Starting in FY 2000, Congress placed a cap on funds available for distribution (also known as obligations). These annual caps were intended to maintain the Fund as a stable source of support for future victim services.

The Crime Victims Fund End of Year Balance is a cumulative total that subtracts the annual obligations and transfers from the start of the year balance and revenue collected. Prior year amounts can fluctuate when deobligations to the previous year’s balance are processed and recoveries are made, redepositing unused funds.