

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Crime Victim Services Commission | Crime Victim Compensation Program

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CRIME VICTIM SERVICES COMPENSATION APPLICATION REFERENCE GUIDE

A separate application should be filed for each person who was injured or is seeking benefits.

The Crime Victim Services Commission (CVSC) Compensation Program may help crime victims and their families with the financial costs of crime. We may cover costs including medical and dental treatment, non-medical remedial treatment, counseling, funeral expenses, crime scene clean-up, grief counseling, residential security, relocation expenses, transportation, loss of earnings or support, and other necessary services not paid by other sources. The program is administered by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

What are the basic eligibility requirements for the Crime Victim Compensation Program?

- An individual must be emotionally, physically, psychologically, or mentally injured as a direct result of a crime
- If the victim is a minor, deceased, or mentally incapacitated, a claimant can file a claim for expenses incurred as a result of the victim's injuries
- The victim must be injured in the State of Michigan, or another state or country that does not have a crime victim compensation fund
- The crime must be reported to law enforcement
- If the crime was a sexual assault, then a sexual assault forensic exam may be used in lieu of reporting to police
- The victim or claimant must cooperate with law enforcement officials in the investigation and prosecution of the case
- The victim or claimant must seek reimbursement from other available sources (health insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, disability insurance, etc.)
- File a claim with within five years from the date of crime or discovery, waivers may apply
- The victim or claimant must not be involved in any criminal activity or misconduct at the time of the crime

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If your address or phone number changes, it is important that you let us know. The toll-free number for victims is 877-251-7373.

Staff cannot discuss an application with anyone who is not listed as the victim, a claimant, or an attorney representing the victim, unless written or verbal permission is provided to CVSC by an authorized individual. This includes phone inquiries or any other method of communication. A business, agency, medical facility, or organization cannot apply as a claimant.

If you need help completing this application, please feel free to call our office to speak with a Crime Victim Compensation program Navigator. You may access our website at www.michigan.gov/crimevictim to find more information about the Crime Victim Compensation program.

What expenses may be covered by Crime Victim Compensation Program benefits?

- Reasonable and necessary medical, dental, optical, counseling, and non-medical remedial treatment
- Loss of earnings due to recovering from injuries or seeking medical attention due to the crime; obtaining counseling or victim services; providing care or assistance to a victim recovering from injury due to the crime
- Eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures, prosthetic devices, or other prescription devices, if damaged during or needed because of the crime
- Funeral and cemetery expenses incurred for burial, funeral services, flowers, transporting of the body, gravemarker (up to \$500), etc.
- Crime scene clean-up inside the home or vehicle where the crime occurred and replacement costs for clothing or bedding held as evidence.
- Loss of support for dependents of deceased victims
- Grief counseling
- Bereavement to attend the funeral (or alternative ceremony) of the deceased victim; to make arrangements necessitated by the death of the victim; for a person grieving the death of the deceased victim
- Transportation for an eligible victim or claimant to access services from a victim services organization, medical care, or mental health care, or attend the funeral of a victim or intervenor
- Residential security to install, increase, or replace security at victim or claimant residence if the crime happened there, including installing home security device or system, replacing or repairing windows and locks, or increasing number of locks
- Accessibility and rehabilitative equipment or devices needed because of an injury, including modifications necessary to make a residence or vehicle accessible or those that were damaged in the course of the crime
- Relocation (temporary or permanent) to protect the victim or claimant's physical safety or emotional wellbeing as a result of the crime
- Replacement services that, because of the victim's injury or claimant's attendance at a victim services organization to receive services related to the crime, must be performed by another person

Who is not eligible for Crime Victim Compensation Program benefits?

- The offender, an accomplice of the offender, or any person engaged in illegal activity at the time of the crime
- A victim or claimant who fails to cooperate with the investigation, prosecution or with Crime Victim Services
- A victim who is injured while incarcerated in a federal, state, or local correctional facility
- If resources have covered all the eligible out of pocket expenses

What expenses are not covered by the Crime Victim Compensation Program?

- Damage, repair or loss to some personal property or vehicle, such as a purse or cell phone
- Pain, suffering, or emotional distress damages
- Any expense that is not directly related to the crime

Crime Victim Services is considered the payor of last resort.

- All other available third-party resources (for example, Medicare, Medicaid, personal health insurance, Workers' Compensation, court-ordered and paid restitution, and settlements) must meet their legal obligations to pay crime-related expenses
- The Crime Victim Services Commission must be notified that a civil lawsuit is filed in relation to the crime, if restitution is ordered by the criminal court, or if any party receives the proceeds of a settlement

Keep this page to reference our address and phone number. Please notify CVSC of an address change.

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