

How Do I Apply?

- You must file an application for assistance with the Division of Victim Services. You can obtain an application from your local advocate at:



- Application(s) must be filed within one (1) year of the crime. This may be extended with good cause shown
- You must cooperate with law enforcement officials in the investigation and prosecution of the crime.

How Long Does It Take?

- Claim determinations will be made as soon as all required information is received.
- If you have not received a letter or phone call from our agency within 30 days after mailing in your application, please reach out to us.

Anywhere...

Anytime...

Anyone...

Anyone can become a victim of violent crime. Each year, the Wyoming Crime Victims' Compensation program reaches hundreds of victims who have suffered financial loss, physical injuries and emotional trauma as a result of personal crimes.

The program cannot erase the painful the painful memories of a crime, but we hope it can help ease the financial burdens that victims face.

** The Crime Victim Compensation program is funded through fines and penalties imposed on criminal offenders. It is not funded through tax dollars.*

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Crime Victim Compensation

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW AS A VICTIM OF CRIME



DIVISION OF VICTIM SERVICES

Victims Only Toll Free Helpline:
1-888-996-8816

What Is The Crime Victims Compensation Program?

The State of Wyoming has a program to assist you with crime related expenses if you are a victim of a violent crime. The program can help compensate victims for such expenses as lost wages or loss of support, medical, mental health, counseling, funeral expenses and/or crime scene cleanup.

Who Is Eligible For Victims Compensation?

- Victims who have suffered physical or psychological injury or death as a direct result of a compensable crime.
- The crime must have occurred in Wyoming.
- The crime was reported to law enforcement, and the victim has cooperated fully with the investigation and prosecution of the crime.
- The victim's conduct did not contribute to the injury or death.
- The compensation will not benefit the offender in any way.

What Is A Compensable Crime?

- Assault/Battery
- Homicide
- Child Abuse
- Sexual Assault
- Domestic Violence
- DUI Crash
- Hit-and-Run
- Vehicular Homicide
- Robbery
- Stalking
- Family/dependents of deceased victims

Who Is Not Eligible?

- The offender and/or accomplice.
- A victim convicted of a felony after applying for compensation.
- A person who is the victim of a criminal act while serving in a prison/correctional facility when the crime was committed.
- A victim whose expenses are paid entirely by other sources.
- Victims seeking to be compensated only for pain and suffering.
- Victims of property loss or monetary loss as compensation cannot be paid for stolen, damaged, or lost property.

What Expenses May Be Paid?

- Medical Care
- Mental Health Counseling
- Loss of Earnings
- Loss of Support
- Funeral/Burial
- Relocation Expenses
- Crime Scene Cleanup
- Travel Expenses
- Catastrophic Injury
- Associated Victims

What Are The Maximum Awards?

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| • Overall Maximum Per Claim | \$15,000 |
| • Mental Health Expenses (paid at \$85/hour) | \$8,000 |
| • Funeral Expenses | \$5,000 |
| • Loss of Support/Lost Wages – calculated at the current federal minimum wage. | |

Contributory factors may result in a reduction of award.

Please note: Crime Victims Compensation is a payer of last resort. Before compensation can be considered, all collateral sources must be exhausted. Examples include health insurance, social security, life insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, Indian Health Service, vacation or sick pay.