

WHAT IS THE CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION PROGRAM (CVCP)?

The **Crime Victims Compensation Program** assists victims and their families with the financial burden brought about by the tragic occurrence and aftermath of violent crime.

The **CVCP** provides reimbursement or direct payment to providers for services necessary as a result of the crime, that are not covered by sources such as private insurance, medical aid programs, or other benefit programs.

A maximum of \$25,000 per claim may be paid for necessary crime-related services. Certain expenses within the claim may be subject to individual sub-limits. For example, funeral expenses are limited to \$6,000.

Please note: The Crime Victims Compensation Program is not authorized by law to compensate victims for pain and suffering, or damage to personal property

WHAT TYPES OF CRIME RELATED EXPENSES ARE COVERED?

- Medical Treatment and Medications
- Mental Health Counseling (Up to \$6000 for children and \$3000 for adults)
- Funeral and Burial Costs (Up to \$6000)
- Loss of Wages, (80% of net income up to one year or \$10,000 - if employed at the time of the crime – and supported by disability statement from physician)
- Cleaning of a Crime Scene (Up to \$1000)
- Replacement Value of Clothing Held as Evidence (Up to \$100)
- Reimbursement for Car Rental while Vehicle Is Being Held as Evidence (Up to \$2000)
- Temporary Emergency Shelter (Up to \$3000), and Moving Expenses (Up to \$1500) where necessary for the health and safety of the victim
- Windows, Doors, and Lock changes for the safety of the victim (Up to \$1000)

ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

- A victim is a person who suffered personal injury or death in the District of Columbia, or is a resident who was injured as a result of terrorism outside of the United States.
- A secondary victim is a close family or household member of the victim.
- Police report filed within 7 days of crime. (In cases of sexual assault, obtaining a sexual assault exam is sufficient. In cases of domestic violence, obtaining a Civil Protection Order is sufficient and in cases of cruelty to children the filing of a neglect petition will satisfy the reporting requirement.)
- Law enforcement agencies were reasonably provided with information and all necessary cooperation was given.
- Claimant did not participate in, consent to, or provoke the crime that is the basis of the claim.
- Application must be filed with the Compensation Program within one year of crime, or one year of learning of the Program.

WHAT TYPES OF CRIMES ARE COVERED BY THE CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION PROGRAM?

- HOMICIDE
- ASSAULT
- ARSON
- CRUELTY TO CHILDREN
- SEXUAL ABUSE
- KIDNAPPING
- CARJACKING
- STALKING
- BURGLARY
- UNLAWFUL USE OF AN EXPLOSIVE
- DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE
- HIT AND RUN

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION?

Claim processing time varies depending upon the complexity of the claim and whether supporting documents are submitted. The average time is 60-150 days. To the extent possible, claims for funeral expenses and moving expenses are expedited.

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

Applications for compensation are available at the Crime Victims Compensation Program

Court Building A
515 5th Street, N.W., Room 109
Washington, D.C. 20001
(Judiciary Square Metro Stop)

You may visit the website www.dccourts.gov to download an application.

To receive an application in the mail, or by fax, call: (202) 879-4216

Office Hours 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Monday - Friday

WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I NEED TO APPLY FOR COMPENSATION?

- Police Report, or
- Court Orders and Petitions from Domestic Violence Unit/Report from Sexual Assault Examination/Neglect Petition
- Medical Bills
- Mental Health Counseling Bills
- Verification of Employment

Other information may be requested to support your claim

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