

Crime Victim Compensation

2023 Reference Guide

You may be qualified for assistance if you are an individual who is physically, emotionally, psychologically, or mentally injured as a direct result of a crime in the state of Michigan, or if you are an eligible claimant seeking assistance on behalf of a deceased victim.

To be eligible for compensation, the victim must:

- ✓ Cooperate with the investigation, court hearings, and with Crime Victim Services Commission
- ✓ Incur a minimum out of pocket loss of \$200.00, or a minimum five days loss of earnings
- ✓ Seek reimbursement from other sources (health insurance, Medicaid, Short/Long term disability etc.)
- ✓ File a claim with CVSC within five years from the date of injury or discovery (waivers for good cause may apply)
- ✓ Be innocent of any criminal activity or misconduct leading to the victim's injury or death

What's not covered?

- ✗ Fraud or financial crimes
- ✗ Pain and suffering
- ✗ Cost of participating in a trial
- ✗ Expenses paid by other sources, such as any type of public or private health insurance, life insurance, disability insurance, workers' compensation, automobile insurance or any other source

Confidentiality



A person's papers and testimony before the commission are private. They may tell only whether a person's claim was approved or denied. Any other information will only be released by a court order.

How to get an application



Applications are available by contacting the Division of Victim Services at 877-251-7373, by email at MDHHS-MichiganCrimeVictim@Michigan.gov, online at Michigan.gov/CrimeVictim, or at county prosecuting attorney offices, victim assistance agencies, state police posts, and other service providers.



Available Benefit	Requirements	Documentation Required
<p>Medical Related: Includes but not limited to hospital, medical, dental, prescriptions, ambulance, etc. <i>Available for Victim, Intervenor</i></p>	<p>Verification from police, and medical records that medical services are directly related to date of crime.</p>	<p>Itemized medical bills; Insurance Explanation of Benefits.</p>
<p>Loss of Earnings: Maximum of \$1,000.00 weekly <i>Available for Victim, Intervenor, Claimants 1-6 & 8</i></p>	<p>Verification of income loss and a five day minimum loss of disability.</p>	<p>Pay stubs paid just prior to crime, including gross, net, and tax deductions; Income tax return; Written disability statement from physician; Verification of disability insurance.</p>
<p>Psychological Counseling: Up to 35 sessions, 20 of them can be with non-offending family members <i>Available for Victim, Intervenor, Claimants 1-10</i></p>	<p>Verification from therapist treatment is directly related to the date of crime.</p>	<p>Initial assessment and goal-oriented treatment plan; Itemized bills; Insurance Explanation of Benefits.</p>
<p>Funeral and/or Burial: Maximum \$8,000.00 and \$500.00 for a grave marker <i>Available for Claimant 7</i></p>	<p>A victim is deceased due to crime.</p>	<p>Itemized funeral/burial bills; Life insurance determination; Verification of donations.</p>
<p>Loss of Support: Maximum of \$1,000.00 weekly <i>Available for Claimant 10</i></p>	<p>Victim is deceased and has eligible dependent claimants.</p>	<p>Income tax returns; Child Support Order; Social Security Death Benefit determination; etc.</p>
<p>Grief Counseling: Up to 35 sessions, 20 of them can be for non-offending family members <i>Available for Intervenor, Claimants 1-10</i></p>	<p>Victim is deceased and eligible claimants can request grief counseling.</p>	<p>Initial assessment and goal-oriented treatment plan; Itemized bills; Insurance Explanation of Benefits.</p>
<p>Crime Scene Clean-Up: Maximum of \$5,000.00 <i>Available for Victim, Intervenor, Claimants 1-6 & 8</i></p>	<p>Crime scene is located at the residence or vehicle of the victim or eligible claimant</p>	<p>Written estimate for clean-up or itemized bill.</p>
<p>Accessibility and Rehabilitative Equipment: Includes but not limited to physical therapy, home and vehicle modifications, etc. <i>Available for Victim, Intervenor</i></p>	<p>Verification that request is directly related to date of crime.</p>	<p>Written prescription from treating physician; Two written estimates for services requested; Itemized invoice.</p>
<p>Replacement Services: Includes but not limited to homemaking tasks, childcare, and other services previously performed <i>Available for Victim, Intervenor, Claimants 1-6 & 8-9</i></p>	<p>Verification that the victim or claimant is no longer able to perform certain duties as a result of the crime.</p>	<p>Written prescription from treating physician; Notarized statement from person providing services.</p>
<p>Transportation: Maximum of \$1,000.00 if distance is less than 50 miles and maximum of \$5,000.00 if distance is greater than 50 miles from victim's residence <i>Available for Victim, Intervenor, Claimants 1-6 & 8-9</i></p>	<p>Verification that transportation expenses are incurred as a result of the crime.</p>	<p>Transportation verification form; Itemized receipts</p>

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Nonmedical Remedial Treatment: Treatment rendered to the victim in accordance with a recognized religious method of healing <i>Available for Victim, Intervenor</i>	Verification that request is directly related to date of crime.	Itemized medical bills; Insurance Explanation of Benefits.
Replacement Costs: Maximum of \$250.00 <i>Available for Victim, Intervenor, Claimants 1-6 & 8-9</i>	Verification that clothing or bedding was held as evidence of the crime.	Itemized receipts or replacement estimate.
Relocation (Temporary or Permanent): Maximum of \$3,800.00 <i>Available for Victim, Intervenor, Claimants 1-6 & 8-9</i>	Verification that relocation is required to protect the victim's or claimant's physical safety or emotional or financial well-being	Relocation verification form; Itemized receipts; Rental/lease agreement.
Residential Security: Maximum of \$1,000.00 <i>Available for Victim, Intervenor, Claimants 1-6 & 8-9</i>	Verification that request is directly related to date of crime.	Residential Security verification form; Itemized receipts or cost estimate.
Bereavement: Maximum of \$2,000.00 for a family/household member and maximum of \$1,000.00 for a relative who lived with the victim for no less than 2 years <i>Available for Claimants 1-6 & 8-9</i>	A victim is deceased due to crime.	Bereavement verification form; 2-3 paystubs from just before the date of crime; Tax return and W2s in lieu of paystubs (if applicable).
Other Necessary Services: Recognized medical treatment, convalescent aids, supplies, and other equipment needed by the victim because of physical incapacity as a direct result of the crime <i>Available for Victim, Intervenor</i>	Verification that request is directly related to date of crime.	Itemized bills; Insurance Explanation of Benefits.

Submitting an Application

Send the fully completed application and pertinent documents to:

Crime Victim Services Commission
 Grand Tower, Ste. 1113
 235 South Grand Ave
 PO Box 30037 Lansing, MI 48909

Applications may also be emailed to:
MDHHS-MichiganCrimeVictim@Michigan.gov

Contact Us

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