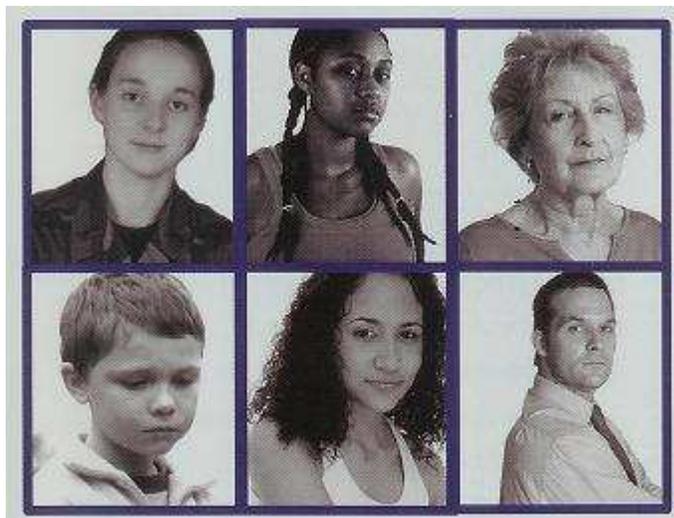


Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

Financial Assistance for Victims of Crime



VIOLENT CRIME COMPENSATION

The Violent Crime Compensation Fund is committed to aiding victims of violent crimes and their families by easing the financial burden crime imposes upon them. The fund assists with medical and funeral expenses, lost wages, loss of support and outpatient mental health counseling.

VICTIM OF A VIOLENT CRIME?

If you answer YES to any of the questions below, you may be eligible for violent crime compensation assistance.

- Are you a resident of Indiana who is a victim of a violent crime committed in Indiana?
- Are you a nonresident of Indiana who is a victim of a violent crime committed in Indiana?

- Were you injured while (1) trying to prevent a violent crime or (2) while trying to apprehend someone who committed a violent crime?
- Where you injured while giving aid and assistance to a law enforcement officer?

PARENT, SURVIVING SPOUSE, LEGAL DEPENDANT OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE?

If you answer YES to any of the questions below, you may be eligible for violent crime compensation assistance.

- Was the victim of a violent crime a resident of Indiana?
- Was the victim a nonresident of Indiana who was a victim of a violent crime committed in Indiana?
- Are you a spouse, dependent child or legal guardian of a victim of a violent crime who died as a result of that crime?
- Were you legally dependent on the victim for support?
- Was the victim injured while giving aid and assistance to a law enforcement officer?

WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE?

A victim who did not receive physical bodily injury as a result of the crime.

A victim who has engaged in illegal activity or conduct that caused or contributed to the crime.

A victim who is injured while confined in a correctional facility.

A victim who did not report the crime to a law enforcement officer within forty-eight (48) hours after the occurrence of the crime.

A victim who is injured or killed in a hit and run accident or by a driver who was found to be legally intoxicated or impaired.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

There must be a minimum of \$100 in out of pocket expense.

The application for benefits must be filed no later than 180 days after the crime occurred.

WHAT EXPENSES MAY BE PAID?

A maximum award of \$15,000 may be paid for death or injuries including:

- Physical Therapy
- Prescription Drugs

- Dental
- Optometric
- Chiropractic
- Ambulance Services
- Prosthetic Services
- Out-patient counseling (\$2,000) for victims and their immediate families
- Funeral expenses (\$4,000)
- Lost Wages
- Loss of support to a dependent of a victim who was employed at the time of the crime

WHAT IS NOT COVERED?

The violent crime compensation fund does not reimburse victims for the following:

- ❖ Personal property loss
- ❖ Property damage
- ❖ Damages for “pain and suffering”
- ❖ Crime scene clean-up
- ❖ Relocation expenses
- ❖ Travel expenses
- ❖ Clothing

NOW WHAT DO I DO?

You must complete the Violent Crime Compensation Fund application and return it by mail or in person to the violent crime compensation office.

WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?

The Violent Crime Compensation Division reviews all applications and investigates to verify the information given. If the application is not properly completed, or if additional information is required, the Division will send a written explanation to the applicant of what is needed. If the requested information is not provided within 30 days of request, the application may be denied. The applicant will be notified by mail of the results of the Division’s investigation and their determination.

ADDITONAL INFORMATION

The Division may make an award in full, in part, or deny the claim altogether. In the event that expenses exceed the maximum award of \$15,000, the Division will divide the award to pay as many providers as possible. The Violent Crime Compensation Division is a “payer of last resort”. This means that all other sources must be exhausted before an award can be made. Therefore, the final award may be reduced by the amount of benefits covered by insurance, unemployment compensation, Social Security, public funds (including Medicare or Medicaid), or any other source.

Note: *if you receive Violent Crime Compensation funds, and later receive an insurance settlement or court ordered restitution covering the same loss paid by the Division, YOU MUST REPAY THE STATE OF INDIANA.*

For crimes committed in other states, contact those states directly. Most states offer a similar program.

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