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INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM VICTIM EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

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**International Terrorism Against American Citizens:  
Why ITVERP Was Created**

*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.*

Over the years, hundreds of nationals of the United States and officers and employees of the U.S. Government have been killed or injured in acts of international terrorism occurring outside the United States. These victims encounter unique obstacles in securing assistance, compensation, and support.

Victims and family members (spouses, children, parents, and siblings) may face immediate needs for medical care, short-term lodging, emergency transportation, or funeral arrangements.

Language and cultural barriers can make it difficult to communicate their needs and to find appropriate support.

Many of the countries that have established victim reimbursement programs compensate only their own citizens, leaving American citizens without access to local resources in the country where the act of terrorism occurred.

Although OVC provides funding to states for their victim compensation programs, the programs administered by each state vary considerably. Survivors of the same act of international terrorism occurring abroad may be residents of many different states and, thus, may receive different levels of compensation for similar injuries.

In recognition of these complex circumstances, the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) was amended so that states are no longer required to compensate victims of international terrorism occurring outside the United States. The Federal Government is now responsible for overseeing an expense reimbursement program for these victims.

For more information on ITVERP or to apply for the program, contact OVC via the following:

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