



Illinois

The primarily goal of the 1973 Crime Victim Compensation Act is to help reduce the financial burden imposed on victims of violent crime and their families. The Illinois Crime Victim Compensation Program can provide innocent victims and their families with up to \$27,000 in financial assistance for expenses accrued as a result of a violent crime. A fact sheet on the program is available at this link:
http://www.ag.state.il.us/victims/cv_factsheet.pdf

WHO CAN GET HELP?

- A person injured in this state as a result of a violent crime.
- A survivor of a victim of a violent crime who was dependent upon the victim for support.
- A parent whose child is the victim of a violent crime.
- A relative of a victim who incurred reasonable funeral and/or medical expenses.
- A child who witnessed a violent crime committed against a relative.
- A person under the age of 18 who is the brother, sister, half brother, half sister, child, or stepchild of a person killed or injured in Illinois.
- An Illinois resident who became a victim of a violent crime in another state or country that does not have a compensation fund for crime victims.
- An individual who personally witnessed a violent crime.

The phrase “violent crime” includes the following:

- Murder (1st & 2nd Degree)
- Involuntary Manslaughter
- Reckless Homicide
- Kidnapping & Aggravated Kidnapping
- Battery & Aggravated Battery
- Assault & Aggravated Assault
- Heinous Battery
- Sexual Relations with Families
- Criminal Sexual Assault

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- Criminal Sexual Abuse
- Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault
- Exploitation of a Child
- Stalking
- Aggravated Stalking
- Domestic Battery
- Aggravated Domestic Battery
- Reckless Conduct
- Driving Under the Influence
- Arson & Aggravated Arson
- Violation of an Order of Protection

To qualify for compensation, you also must have reported the crime within 72 hours or within seven (7) days for sexually related offenses, cooperated with law enforcement, and filed a compensation claim within two (2) years of the crime.

In addition, the applicant cannot be an offender or an accomplice of the offender. The applicant also must not have contributed to the victim's injury/death by engaging in wrongful conduct or provocation.

WHAT MUST I DO TO GET HELP?

As noted above, you must file an application within two years of the date of the crime. For assistance in applying, call the state's toll-free Crime Victims Assistance Line: 800-228-3368 (or call 312-814-2581). An electronic version of the application may be found at www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov. Visit this website for a brochure with detailed instructions on how to apply:

http://www.ag.state.il.us/victims/cvca_instructions.pdf

The Crime Victim Compensation Act states that the Office of the Attorney General has the statutory duty to process all claims by investigating each claim to determine the claimant's eligibility. The Attorney General's office then makes a preliminary recommendation to award or deny compensation. Ultimately, the Court of Claims (a division of the Secretary of State's office) makes the final decision.

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WHAT COSTS MAY BE PAID?

- Medical and hospital expenses.
- Funeral and burial up to a total of \$5,000.
- Counseling by licensed psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, certified social workers, or licensed clinical professional counselors.
- Loss of earnings / Loss of support up to \$1,000 per month.
- Replacement services loss due to a permanently disabled or fatally injured person who had been providing services for themselves or their family.
- Prosthetic devices.
- Wheel chairs (and some other accessibility expenses, e.g., ramps).
- Eye glasses and hearing aids.
- Tuition reimbursement under certain circumstances.
- Crime scene clean-up.
- Replacement costs for clothing/bedding used as evidence.
- Replacement costs of locks and/or windows damaged by a violent crime.
- Temporary lodging and relocation costs.
- Travel and transport for survivors of homicide victims and transport of the body.

Total compensation may not exceed \$27,000 per incident/per victim. No compensation is available for property loss or damage, with the exception of locks and/or windows damaged as a result of a violent crime or replacement costs for clothing/bedding used as evidence. No compensation is available for pain and suffering. For more information, visit the Attorney General's website:

<http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/victims/cvc.html>

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