



Texas

Since 1979, Texas has a Crime Victims' Compensation Program (CVCP), which reimburses out-of-pocket expenses to victims of violent crime and their families. The Crime Victims' Compensation Fund can help eligible victims pay for medical and counseling bills incurred because of the crime and can help families cover the cost of the funeral for a loved one who has been killed. Visit the CVCP website at this link: http://www.oag.state.tx.us/victims/about_comp.shtml

WHO CAN GET HELP?

Contact your local law enforcement agency's Crime Victim Liaison or your prosecutor's Victim Assistance Coordinator to determine if you might be eligible to apply. Or e-mail: crimevictims@oag.state.tx.us or Call (800) 983-9933 or (512) 936-1200 (in Austin) or Fax: (512) 320-8270.

WHAT MUST I DO TO GET HELP?

You begin the process by completing and filing an application with the CVCP:

Crime Victims' Compensation
P.O. Box 12198
Austin, Texas 78711-2198
1-800-983-9933 (state-wide) 1-512-936-1200 (in Austin)
1-512-936-1800 (FAX)

Contact the CVCP via email at crimevictims@oag.state.tx.us or at the telephone numbers above for help in applying.

WHAT COSTS MAY BE PAID?

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Claims may be approved for benefits up to a total of \$50,000. Individuals who suffer total and permanent disability as a result of the crime may qualify for an additional \$75,000, which may be used for specific and limited expenses, such as lost wages, prosthetics, rehabilitation or making a home accessible, depending upon the law in effect on the crime date. The financial assistance may be limited or unavailable depending on laws in effect when the crime occurred and is dependent upon the applicant providing necessary and required documentation.

Victims of violent crime are provided financial assistance for crime-related expenses that cannot be reimbursed by insurance or other sources. State law requires that reimbursement first be sought from other sources, such as health insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, auto insurance, or Texas Workers Compensation. CVC program staff assists applicants in coordinating the use of all available resources.

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