

Rhode Island Crime Victim Compensation Program (CVCP)

While no amount of compensation can erase the painful memories of a violent crime, the Crime Victim Compensation Program (CVCP) may be able to help you. This program is an important resource for victims of violent crimes and their families during their times of vulnerability and need.

As Treasurer, it is important to me that you receive timely help and assistance while dealing with the aftermath of tragic events.

I believe that easing the financial burden resulting from a violent crime may allow families to begin to put their lives back together.

If you or a loved one has suffered personal injury from a violent crime, the CVCP may be able to help. Please contact our office today.

Sincerely,



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“A victim of crime shall, as a matter of right, be treated by agents of the state with dignity, respect and sensitivity during all phases of the criminal justice process.”

- *RI Crime Victim Bill of Rights.*

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Financial Assistance for
Victims of Violent Crimes



*Compassion and Respect
when you need it most.*



Eligibility

To be eligible

- Rhode Island based-crime
- Police report filed within 10 days
- Victim cooperation with authorities and CVCP
- Review of victims' criminal record
- Provide complete and accurate information and updates
- File a claim within 3 years of the crime

Who qualifies for financial assistance?

- Innocent victims of violent crime who suffered physical or emotional injury.
- Family members of a deceased victim

CVCP only assists with financial expenses not already covered by:

- Insurance
- Worker's Compensation
- Temporary Disability
- Public Funds (Medicare, Medicaid)
- Paid sick or vacation time
- Restitution

Eligible Expenses

The following crime-related expenses may be eligible if they are not covered by insurance or other resources:

- Medical, dental, and hospital care
- Eyeglasses
- Mental health counseling
- Sexual assault examinations
- Funeral and burial costs
- Crime scene clean-up costs
- Loss of earnings
- Loss of support
(dependents of deceased only)
- Relocation expenses

Expenses **NOT** Eligible

- Property loss or damage
- Trial-related expenses
(mileage, parking, lodging, etc.)
- Pain and suffering

Limits to Eligible Expenses:

- Total Maximum Award Up to \$25,000
- Funeral and burial Up to \$8,000
- Relocation expenses Up to \$2,500
- Crime scene clean-up Up to \$2,000

Claims Process

Applications may be accessed:

- Via the web
www.treasury.ri.gov/
- By Calling
401-462-7655
- Police Departments
- Hospitals in Rhode Island

Submit completed applications to the CVCP by fax, mail or email.

CVCP will notify applicants when application is received.

CVCP gathers all pertinent information and verifies expenses.

Claims remain open until the maximum award is reached.

For more information download the Crime Victim Compensation Program Rules and Regulations at:

www.treasury.ri.gov