
INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM VICTIM EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Creating ITVERP: Historical Timeline

The International Terrorism Victim Expense Reimbursement Program (ITVERP) is a new program designed to reimburse eligible victims of acts of international terrorism that occur outside the United States for expenses associated with that victimization. The program is administered through the Office for Victims of Crime. Significant dates in the development of ITVERP include:

- 1984: The Victims of Crime Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C.) authorized the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) through its Office for Victims of Crime to create an international terrorism victim expense reimbursement program.
- 2000: VOCA was amended so states are no longer required to compensate victims of terrorism occurring outside the United States. ITVERP was created under the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000.
- February 2001: OJP began consulting with federal and state government officials, victims of international terrorism, victim advocates, and nongovernmental victim organizations on various concepts related to compensation for victims of international terrorism. Working group meetings convened officially in June 2001 and February 2002.
- June 2001: OJP convened first working group meeting.
- February 2002: OJP convened second working group meeting.
- 2002-2005: OJP continues discussions, informal meetings, and draft reviews throughout the development of these regulations.
- August 24, 2005: Proposed regulations are published in the *Federal Register*.
- October 24, 2005: Deadline for comments on the proposed program regulations.
- September 6, 2006: The final program regulations are published.
- October 6, 2006: Implementation of ITVERP begins.
- August 13, 2007: OJP announces that it awarded the first payments under ITVERP. Claimants were the victims of the October 2002 Bali, Indonesia, night club bombings and to the May 2003 bombing of expatriate housing in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

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