

REPORT ON STATE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE 988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

BASED ON THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

In 2025, states funded the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline through a combination of dedicated telecommunication fees, state general fund appropriations, federal grants, and other public and private sources. Twelve states have enacted dedicated telecom fees to provide sustainable funding, while legislatures nationwide appropriated roughly **\$507.65 million in state general funds** to support 988 Lifeline operations in FY25–26.

States with Enacted 988 Telecom Fees:

State/Territory	Monthly Fee Amount
California	Between \$0.05 and \$0.30 per line, currently set at \$0.08.
Colorado	No greater than \$0.30 per line, currently set at \$0.07.
Deleware	\$0.60 per line
Illinois	1.65% of monthly phone bill
Maryland	\$0.25 per line
Minnesota	\$0.12 per line
Nevada	\$0.35 per line
New Mexico	1.3% of monthly phone bill
Oregon	\$0.40 per line
US Virgin Islands	\$1.00 per line
Vermont	\$0.72 per line split between several sources
Virginia	\$0.12 per line
Washington	\$0.40 per line

While dedicated telecom fees provide a long-term funding mechanism, many states rely on annual appropriations, federal grants, and blended funding strategies to sustain 988 services.

Understanding how the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is financed nationwide helps researchers, legislators, advocates, and stakeholders determine the most effective and sustainable funding models for their own states.

The 2025 988 Lifeline Appropriations Postcards were developed using the following methodology: 1) Review each state's governor's budget recommendations and final legislatively-approved budgets to identify allocations; and 2) Verify budget figures with either the state budget office or the behavioral health agency responsible for administering 988 in that state.

The postcards below are color-coded to represent each of the following funding sources:

Telecom Fees:

These are monthly state-imposed fees on wireless, wireline, and prepaid telecommunications services. In 2025, these fees range from \$0.07 to \$0.72 per month. Each year, the Federal Communications Commission requires states that collect fees report their total generated revenue as a part of a fee accountability report.

State General Funds:

These are funds allocated from a state's general fund, whether specific line items for the 988 Lifeline or approved in an agency's wider budget, that are directed to the operation or administration of the 988 Lifeline.

SAMHSA Grants:

These are SAMHSA-allotted funding sources such as the SAMHSA Cooperative Agreements for States and Territories to Improve Local 988 Capacity, Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant, and the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant.

Federal Grants:

These are non-SAMHSA-allotted federal funding sources such as Medicaid, and American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Other State Sources:

These are a variety of other state, local, public or private sources which include but are not limited to 988 license plate revenue, non-agency funding allotments, and private or philanthropic gifts.

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The \$507.65 million figure referenced above represents a best-effort aggregate estimate of state general fund appropriations supporting 988 in 2025. Due to variations in state budgeting practices, funding structures, and reporting methodologies, this total may be subject to revision.

Additionally, some states have not been represented as Vibrant was unable to verify their 2025 funding amounts [Hawaii, Idaho, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, and Oklahoma]. If you find any discrepancies or have additional budget details for any state, please contact us at **Policy@vibrant.org**.

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For additional information about the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, visit **988Lifeline.org**.

Alabama

Budget Cycle: **Biennial**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY25–26 State Appropriation: **\$3.5 million for FY 25 and \$4.0 million for FY26**

In Alabama, 988 is primarily funded by state general funds.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system for the FY25–26 biennium is \$7.5 million.

Alaska

Budget Cycle: **Annual**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26 State Appropriation: **\$750,000**

In Alaska, 988 is primarily funded by SAMHSA grants, other federal grants, state general funds, and other state sources.

The total funding to support the state's crisis call center in FY26 is \$2.8 million.

Arizona

Budget Cycle: **Annual**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26 State Appropriation: **None specified.**

In Arizona, 988 is funded by a mix of SAMHSA grants and other federal grants such as Medicaid.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26 is \$5 million.

Arkansas

Budget Cycle: **Annual/Biennial***

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26 State Appropriation: **None specified.**

In Arkansas, 988 is primarily funded by SAMHSA grants.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26 is \$1.56 million.

*Arkansas reviews budgets on a biennial basis but enacts appropriations before each fiscal year.

California

Budget Cycle: **Annual**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26 State Appropriation: **\$30 million**

In California, 988 is primarily funded by state general funds, SAMHSA grants, and a \$0.08 telecom fee.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26 is \$30.72 million.

988 Fee

Colorado

Budget Cycle: **Annual**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26 State Appropriation: **\$12.58 million**

In Colorado, 988 is funded by SAMHSA grants, state general funds, and a 988 Telecom Fee which decreased from \$0.14 to \$0.07 in 2025 generating \$9.21 million.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26 is \$25.85 million.

988 Fee

Connecticut

Budget Cycle: **Biennial**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26–27 State Appropriation: **\$3.99 million**

In Connecticut, 988 is primarily funded by SAMHSA grants, other federal grants, and state general funds.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26–27 is \$6.59 million

Delaware

Budget Cycle: **Annual**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26 State Appropriation: **None specified.**

In Delaware, 988 is primarily funded by a \$0.60 988 Telecom Fee which in FY24 generated \$9.21 million.

The state also receives funding through SAMHSA grants. The total funding for the state's 988 system in FY26 is \$9.19 million.

988 Fee

Florida

Budget Cycle: **Annual**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26 State Appropriation: **None specified.**

In Florida, 988 is primarily funded by SAMHSA grants, other federal grants, and state general funds.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26 is \$22.66 million.

Georgia

Budget Cycle: **Annual**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26 State Appropriation: **\$18.4 million**

In Georgia, 988 is primarily funded by state general funds, with \$18.4 million directed to the Georgia Crisis & Access Line.

The total funding for the state's 988 system and crisis continuum in FY26 is \$273.1 million.

Illinois

Budget Cycle: **Annual**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26 State Appropriation: **\$50 million**

In Illinois, 988 is primarily funded by state general funds and a new 988 Telecom Fee which increases the tax on telecom services by 1.65%.

The state began collecting fee revenue in July 2025, and is expected to generate \$49 million in FY26.

988 Fee

Indiana

Budget Cycle: **Biennial**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26–27 State Appropriation: **\$50 million**

In Indiana, 988 is primarily funded by state general funds.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system and crisis continuum in FY26–27 is \$50 million.

Iowa

Budget Cycle: **Annual**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26 State Appropriation: **None specified.**

In Iowa, 988 is primarily funded by other state sources as the state does not have a dedicated 988 fund account.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26 is \$4.07 million.

Kansas

Budget Cycle: **Annual**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26 State Appropriation: **\$10 million**

In Kansas, 988 is primarily funded by a mix of SAMHSA grants and a recurring state general fund appropriation of \$10 million.

In 2022, the Kansas legislature approved SB 22, a measure requiring an annual appropriation of \$10 million to sustainably fund 988.

Kentucky

Budget Cycle: **Biennial**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY25–26 State Appropriation: **\$8.51 million**

In Kentucky, 988 is primarily funded by state general funds.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY25–26 is \$8.51 million.

Louisiana

Budget Cycle: **Annual**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26 State Appropriation: **None specified.**

In Louisiana, 988 is primarily funded by SAMHSA grants and other federal grants.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26 is \$4.42 million.

Maine

Budget Cycle: **Biennial**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26–27 State Appropriation: **\$2.84 million**

In Maine, 988 is primarily funded by SAMHSA grants, other federal grants, and state general funds.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY25–26 is \$4.42 million.

Maryland

Budget Cycle: **Biennial**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY25–26 State Appropriation: **None specified.**

In Maryland, 988 is primarily funded by a \$0.25 988 Telecom Fee which was established in 2024.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY25–26 is \$8.51 million.

988 Fee

Massachusetts

Budget Cycle: **Annual**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26 State Appropriation: **\$7.5 million**

In Massachusetts, 988 is primarily funded by SAMHSA grants and state general funds.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26 is \$11.7 million.

Minnesota

Budget Cycle: **Biennial**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26–27 State Appropriation: **None specified.**

In Minnesota, 988 is primarily funded by a \$0.12 988 Telecom Fee.

The state began collecting fee revenue in September 2024, and is expected to generate \$9 million in FY26.

988 Fee

Mississippi

Budget Cycle: **Annual**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26 State Appropriation: **\$1.68 million**

In Mississippi, 988 is primarily funded by SAMHSA grants and state general funds.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26 is \$3.91 million.

Missouri

Budget Cycle: **Annual**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY25–26 State Appropriation: **\$3.85 million**

In Missouri, 988 is primarily funded by state general funds, SAMHSA grants, and other state sources.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26 is \$19.26 million.

Montana

Budget Cycle: **Biennial**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26–27 State Appropriation: **\$200,000**

In Montana, 988 is primarily funded by SAMHSA grants, other federal grants, and state general funds.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26–27 is \$1.47 million.

New Hampshire

Budget Cycle: **Biennial**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26–27 State Appropriation: **\$6.12 million**

In New Hampshire, 988 is primarily funded by SAMHSA grants, other federal grants, and state general funds.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26–27 is \$7.41 million.

New Jersey

Budget Cycle: **Annual**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26 State Appropriation: **\$28.8 million**

In New Jersey, 988 is primarily funded by state general funds.

The total funding to support the state's 988 crisis continuum system in FY26 is \$28.8 million.

New Mexico

Budget Cycle: **Annual**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26 State Appropriation: **\$9.5 million**

In New Mexico, 988 is primarily funded by state general funds. In 2025, the state increased the existing telecom relay surcharge from 0.33% to 1.66% with the 80% increase going to the 988 Fund.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26 is \$9.5 million.

988 Fee

New York

Budget Cycle: **Annual**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26 State Appropriation: **\$60 million**

In New York, 988 is primarily funded by state general funds. In 2022, the state began a recurring appropriation of \$35 million, which increased to \$60 million in 2025.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26 is \$60 million.

North Dakota

Budget Cycle: **Biennial**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26–27 State Appropriation: **\$2.54 million**

In North Dakota, 988 is primarily funded by state general funds.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26–27 is \$2.54 million.

Ohio

Budget Cycle: **Biennial**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26–27 State Appropriation: **\$48.5 million**

In Ohio, 988 is primarily funded by state general funds with \$25.5 million appropriated in FY26 and \$23 million appropriated in FY27.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26–27 is \$48.5 million.

Oregon

Budget Cycle: **Biennial**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY25–27 State Appropriation: **None specified.**

In Oregon, 988 is primarily funded by a **\$0.40 988 Telecom Fee** which is expected to generate **\$58 million** over the FY25–27 biennium.

The state also receives funding through a mix of **other federal grants**, and **other state sources**.

988 Fee

Pennsylvania

Budget Cycle: **Annual**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26 State Appropriation: **None specified.**

In Pennsylvania, 988 is primarily funded by SAMHSA grants including the State and Territory grant. In some cases, 988 centers also receive funding from other state and private sources that are not tracked publicly.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26 is unknown.

Rhode Island

Budget Cycle: **Annual**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26 State Appropriation: **None specified.**

In Rhode Island, 988 is primarily funded by other federal grants.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26 is not available.

South Carolina

Budget Cycle: **Annual**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26 State Appropriation: **\$3.3 million**

In South Carolina, 988 is primarily funded by SAMHSA grants and state general funds.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26 is \$6.1 million.

South Dakota

Budget Cycle: **Annual**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26 State Appropriation: **\$1.46 million**

In South Dakota, 988 is primarily funded by other federal grants and state general funds.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26 is \$1.46 million.

Tennessee

Budget Cycle: **Annual**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26 State Appropriation: **None specified.**

In Tennessee, 988 is primarily funded by SAMHSA grants and other federal grants, including a recurring 5% Community Mental Health Services Block Grant set aside.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26 is not available.

Texas

Budget Cycle: **Biennial**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26–27 State Appropriation: **None specified.**

In Texas, 988 is primarily funded by SAMHSA grants. In 2025, the state established a 988 Suicide Trust Fund, but no funding was included in the state's budget.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26–27 is \$ 10.88 million.

Utah

Budget Cycle: **Annual**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26 State Appropriation: **\$9.76 million**

In Utah, 988 is primarily funded by state general funds and other federal grants.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26 is \$12.13 million.

Vermont

Budget Cycle: **Biennial**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26 State Appropriation: **None specified.**

In Vermont, 988 is primarily funded by a \$0.72 Telecom Fee that is used to fund several programs including 911. 988 only receives fee dollars after the four other programs have been fully funded.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26 is not available.

988 Fee

Virginia

Budget Cycle: **Biennial***

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY25–26 State Appropriation: **\$2.1 million**

In Virginia, 988 is primarily funded by state general funds and a 988 telecom fee of \$0.12 on postpaid wireless and \$0.08 on prepaid wireless which generated \$12.4 million in 2024.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26 is not available.

*Virginia's full FY25–26 budget was passed in 2024. In 2025, only adjustments could be made.

988 Fee

Washington

Budget Cycle: **Biennial**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY25–27 State Appropriation: **\$130 million**

In Washington, 988 is primarily funded by a \$0.40 988 Telecom Fee which is expected to generate \$46.9 million in FY25.

The state also receives funding through a mix of SAMHSA grants, state general funds, other state sources.

988 Fee

West Virginia

Budget Cycle: **Annual**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26 State Appropriation: **None specified.**

In West Virginia, 988 is primarily funded by SAMHSA grants and other federal grants.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26 is not available.

Wisconsin

Budget Cycle: **Biennial**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY26–27 State Appropriation: **\$7 million**

In Wisconsin, 988 is primarily funded by state general funds, other federal grants and SAMHSA grants.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY26–27 is \$10.5 million.

Wyoming

Budget Cycle: **Biennial**

Fiscal Year Begins: **July 1**

FY25 State Appropriation: **\$1.74 million***

In Wyoming, 988 is primarily funded by state general funds.

The total funding to support the state's 988 system in FY25 is \$1.74 million.

*The Wyoming legislature did not pass a budget in the 2025 legislative session, all funding for FY25 is continuation of funding approved in the FY24 budget.