$41,631** | **$51,496** | **$0** | **$0** |

# C. TRANSFORMATION

Budget Decision Unit(s): Victim Compensation Fund

Organizational Program: Civil Division, September 11th Victim Compensation Fund

Program Decrease: Positions 0  Atty 0  FTE 0  Dollars -$12,776,656

Description of Item
The Civil Division seeks a decrease of -$12.8 million below the FY 2026 Enacted level to sustain and complete myVCF.

Justification
The VCF Transformation Project is a multi-year, enterprise-level effort to overhaul all aspects of the VCF – staffing, process, and technology. The project includes the implementation of a new claims system, myVCF, as well as a significant reorganization of the VCF itself, to ensure the processes, policies, and organization structure are optimized to leverage the technological enhancements brought by this initiative. The Civil Division is requesting a significant decrease in Transformation funding for FY 2027, as surge pricing is no longer needed for the vendor to complete necessary work on schedule.

Impact on Performance
The requested decrease will have no impact on performance. With myVCF, claimants will have a greatly enhanced experience when filing a claim, and they will receive their award decisions and payments faster.

## Funding

### 1. Base Funding

| *FY 2025 Enacted* | | | | *FY 2026 Enacted* | | | | *FY 2027 Current Services* | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Pos** | **Agt/ Atty** | **FTE** | **Amount ($000)** | **Pos** | **Agt/ Atty** | **FTE** | **Amount ($000)** | **Pos** | **Agt/ Atty** | **FTE** | **Amount ($000)** |
| [0] | [0] | [0] | $26,034 | [0] | [0] | [0] | $26,945 | [0] | [0] | [0] | $28,574 |

### 2. Personnel Offset Cost Summary

Not applicable.

### 3. Non-Personnel Offset Cost Summary

| Non-Personnel Item | FY 2027 Request ($000) | Unit Cost ($000) | Quantity | Annualizations ($000) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | FY 2028 (net change from 2027) | FY 2029 (net change from 2028) |
| VCF Transformation | -$12,777 | N/A | N/A | $0 | $0 |
| **Total Non-Personnel** | **-$12,777** | | | **$0** | **$0** |

### 4. Total Request for this Item

| Category | Positions | | | Amount Requested ($000) | | | Annualizations ($000) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Count | Agt/ Atty | FTE | Personnel | Non-Personnel | Total | FY 2028 (net change from 2027) | FY 2029 (net change from 2028) |
| Current Services | [0] | [0] | [0] | $0 | $28,574 | $28,574 | $0 | $0 |
| Offsets | [0] | [0] | [0] | $0 | -$12,777 | -$12,777 | $0 | $0 |
| **Grand Total** | **[0]** | **[0]** | **[0]** | **$0** | **$15,797** | **$15,797** | **$0** | **$0** |

# D. FY 2027 Sequester Cut

Budget Decision Unit(s): Victim Compensation Fund

Organizational Program: Civil Division, September 11th Victim Compensation Fund

Program Decrease: Positions 0 Atty 0 FTE 0 Dollars -$3,835,693

Description of Item

The September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (VCF) is subject to sequestration. The Civil Division anticipates a sequestration of $3.8 million in FY 2027.

Justification

In FY 2027, the Civil Division anticipates a sequestration cut being applied to the VCF account. Since the VCF is considered a Limited Indefinite Appropriation, it is subject to a 5.7 percent permanent Sequestration on the Administrative costs requested.[2]

Impact on Performance

This reduction will have no impact on the Civil Division's ability to process and pay all valid VCF claims.

[2] https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/OMB-Report-to-the-Congress-on-the-BBEDCA-251A-Sequestration-for-Fiscal-Year-2026.pdf

## Funding

### 1. Base Funding

| *FY 2025 Enacted* | | | | *FY 2026 Enacted* | | | | *FY 2027 Current Services* | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Pos** | **Agt/ Atty** | **FTE** | **Amount ($000)** | **Pos** | **Agt/ Atty** | **FTE** | **Amount ($000)** | **Pos** | **Agt/ Atty** | **FTE** | **Amount ($000)** |
| [38] | [31] | [38] | $2,499,348 | [40] | [31] | [40] | $2,667,505 | [40] | [31] | [40] | $2,672,480 |

### 2. Personnel Offset Cost Summary

Not applicable.

### 3. Non-Personnel Offset Cost Summary

| Non-Personnel Item | FY 2027 Request ($000) | Unit Cost ($000) | Quantity | Annualizations ($000) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | FY 2028 (net change from 2027) | FY 2029 (net change from 2028) |
| VCF Sequester | -$3,836 | N/A | N/A | $0 | $0 |
| **Total Non-Personnel** | **-$3,836** | | | **$0** | **$0** |

### 4. Total Request for this Item

| Category | Positions | | | Amount Requested ($000) | | | Annualizations ($000) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Count | Agt/ Atty | FTE | Personnel | Non-Personnel | Total | FY 2028 (net change from 2027) | FY 2029 (net change from 2028) |
| Current Services | [40] | [31] | [40] | $9,865 | $2,662,615 | $2,672,480 | $0 | $0 |
| Offsets | [0] | [0] | [0] | $0 | -$3,836 | -$3,836 | $0 | $0 |
| **Grand Total** | **[40]** | **[31]** | **[40]** | **$9,865** | **$2,658,779** | **$2,668,644** | **$0** | **$0** |