Crime Victims’ Compensation (CVC) Program

Missouri Department of Public Safety
CVC Benefits Available

Maximum Benefit
$25,000 for crime-related expenses and losses

**Injured:**
- Medical
- Dental
- Counseling
- Lost Wages (up to $400/week)

**Death:**
- Funeral (up to $5,000)
- Loss of support
- Counseling
Losses not Covered

Including, but not limited to:

- Stolen or damaged property
- Pain and suffering
- Rent, mortgage payments or utilities
- Food and/or clothing costs
- Tuition reimbursement
- Monetary losses from investment schemes
- Identity theft
CVC Eligibility Requirements

Crime must have occurred in Missouri
   If occurred in another state, the victim must be a Missouri resident.
   The state in which the crime occurred is primary.

Crime must be reported to the proper authorities
   Typically law enforcement agencies or prosecuting attorneys

   Domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking or stalking

   Proper authorities also includes receiving a forensic examination by an appropriate medical provider or securing an order of protection.
CVC Eligibility Requirements, con’t.

**Application**

Must be filed within 2 years of the crime or discovery of crime

**Law Enforcement**

Victim/claimant must cooperate with investigation

**Contributory Conduct**

Victim must not have contributed to their injuries
Victim must not have been in commission of crime
For a deceased victim, the claimant must be an eligible family member.

Spouse, parent, grandparent, step-mother, step-father, child, grandchild, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, adopted children of parent or spouse’s parents

RSMo 595.101 (14)
CVC Required Documents

**Injured:**
- Crime-related bills
  (medical / dental / counseling)
- Paid receipts
- Prescriptions

**Death:**
- Funeral expenses
- Paid receipts
- Death certificate
- Life insurance

**Lost wages:**
(if victim gainfully employed at time of crime)
- 3 paycheck stubs prior to crime
- Release to return to work
  (CVC will provide form)
- Self-employed, tax returns

**Loss of support:**
(if victim gainfully employed at time of crime)
- Employer name and contact information
- Self-employed, tax returns
- Dependent children:
  Birth certificate
  Guardianship papers
Changes as of October 30, 2021

OVERVIEW

To be eligible for reimbursement, the losses MUST BE the result of a compensable crime as defined by Section 595.010 (5) RSMo. — An act committed in Missouri which involves the application of force or violence or the threat of force or violence by the offender upon the victim, including the crime of driving while intoxicated, involuntary manslaughter, and hit and run.

NEW ELIGIBLE COSTS

FOR REIMBURSEMENT PURPOSES ONLY

REQUIRED

CVC Application must be submitted to CVC within 2 years of the crime date

- Itemized Bills & Paid Receipts

INELIGIBLE

- Security Systems
- Vehicles
- Phones
- Rent/Mortgage
- Tuition
- Relocation
- Pain & Suffering

Lost earnings or support by claimant as a result of participating in the criminal justice process, such as meeting with law enforcement or participating in court proceedings.

- Maximum reimbursement rate of $400/week, $80/day or $10/hour

Temporary lodging may be reimbursed -

- When claimant feels fear to return to claimant’s residence
- For actual expenses up to 14 days at locations open to general public that charge for accommodation
- Maximum reimbursement paid at CONUS per diem rates

Replacement costs for clothing and bedding may be reimbursed -

- Must be seized and held as evidence according to law enforcement report
- Maximum overall reimbursement limit of $300

Replacement or repair of locks at the victim’s residence may be reimbursed -

- Includes hardware and installation
- Maximum overall reimbursement limit of $200

Dependent care may be reimbursed -

- To allow victims to participate in criminal justice activities or secure medical treatment and rehabilitation services
- Only if such care would not have been incurred but for the compensable crime
- Dependent care provider must be licensed or registered with DHSS or DSS
- Maximum overall reimbursement limit of $200
The “Payment Notice” and “Award”

Eligible claims
A Notice of Payment Acceptance Form issues to victim/claimant

Notice of Payment Acceptance Form
Indicates which providers of service are to be paid and amount
Indicates any reimbursements that may be made to the victim/claimant
Victim/claimant must sign and return for payment to issue

Multiple Offers
Additional crime-related expenses can be considered
After verification process, another Notice of Payment will be sent
CVC Website = www.dps.mo.gov
Office for Victims of Crime

National Crime Victims' Rights Week • April 18-24, 2021

Save The Date

2021 Missouri Crime Victims' Rights Week Observance & Ceremony Capitol South Steps/Lawn April 22, 2021 at Noon

Presented by the CVRW Planning Committee of the Missouri Department of Public Safety

The Office for Victims of Crime administers grant programs and services to serve and protect Missouri crime victims, at-risk youth and their families. Through collaborative partnerships with other state agencies, statewide organizations and local service providers the OVC promotes access to information, resources and services to protect at-risk youth, victims of crime and their families. The OVC administers a menu of state and federal funding opportunities, initiatives and programs.

Crime Victim Services

Crime Victim Services section provides funding and resources to the citizens of Missouri, not-for-profit agencies and local and state government related to practices and policies that impact crime victims and their families. Visit here for more information on funding opportunities, training and technical assistance, and consultation for crime victim services.

Crime Victims' Compensation

The Crime Victims' Compensation section administers an application program designed to financially assist people who have sustained physical, emotional, mental harm or trauma resulting from certain violent crimes through an application process. Eligibility for the program is not guaranteed and cannot be determined until a thorough review of the crime and expenses for which compensation is being sought is conducted. The program is a payor of last resort and only considers crime-related out-of-pocket expenses not covered by other collateral sources. Other programs administered by section is comprised include the Sexual Assault Forensic Exam Program (SAFE) and the Child Physical Abuse Forensic Exam Program (CPAFE).

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Funding Opportunities

SASP (Sexual Assault Services Program)
SSVF (State Services to Victims Fund)
STOP VAWA (Violence Against Women Act)
Title II Formula Grant (Juvenile Justice)
Protection Program for Victims/Witnesses of Violent Crime (PVPVC)

WebGrants Grants Management System

Contact

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Crime Victims’ Compensation

The Crime Victims’ Compensation Program provides financial assistance to people who sustained traumatic injuries resulting from certain violent crimes. We know that injuries can be more than just physical. The CVC Program can cover traumas to emotional and mental health well-being too.

Victims seeking compensation assistance complete an online application process that includes documentation necessary to determine eligibility. Please know that eligibility for this program is not guaranteed. The program is a “payor of last resort” and only considers crime-related expenses not covered by other “collateral” sources that include, but are not limited to, insurance, restitution, civil lawsuits, or crowdfunding fundraising platforms.

Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Program (SAFE)

The Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) Program covers the cost of gathering, collecting and preserving evidence during the forensic examination for victims of sexual crimes that occurred in Missouri. While SAFE is the “payor of first resort” for these fees, health insurance carriers may be billed secondary. No forensic fees may be billed to the patient. However, the SAFE program does not cover any medical treatment that may be required due to the sexual assault.
Application
Complete the application

Signature required on 4th page

Click Submit or attach to an email

(cvc@dps.mo.gov)
IMPORTANT – Keep us updated!

If your contact information changes, please let us know!

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Phone number
Email
Questions? Contact us!

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