

# **CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION MASS VIOLENCE RESPONSE**

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services • Division of Victim Services

## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

- The Crime Victim Compensation (CVC) program is available for individuals who are personally injured as a result of a crime that occurs in the State of Michigan.
- In the event of a mass violence incident, victims or claimants may be eligible for:
  - Funeral/Burial expenses – *up to \$8,000*
  - Loss of Earnings and Loss of Support – *up to \$1,000/week*
  - Medical and Dental expenses
  - Counseling expenses – *up to \$80/hour for a therapist and \$125/hour for a psychiatrist*
  - Grief Counseling expenses for claimants of a deceased victim – *up to \$80/hour for a therapist and \$125/hour for a psychiatrist*
  - Rehabilitative needs, such as home and driving modifications
  - Replacement services, such as lawn care, snow removal, laundry, etc.
  - Relocation expenses – *up to \$3,800*
  - Residential Security expenses – *up to \$1,000*
  - Transportation expenses – *up to \$5,000 for transportation greater than 50 miles and up to \$1,000 for transportation less than 50 miles*
- The maximum award limit per claim is \$45,000.
- The CVC program is the payer of last resort.
- There are statutory requirements that a victim or claimant must meet in order to be eligible for CVC benefits. Please contact your CVC liaison with any questions or concerns.
- Please note that there are some expenses that are not covered through this program, including, but not limited to, damages as a result of pain and suffering and expenses for an individual responsible for or an accomplice to the crime.

## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS & EXPECTATIONS**

- We have created a simplified Mass Violence Application where certain parts of the application are pre-populated with specific crime details (*date of crime, police agency assigned, etc.*)
- The application will be distributed to the appropriate Mass Violence Response Advocate, Prosecutor's Office Victim Advocate, or a designated liaison in the community where the crime occurred.
- CVC claims typically require supporting documentation to determine eligibility, based on the type of benefit(s) requested. This may include the police report, itemized bills, Explanations of Benefits, etc.
- In an effort to provide comprehensive support and streamline the claim process, there will be one CVC team member assigned to handle claims for the mass violence incident. A completed application and any supporting documentation should be submitted this person, preferably by fax or e-mail, as soon as possible. Please refer to page 2 for contact information.

- If additional information is needed, a Request for Information letter may be sent to the victim or claimant. When appropriate, the designated CVC staff member may coordinate with the Advocate on site to obtain the necessary information or documentation.

### **CVC PREPAREDNESS RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Identify a Mass Violence Response Advocate or designated liaison to assist victims and claimants with the Crime Victim Compensation process, end-to-end. This will help expedite and simplify the process for all parties.
- Confirm that the designated Advocate or liaison has access to a fax machine or ability to e-mail applications and supporting materials. Scanned documents and photos are accepted.
- Coordinate with governing law enforcement to establish the need for the initial police report to include as many victims' names as possible. The initial report is required to verify victim or claimant injury and eligibility for CVC benefits.
- Ensure that the Advocate or designated liaison has the contact information for CVC staff. We would encourage them to call or e-mail the CVC team member(s) identified below with any questions about program benefits, victim or claimant eligibility, supporting documentation requirements, claim investigation and determination process, etc.

### **CVC CONTACT INFORMATION – GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY | Walmart, Traverse City**

The contact information for the Manager of the Crime Victim Compensation program is included below.

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