

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Room 109  
Washington, D.C. 20001  
(Judiciary Square Metro Stop)

You may visit the website [www.dccourts.gov](http://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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