



GEORGIA CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION FUND

WHAT WE DO

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council administers the Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Program, which helps victims and their families through the emotional and physical aftermath of a crime by easing the monetary impact placed upon them by providing financial benefits for expenses such as medical bills, loss of earnings, funeral expenses, mental health counseling, and crime scene sanitization.

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE IF

- You are physically injured as a result of a violent crime.
- You personally witnessed or were threatened with a violent crime.
- You were hurt helping a victim of a violent crime.
- You are the parent or guardian of a person killed or injured as a result of a crime.
- You are a dependent of a homicide victim who relied on the victim for support.
- You did not participate in or were involved in the events that led up to the crime.

ELIGIBILITY TIMELINES

- The victim/witness must have reported the crime to the proper authorities within 72 hours of the crime unless good cause is shown.
- The victim/witness must file an application within 3 years of the crime unless good cause shown (Note: A claim submitted 3 years after the victimization cannot be considered for crimes occurring prior to July 1, 2014, unless it was a minor victim).

CATEGORICAL CAPS (FOR COVERED EXPENSES)

- Medical/Dental Expenses – up to \$15,000
- Counseling Expenses – up to \$3,000
- Funeral Expenses – up to \$6,000
- Lost Wages - up to \$10,000
- Loss of Support – up to \$10,000
- Crime Scene Sanitization – up to \$1,500

Only those who meet all of the eligibility requirements will be approved. The above shows the maximum amounts that an eligible claimant may qualify for in each benefit category (Please Note: The maximum program amount is \$25,000 per victim).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Besides the categorical caps listed, are there any limits on the assistance available?

- We are the payer of last resort, the victim must first exhaust funds from other sources such as insurance, social security, annual or sick leave, disability insurance, workers' compensation, unemployment, or funds from other government agencies.
- We only award compensation to those who meet all of the program's eligibility requirements.

What crimes are covered under the Crime Victims Compensation Program?

- Sexual Assault
- Human Trafficking
- Domestic Violence
- Vehicular Homicide
- Child Pornography
- Child Exploitation
- Child Abuse
- Assault
- Kidnapping
- Hit and Run
- Homicide
- DUI/DWI

Who is Not Eligible for the Crime Victims Compensation Program?

- A victim of property crime.
- A victim or witness committing a crime or a victim or witness that is incarcerated when the crime occurred.
- A victim or witness who provoked or consented to the events that lead to the crime.
- A victim or witness who does not cooperate with law enforcement.
- A victim or witness on probation or parole due to a felony crime that involves physical injury, serious mental or emotional trauma, or death to another person.

There may be other factors that are not mentioned in this document that might make you ineligible. You can also visit our website at crimevictimscomp.ga.gov for more information, or you can call us at (404) 657-2222 or (800) 547-0060.