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STATE CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION AND ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAMS

Introduction

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), U.S. Department of Justice, administers two major formula grant programs: Victim Compensation and Victim Assistance. During the past decade, these two formula grant programs have greatly improved the accessibility and quality of services for federal and state crime victims nationwide.

The Crime Victims Fund (the Fund), established by the 1984 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), supports programs that significantly impact the lives of more than 5.6 million crime victims each year. Since its inception, the Fund has been supported not by tax dollars but by fines, penalty assessments, and bond forfeitures collected from convicted federal offenders. Legislation passed in 2001 now allows the Fund to also receive gifts, donations, and bequests from private entities. OVC distributes money deposited into the Fund directly to states to support state compensation and assistance services for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, child

abuse, drunk driving, homicide, and other crimes.

Victim Compensation

All 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and Puerto Rico have established compensation programs for crime victims. These programs reimburse victims for crime-related expenses such as

- Medical costs.
- Mental health counseling.
- Funeral and burial costs.
- Lost wages or loss of support.

Although each state compensation program is administered independently, most programs have similar eligibility requirements and offer comparable benefits. Maximum awards generally range from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Compensation is paid only when other financial resources, such as private insurance and offender restitution, do not cover the loss. Some expenses are not covered by most compensation programs, including theft, damage, and property loss.

To receive compensation, victims must comply with state statutes and rules, which generally require victims to cooperate with the reasonable requests of law enforcement and to submit a timely application to the compensation program. VOCA funds supplement state efforts to compensate crime victims. The formula for VOCA compensation grants to states has been based on 40 percent of the state payments to crime victims in a previous year. This percentage will increase to 60 percent in fiscal year (FY) 2003. From FY 1986 through FY 2001, OVC distributed \$944,794,429 in VOCA compensation grant funds.

Victim Assistance

Each year, states are awarded VOCA funds to support community-based organizations that serve crime victims. Approximately 6,400 grants are made to domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers, child abuse programs, and victim service units in law enforcement agencies, prosecutors' offices, hospitals, and social service agencies. These programs provide services including

- Crisis intervention.
- Counseling.
- Emergency shelter.
- Criminal justice advocacy.
- Emergency transportation.

States and territories are required to give priority to programs serving victims of

domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. Additional funds must be set aside for underserved victims, such as survivors of homicide victims and victims of drunk drivers.

All states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico receive a base victim assistance amount of

\$500,000 each. The territories of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and American Samoa receive a base amount of \$200,000 each. Additional funds are distributed based on population. From FY 1986 through FY 2001, states received \$2,325,924,323 in VOCA victim assistance grants from OVC.

State Compensation and Assistance Programs in the United States and U.S. Territories

Alabama

Victim Compensation
334-242-4007

Fax: 334-353-1401

Web site: www.agencies.state.al.us/crimevictims

Victim Assistance

334-242-5811

Fax: 334-242-0712

Web site: www.ago.state.al.us/victim.cfm

Alaska

Victim Compensation

907-465-3040

Fax: 907-465-2379

Web site: www.dps.state.ak.us/vccb/htm

Victim Assistance

907-465-4356

Fax: 907-465-3627

Web site: www.dps.state.ak.us/cdvs/index.htm

American Samoa

Victim Assistance

011-684-633-5221

Fax: 011-684-633-2269

E-mail: Leleaga L. at llevalasi@yahoo.com

Arizona

Victim Compensation

602-230-0252

Fax: 602-728-0752

Web site: www.azvictims.com

Victim Assistance

602-223-2465

Fax: 602-223-2943

Web site: www.acjc.state.az.us/rules.html

Arkansas

Victim Compensation

501-682-1323

Fax: 501-682-5313

Web site: www.ag.state.ar.us

Victim Assistance

501-682-1074

Fax: 501-682-5206

Web site: www.state.ar.us/dfa/intergovernmental

California

Victim Compensation

916-323-3432

Fax: 916-327-2933

Web site: www.boc.ca.gov

Victim Assistance

916-324-9140

Fax: 916-324-8554

Web site: www.ocjp.ca.gov/programs.htm

Colorado

Victim Compensation

303-239-4442

Fax: 303-239-4411

Web site: www.cdpsweb.state.co.us/ovp/comp.htm

Victim Assistance

303-239-4429

Fax: 303-239-4411

Web site: www.cdpsweb.state.co.us/ovp/voca.htm

Connecticut

Victim Compensation

860-747-6070

Fax: 860-747-6428

Web site: www.jud.state.ct.us

Victim Assistance

860-747-6070

Fax: 860-747-6428

Web site: www.jud.state.ct.us

Delaware

Victim Compensation

302-995-8383

Fax: 302-995-8387

Web site: courts.state.de.us/vccb

Victim Assistance

302-577-8693

Fax: 302-577-3440

Web site: www.state.de.us/cjc/index.html

District of Columbia

Victim Compensation

202-879-4216

Fax: 202-879-4230

Web site: www.dcb.org/dcsc/victim.html

Victim Assistance

202-727-6537

Fax: 202-727-1617

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E-mail: Brenda R. at
Brenda.Ross@dc.gov

Florida

Victim Compensation
850-414-3300
Fax: 850-487-1595
Web site: legal.firm.edu/victims/compensation.html

Victim Assistance
850-414-3300
Fax: 850-487-3013
Web site: legal.firm.edu/victims/index.html

Georgia

Victim Compensation
404-559-4949
Fax: 404-559-4960
Web site: www.ganet.org/cjcc

Victim Assistance
404-559-4949
Fax: 404-559-4960
Web site: www.ganet.org/cjcc

Guam

Victim Compensation
9-1-671-475-3324, ext. 285
Fax: 9-1-671-472-2493

Victim Assistance
9-1-671-475-3324, ext. 285
Fax: 9-1-671-472-2493
Web site: www.justice.gov.gu/dol/agpro1a.htm

Hawaii

Victim Compensation
808-587-1143
Fax: 808-587-1146
Web site: www.cpja.ag.state.hi.us

Victim Assistance
808-586-1152
Fax: 808-586-1373
Web site: www.cpja.ag.state.hi.us

Idaho

Victim Compensation
208-334-6000
Fax: 208-334-5145
Web site: www2.state.id.us/iic/crimevictims.htm

Victim Assistance
208-334-5580
Fax: 208-332-7353
Web site: www2.state.id.us/crimevictim

Illinois

Victim Compensation
312-814-2518
Fax: 312-814-5079
Web site: www.ag.state.il.us/crimevictims/crime.htm

Victim Assistance
312-793-8550
Fax: 312-793-8422
Web site: www.icjia.state.il.us

Indiana

Victim Compensation
317-232-2560
Fax: 317-232-4979
Web site: www.state.in.us/cji

Victim Assistance
317-232-2560
Fax: 317-232-4979
Web site: www.state.in.us/cji

Iowa

Victim Compensation
515-281-5044
Fax: 515-281-8199
Web site: www.state.ia.us/government/ag/cva.html

Victim Assistance
515-281-5044
Fax: 515-281-8199
Web site: www.state.ia.us/government/ag/cva.html

Kansas

Victim Compensation
785-296-2359
Fax: 785-296-0652
Web site: www.ink.org/public/ksag

Victim Assistance
785-296-2215
Fax: 785-296-6296
Web site: www.ink.org/public/ksag

Kentucky

Victim Compensation
502-564-7986
Fax: 502-573-4817
Web site: www.state.ky.us/agencies/cppr/cvcb

Victim Assistance
502-564-3251
Fax: 502-564-5244
Web site: www.law.state.ky.us/victims/rights.htm

Louisiana

Victim Compensation
225-925-1997
Fax: 225-925-1998
Web site: www.cole.state.la.us/cvr.htm

Victim Assistance
225-925-1757
Fax: 225-925-1998
Web site: www.cole.state.la.us/cva.htm

Maine

Victim Compensation
207-626-8800
Fax: 207-624-7730
Web site: www.state.me.us/ag/victim.htm

Victim Assistance
207-287-2736
Fax: 207-626-5555
E-mail: Jeannette T. at
jeannette.c.talbot@state.me.us

State Compensation and Assistance Programs in the United States and U.S. Territories (continued)

Maryland

Victim Compensation

410-585-3042

Fax: 410-764-3815

Web site: www.dpscs.state.md.us/cicb

Victim Assistance

410-767-7176

Fax: 410-333-0256

Web site: www.dhr.state.md.us/victim

Massachusetts

Victim Compensation

617-727-2200

Fax: 617-367-3906

Web site: www.ago.state.ma.us/videfault.asp

Victim Assistance

617-727-5200

Fax: 617-727-6552

Web site: www.ago.state.ma.us/videfault.asp

Michigan

Victim Compensation

517-334-9941

Fax: 517-241-2769

Web site: www.mdch.state.mi.us/cv/index.htm

Victim Assistance

517-334-9180

Fax: 517-241-2769

Web site: www.mdch.state.mi.us/cv/index.htm

Minnesota

Victim Compensation

651-205-4826

Fax: 651-296-5787

Web site: www.dps.state.mn.us/mccvs/reparations/reparations%20front%20page.htm

Victim Assistance

651-282-6256

Fax: 651-205-4808

Web site: www.dps.state.mn.us/mccvs

Mississippi

Victim Compensation

601-359-6766

Fax: 601-359-3262

Web site: www.dfa.state.ms.us/cvcomp.html

Victim Assistance

601-987-4990

Fax: 601-987-4154

E-mail: Charles S. at cstamps@dps.state.ms.us

Missouri

Victim Compensation

573-526-3510

Fax: 573-526-4940

Web site: www.dolir.state.mo.us/wc/dolir6f.htm

Victim Assistance

573-751-4905

Fax: 573-751-5399

Web site: mova.missouri.org

Montana

Victim Compensation

406-444-3653

Fax: 406-444-4722

Web site: www.doj.state.mt.us/ago/victimservices/cvindex.htm

Victim Assistance

406-444-3604

Fax: 406-444-4722

Web site: www.mbcc.state.mt.us

Nebraska

Victim Compensation

402-471-2194

Fax: 402-471-2837

Web site: www.nol.org/home/crimecom/Administration/cvrbochure.htm

Victim Assistance

402-471-2194

Fax: 402-471-2837

Web site: www.nol.org/home/crimecom/Functions.htm#Crime#Victim#Assistance#Programs

Nevada

Victim Compensation

702-486-2740

Fax: 702-486-2555

E-mail: Roy L. at rleo@govmail.state.nv.us

Victim Assistance

775-684-4449

Fax: 775-688-1616

E-mail: Chris G. at cgraham@govmail.state.nv.us

New Hampshire

Victim Compensation

603-271-1284

Fax: 603-271-2110

Web site: www.state.nh.us/nhdoj/victimwitness/victserviceindex.html

Victim Assistance

603-271-3671

Fax: 603-271-2110

Web site: www.state.nh.us/nhdoj/victimwitness/victserviceindex.html

New Jersey

Victim Compensation

973-648-2107

Fax: 973-648-7031

Web site: www.state.nj.us/victims/VCCBDIR.HTM

Victim Assistance

609-588-4698

Fax: 609-588-7890

Web site: www.state.nj.us/lps/dcj/victimwitness/home.htm

New Mexico

Victim Compensation

505-841-9432

Fax: 505-841-9437

Web site: www.state.nm.us/cvrc

Victim Assistance

505-841-9432

Fax: 505-841-9437

Web site: www.state.nm.us/cvrc

State Compensation and Assistance Programs in the United States and U.S. Territories (continued)

New York

Victim Compensation
518-457-8003
Fax: 518-457-8658
Web site: www.cvb.state.ny.us

Victim Assistance
518-457-1779
Fax: 518-457-8658
Web site: www.cvb.state.ny.us

North Carolina

Victim Compensation
919-733-7974
Fax: 919-715-4209
Web site: www.nccrimecontrol.org/vjs/cvcp0.htm

Victim Assistance
919-733-4564
Fax: 919-733-4625
Web site: www.gcc.state.nc.us

North Dakota

Victim Compensation
701-328-6193
Fax: 701-328-6186
Web site: www.state.nd.us/docr/field_services/victims.htm

Victim Assistance
701-328-6193
Fax: 701-328-6186
Web site: www.state.nd.us/docr/field_services/victimserviceprogram.htm

Northern Mariana Islands

Victim Assistance
9-1-670-664-4457
Fax: 9-1-670-664-4560
Web site: www.cjpa.gov.mp/programs.htm

Ohio

Victim Compensation
614-466-5610
Fax: 614-995-5412
Web site: www.ag.state.oh.us/crimevic/cvcomps.htm

Victim Assistance
614-644-5610
Fax: 614-752-2732
Web site: www.ag.state.oh.us/crimevic/cvassist.htm

Oklahoma

Victim Compensation
405-264-5006
Fax: 405-264-5097
Web site: www.dac.state.ok.us

Victim Assistance
1-800-745-6098
Fax: 405-264-5097
Web site: www.dac.state.ok.us

Oregon

Victim Compensation
503-378-5348
Fax: 503-378-5738
Web site: www.doj.state.or.us/CrimeV/comp.htm

Victim Assistance
503-378-5348
Fax: 503-378-5738
Web site: www.doj.state.or.us/CrimeV/welcome1.htm

Pennsylvania

Victim Compensation
717-787-2040
Fax: 717-783-7713
Web site: www.pccd.state.pa.us

Victim Assistance
717-787-2040
Fax: 717-783-7713
Web site: www.pccd.state.pa.us

Puerto Rico

Victim Compensation
787-724-2110
Fax: 787-724-0928

Victim Assistance
787-725-0335
Fax: 787-721-7280

E-mail: Luis G. at
Lgozalez@justicia.prstar.net

Rhode Island

Victim Compensation
401-222-2287
Fax: 401-222-2212
Web site: www.state.ri.us/treas/vcfund.htm

Victim Assistance
401-222-2620
Fax: 401-222-1294
Web site: www.rijustice.state.ri.us/vca.htm

South Carolina

Victim Compensation
803-734-1930
Fax: 803-734-1708
Web site: www.govoepp.state.sc.us/sova/cvccomp.htm

Victim Assistance
803-896-7896
Fax: 803-896-8714
Web site: www.govoepp.state.sc.us/sova/index.htm

South Dakota

Victim Compensation
605-773-3656
Fax: 605-773-6834
Web site: www.state.sd.us/social/cvc/index.htm

Victim Assistance
605-773-4330
Fax: 605-773-6834
Web site: www.state.sd.us/social/asa/victims/domesticabuse/index.htm

Tennessee

Victim Compensation
615-741-2734
Fax: 615-532-4979
Web site: www.treasury.state.tn.us/injury.html

Victim Assistance
615-741-8277

State Compensation and Assistance Programs in the United States and U.S. Territories (continued)

Fax: 615-532-2989

Web site: www.state.tn.us/finance/rds/ocjp.html

Texas

Victim Compensation

512-936-1200

Fax: 512-320-8270

Web site: www.oag.state.tx.us/victims/victims.htm

Victim Assistance

512-463-1929

Fax: 512-475-2440

Web site: www.governor.state.tx.us/the_office/cjd/cjdmain.htm

U.S. Virgin Islands

Victim Compensation

340-774-1166

Fax: 340-774-3466

Victim Assistance

340-774-6400

Fax: 340-776-3317

E-mail: R. Maria Brady at crimevictims@islands.vi

Utah

Victim Compensation

801-238-2360

Fax: 801-533-4127

Web site: www.crimevictim.utah.gov/about.htm

Victim Assistance

801-238-2360

Fax: 801-533-4127

Web site: www.crimevictim.utah.gov/about.htm

Vermont

Victim Compensation

802-241-1250

Fax: 802-241-1253

Web site: www.ccvs.state.vt.us

Victim Assistance

802-241-1250

Fax: 802-241-1253

Web site: www.ccvs.state.vt.us

Virginia

Victim Compensation

804-378-3434

Fax: 804-378-4390

Web site: www.vvc.state.va.us/cicf/cicf_start_page.htm

Victim Assistance

804-786-4000

Fax: 804-786-7980

Web site: www.dcsj.state.va.us

Washington

Victim Compensation

360-902-5340

Fax: 360-902-5333

Web site: www.lni.wa.gov/insurance/cvc.htm

Victim Assistance

206-923-4910

Fax: 206-923-4899

E-mail: Susan H. at hsus300@dshs.wa.gov

West Virginia

Victim Compensation

304-347-4850

Fax: 304-347-4915

Web site: www.legis.state.wv.us/joint/court/victims/main.html

Victim Assistance

304-558-8814

Fax: 304-558-0391

Web site: www.state.wv.us/wvdoc/victimservices.htm

Wisconsin

Victim Compensation

608-266-6470

Fax: 608-264-6368

Web site: www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs/programs/cvc.asp

Victim Assistance

608-267-2251

Fax: 608-264-6368

Web site: www.doj.state.wi.us/cvs/programs/vw.asp

Wyoming

Victim Compensation

307-777-7200

Fax: 307-777-6863

Web site: www.state.wy.us/~ag/victims/comp.html

Victim Assistance

307-777-7200

Fax: 307-777-6863

Web site: www.state.wy.us/~ag/victims/index.html

Note: The agencies responsible for these programs vary from state to state.

For More Information

For more information on this topic,
please contact

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U.S. Department of Justice
810 Seventh Street NW., Eighth Floor
Washington, DC 20531
202-307-5983
Fax: 202-514-6383
Web site: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc

For copies of this fact sheet, other
OVC publications, or information on
additional victim-related resources,
please contact

Office for Victims of Crime Resource
Center (OVCRC)
P.O. Box 6000
Rockville, MD 20849-6000
1-800-627-6872 or 301-519-5500
(TTY 1-877-712-9279)
Web site: www.ncjrs.org
E-mail: askovc@ojp.usdoj.gov

Or order OVC publications online at
www.puborder.ncjrs.org.

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Statistics, the National Institute of Justice,
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Delinquency Prevention.

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