

To Request an Application or Obtain Additional Information

Contact the International Terrorism
Victim Expense Reimbursement Program

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“Victims of international terrorism face extraordinary challenges because they oftentimes find themselves thousands of miles away from home and hundreds of miles away from appropriate medical facilities or much-needed mental health services. We can now begin to effectively work with these victims to ensure that they receive the assistance they need.”

~ John W. Gillis, OVC Director



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Office for Victims of Crime

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is committed to promoting justice and healing for all victims of crime. As part of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, OVC:

- Administers federal funds to support victim services.
- Provides training for diverse professionals who work with victims.
- Develops projects to enhance victims' rights and services.
- Undertakes public education and advocacy activities on behalf of crime victims.

OVC works with international, federal, tribal, state, local, and military victim assistance and criminal justice agencies and other professional organizations to promote fundamental rights and comprehensive services for crime victims.

International Terrorism Victim Expense Reimbursement Program

The International Terrorism Victim Expense Reimbursement Program (ITVERP) was authorized by Congress to reimburse eligible direct victims of acts of international terrorism that occur outside the United States for expenses associated with that victimization.

Who Is Eligible for Reimbursement?

- U.S. Nationals
- U.S. Government Officers and Employees

The law requires that the individual victim must have suffered "direct physical or emotional injury or death

as a result of an act of international terrorism occurring on or after December 21, 1988, with respect to which an investigation or prosecution was ongoing or was commenced after April 24, 1996." In the case of a victim who is a minor, incompetent, incapacitated, or is killed, a family member or legally designated representative of the victim may receive expense reimbursement on behalf of the victim. In addition to the victim, claimants may include the following:

- Spouse of the victim.
- Parents of the victim.
- Children of the victim.
- Siblings of the victim.
- A legally designated representative for the victim.

What Expenses Are Eligible For Reimbursement?

Claimants may seek reimbursement for eligible victims of international terrorism for expenses associated directly with that victimization. Such associated expenses include the following:

- Medical expenses (including dental and rehabilitation costs).
- Mental health care costs.
- Property loss, repair, or replacement costs.
- Funeral and burial costs.
- Miscellaneous expenses (such as temporary lodging, local transportation, telephone, and emergency travel costs).

What Costs Are Excluded From Reimbursement?

- Attorneys' fees and legal expenses.
- Pain and suffering.
- Loss of enjoyment of life or of consortium.

Types of Applications

Itemized: An itemized application allows eligible claimants to be reimbursed for actual expenses associated with their victimization. Claimants must submit their application with an *original signature* and *original receipts* to be reimbursed for their expenses. The claimant must also submit complete and accurate information regarding all known and potential collateral financial sources that are or may be available to offset expenses incurred by the claimant.

Interim emergency: An interim emergency application may be filed to assist claimants with immediate costs if the OVC Director determines that such payment is necessary to avoid or mitigate substantial hardship that may result from delaying expense reimbursement until complete and final consideration of an application.

Supplemental: A supplemental application may be filed if additional costs arise or if original costs were excluded from the first application.

Deadline: *The deadline for an application is 3 years from the date of the act of international terrorism, or, at the discretion of the OVC Director, the deadline for filing a claim may be extended to a date not later than 3 years from the date of the determination that there is a reasonable indication that an act of international terrorism occurred. For claims related to acts of international terrorism that occurred after December 21, 1988, but before the establishment of ITVERP, the deadline is 3 years from the effective date of the program regulations (October 6, 2006).*

Waiver: *It is important to note that any unsatisfied judgment against a foreign government will be considered a collateral source under the ITVERP program, and the ITVERP reimbursement will be reduced accordingly, unless claimants agree to not sue the U.S. Government for satisfaction of that judgment by signing and dating Section F of the ITVERP application.*