

State of Arizona

Arizona Criminal Justice Commission

Crime Victim Compensation Program

Eligibility Requirements

HAVE YOU BEEN AN INNOCENT VICTIM OF CRIME THAT CAUSED PHYSICAL HARM OR EXTREME MENTAL DISTRESS? ARE YOU AN ARIZONA RESIDENT WHO HAS BEEN A VICTIM OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM?

.....IF THE ANSWER IS YES, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL COMPENSATION FOR OUT-OF-POCKET CRIME-RELATED EXPENSES.

THE GENERAL CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- The victim is victimized in Arizona, or is an Arizona resident who is victimized in an area that lacks a crime victim compensation program, or is a victim of international terrorism.
- The crime is reported to a police agency within 72 hours of the discovery of the crime unless good cause is shown to justify a delay.
- An application is filed within two years of the discovery of the crime, in the county in which the crime occurred, unless good cause is shown to justify a delay.
- The victim or derivative victim willingly cooperates with law enforcement agencies.
- The victim or a derivative victim suffers physical injury, a medical condition, mental distress, or death as a direct result of the criminally injurious conduct.
- The victim or derivative victims incurs economic loss as a direct result of the crime that is not covered by a benefit or advantage that the person is entitled to receive from a collateral source.

**Submitting an application for compensation does not guarantee an award.
All claims will be thoroughly investigated.**

THE CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION PROGRAM CAN COVER CRIME-RELATED EXPENSES FOR:

- Medical Costs
- Mental Health Counseling (*up to \$5,000*)
- Funerals (*up to \$10,000*)
- Wage Loss / Loss of Support
- Crime Scene Clean-up (*up to \$2,000*)
- Limited Transportation Costs (*up to \$1,500*)

The maximum award of any one claim is \$25,000.

THE COMPENSATION PROGRAM CANNOT COVER:

- Property loss or repair
- Pain and suffering
- Attorney fees
- Victimization of a person serving a sentence of imprisonment in a detention facility, home arrest, or work furlough, or who has escaped imprisonment in a detention facility, home arrest, or work furlough program.

AWARDS MAY BE REDUCED OR DENIED IN THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

- The victim or derivative victim recouped the economic loss from a collateral source.
- The victim bears some degree of responsibility for the cause of injury or death through negligence or intentional unlawful conduct, if that conduct substantially provoked or aggravated the incident causing the criminally injurious conduct.
- The victim has not fully cooperated with the appropriate law enforcement agency.
- Compensation program funds are insufficient to make an award.

DEFINITIONS

VICTIM:

A person who suffers physical injury, extreme mental distress, or death as a direct result of any of the following:

- Criminally injurious conduct;
- An act of international terrorism;
- A person's good faith effort to prevent criminally injurious conduct; or
- A person's good faith effort to apprehend a person suspected of engaging in criminally injurious conduct or an act of international terrorism

DERIVATIVE VICTIM:

- The spouse, child, parent, stepparent, stepchild, sibling, or guardian of a victim who died as a result of criminally injurious conduct or act of international terrorism and includes a child born after the victim's death.
- A person living in the household of a victim who died as a result of criminally injurious conduct.
- A member of the victim's family who witnessed the criminally injurious conduct.
- A non-family member who witnessed a violent crime.
- A person whose mental health counseling and care or presence during the victim's mental health counseling and care is required for the successful treatment of the victim.

CLAIMANT:

Any natural person filing a claim under these rules and authorized to receive a compensation award for economic loss because the person is:

- A victim of criminally injurious;
- A resident of this state who is injured by an act of international terrorism;
- A derivative victim;
- A person authorized to act on a victim's behalf, or a person authorized to act on behalf of a deceased victim's dependent if the victim died as a direct result of criminally injurious conduct or an act of international terrorism; or
- A person who assumes an obligation or pays an expense directly related to a victim's economic loss incurred as a direct result of criminally injurious conduct or an act of international terrorism.

HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

For further information or specific questions relating to a claim submitted, please call the Crime Victim Compensation Program (below), in the county where the crime occurred. Completed Victim Compensation applications can be mailed to the address listed under the specific county where the crime occurred.

Apache County Attorney's Office
P.O. Box 637
St. Johns, AZ 85936
(928) 337-7560

Cochise County Attorney's Office
Victims Witness Program
P.O. Drawer CA
Bisbee, AZ 85603
(520) 432-8700

Victim/Witness Services for Coconino County
Coconino County Crime Victim Compensation Board
201 E. Birch, Suite 4
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
(928) 779-6163

Gila County Attorney's Office
Victim Services Unit
1400 E. Ash Street
Globe, AZ 85501
(928) 402-8836

Graham County Attorney's Office
Victim/Witness Program
800 West Main Street
Safford, AZ 85546
(928) 428-4787

Greenlee County Attorney's Office
P.O. Box 1717
Clifton, AZ 85533
(928) 865-4108

La Paz County Attorney's Office
1320 Kofa Avenue
Parker, AZ 85344
(928) 669-6118

Maricopa County Attorney's Office
Victim Compensation Bureau
225 West Madison Street
Phoenix, AZ 85003
(602) 506-4955

Mohave County Attorney's Office
Crime Victim Compensation Program
P.O. Box 7000
Kingman, AZ 86402-7000
(928) 718-4967

Navajo County Attorney's Office
Navajo County Victims Services
P.O. Box 668
Holbrook, AZ 86025
(928) 524-4015

Pima County Attorney's Office
Pima County Crime Victim Compensation Program
32 N. Stone Ave., 14th Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701
(520) 740-5525

Pinal County Attorney's Office
Pinal County Crime Victim Compensation Program
P.O. Box 1798
Florence, AZ 85132
(520) 866-6805

Santa Cruz County Attorney's Office
2150 N. Congress Dr., Suite 201
Nogales, AZ 85621
(520) 281-5868

Yavapai County Attorney's Office
Victim Compensation
255 E. Gurley St., 1st Floor
Prescott, AZ 86301
(928) 771-3485

Yuma County Attorney's Office
Yuma Victim Services Division
250 W. 2nd Street, Suite G
Yuma, AZ 85364
(928) 817-4300