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INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM VICTIM EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM FACT SHEET

As part of its mission to enhance the Nation's capacity to assist crime victims and to provide leadership in changing attitudes, policies, and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims, the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), part of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs, has implemented the International Terrorism Victim Expense Reimbursement Program (ITVERP).

Eligible Reimbursement Expenses

If eligible, victims of international terrorism may be reimbursed for expenses directly associated with that victimization. These include the following:

- Medical, including dental and rehabilitation costs (up to \$50,000)
- Mental health care (up to \$5,000)
- Property loss, repair, and replacement (up to \$10,000)
- Funeral and burial costs (up to \$25,000)
- Miscellaneous expenses, such as temporary lodging, local transportation, telephone costs, and emergency travel (up to \$15,000)

Eligibility

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

The law requires that the victim must have suffered "direct physical or emotional injury or death as a result of an act of international terrorism occurring abroad." In the case of a victim who is incompetent, incapacitated or killed, or a minor, a family member or legally designated representative of the victim may receive expense reimbursement on behalf of the victim. Claimants may include the following:

- Spouse of victim
- Parents of victim
- Children of victim
- Siblings of victim
- Legally designated victim representative

Costs Not Covered

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

Deadlines

ITVERP provides assistance for acts of international terrorism that occurred on or after October 23, 1983 to the present. The deadlines for making a claim are as follows:

- For acts occurring between October 23, 1983 and December 20, 1988, the deadline for filing a claim is January 28, 2011. (3 years from the effective date of the legislative change).
- For acts occurring between December 21, 1988 and October 6, 2006, the deadline is October 6, 2009 (3 years from the effective date of the program regulations).
- For all acts occurring after October 6, 2006, the filing deadline is 3 years from the date of the act of international terrorism.*

Partnerships with other Federal Agencies

ITVERP partners closely with the FBI's Office for Victim Assistance, the U.S. State Department, and the Department of Justice's National Security Division, to ensure the coordination of resources available through ITVERP complements and does not duplicate other resources that might also be available to victims and their families in the aftermath of an act of terrorism overseas.

*At the discretion of the OVC director, the date for filing a claim may be extended to a date not more than 3 years from a determination that there is a reasonable indication that an act of international terrorism occurred.

**For further information on ITVERP, please contact the ITVERP Resource Center at
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