The Crime Victims Compensation Program Fact Sheet

The Crime Victims Compensation Program provides financial reimbursement to victims of violent crime who meet certain eligibility requirements. The program is governed by the Crime Victims Compensation Act, 740 ILCS 45/1 et seq.

Who is a victim?

- Person killed or injured in Illinois
- Parent, spouse or child of a person killed or injured in Illinois
- Person killed or injured while attempting to aid a victim
- Person killed or injured in Illinois while assisting law enforcement
- Personal witness to a crime
- Person called as a witness by the prosecution to establish a nexus
- An Illinois resident injured in a country without a Compensation Program
- Person under the age of 18 who is the brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister of a person killed or injured in Illinois (For the purposes of counseling expenses only)

Who is eligible for compensation?

- Statutorily Defined Victims (see above)
- Dependents (for loss of support only)
- Any person that paid or became obligated to pay for the victim’s expenses

What violent crimes are compensable with the program?

- Arson
- Homicide
- Assault
- Human Trafficking
- Battery
- Involuntary Manslaughter
- Child Pornography
- Kidnapping
- Criminal Sexual Abuse
- Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Peace Officer
- Criminal Sexual Assault
- Non-consensual Dissemination of Private Sexual Images
- Desecration or Removal of Human Remains
- Reckless Conduct
- Dismembering of a Human Body
- Stalking
- Domestic Battery
- Posting of Identifying or Graphic Information on Pornographic Internet Sites
- Driving While Under the Influence
- Exploitation of a Child
- Violations of Protective Orders (Domestic Violence Orders of Protection, Civil No Contact Orders, and Stalking No Contact Orders)
- Hate Crimes
- Hit and Run of a Pedestrian/Person
- Operating Vehicle Moved Solely by Human Power or Using a Mobility Device
Reimbursement is available for the following types of crime-related expenses:

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<td>Funeral and Burial (up to $10,000)</td>
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<td>Lost Wages (up to $2,400)</td>
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<td>Loss of Dependent Support (up to $2,400)</td>
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<td>Crime Scene Cleanup</td>
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**EFFECTIVE August 7, 2022, the Total Maximum Award is $45,000 per victim.**

**Where to Apply:**
Applications are available to download at: [https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/victims/cvc.html](https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/victims/cvc.html)

or Can be Submitted Online: [https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/victims/cvonlineapplication.html](https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/victims/cvonlineapplication.html)

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**Application Window**

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<td>Adult without a disability</td>
<td>Five years from the date of the crime or one year from criminal charge for the offense.</td>
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<td>Minor</td>
<td>Three Years from turning 18</td>
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<td>Adult with disability</td>
<td>Three Years from the removal of the disability</td>
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Applications submitted outside the prescribed eligibility window may be accepted if the Attorney General determines that the applicant had good cause for a delay.

**WHEN IN DOUBT....APPLY!**

For more information, contact the Crime Victims Assistance Line at 1-800-228-3368.