

CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND

Did you know that there is a program that helps crime victims with certain out-of-pocket expenses related to injuries from violent crime? The program pays for crime-related expenses such as medical care, counseling, lost wages, and funeral expenses (when costs are not covered by insurance or other sources). The program can also pay for crime-scene clean-up, replacement of clothing held as evidence, replacement of security items, child or dependent care, housing/shelter expenses, relocation expenses and travel.

Apply Online
-OR-

Fill out a
paper application
-OR-

Come into the PD and
apply with our
Crime Victim Specialist

Quick Facts

- You do not need a lawyer to apply to the Crime Victim Compensation Program.
- The program pays certain out-of-pocket expenses.
- Funds for the program come entirely from the fines and penalties paid by convicted criminals, not tax dollars.
- The program is the payer-of-last-resort after insurance, other government programs, and other sources.
- Eligibility determination may take eight weeks.
- The program will pay benefits for eligible crime victims after all required verification is received.
- The program does not cover property crime, property loss, legal fees, phone bills, meals, or pain and suffering.
- Restitution from the offender is collected by the program only after any restitution owed to the victim is paid.
- Restitution is not collected from an offender if the collection might cause danger or hardship to the victim.

Who Can Get Help?

- Crime Victims who are physically or emotionally injured in a violent crime in Iowa.
- Crime Victims injured in crimes of drunk, hit and run, or recklessness driving or boating; vehicular homicide, or the use of a vehicle as a weapon.
- A victim's spouse, children, parents, siblings, and person(s) residing in the household at the time of the crime.
- Survivors of a homicide victim.
- Iowans injured by a violent crime in a state or nation without a federally approved crime victim compensation program.
- A person, regardless of income or resources, injured by a compensable crime in Iowa, who has certain out-of-pocket expenses related to the crime.

Please visit <https://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov/for-crime-victims/crime-victim-compensation-program> or contact them at 515-281-5044 OR 800-373-5044 for more information