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WHAT IS THE CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION PROGRAM?

The State of Georgia has a program to assist you with crime related expenses if you are a victim of a violent crime. It can help compensate victims for medical costs, counseling, lost wages, funeral expenses and various other costs.

However, the State of Georgia is a payer of last resort.

Please review the details listed here to see if you should apply for compensation.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR VICTIM COMPENSATION?

Victims who have been **physically** injured in a violent crime. Including but not limited to victims of:

- Assault/Battery
- Homicide
- Sexual Assault
- Child Abuse
- Domestic/Family Violence
- DUI Crash Victim

- Person incurring eligible expenses due to crime

WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE?

- Victims of property crime
- Victims who consent, provoke or incite the crime against them
- Victims who were participating in a criminal act
- Victims who do not report the crime to law enforcement officials within **72 hours**

WHAT COMPENSATION IS AVAILABLE?

You are eligible for the following categories of compensation *only* if they are not covered by another source:

- Medical Expenses
- Counseling Expenses
- Funeral Expenses
- Economic Loss

TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT ALLOWABLE IS \$10,000.00

WHAT IS THE MAXIMUM FOR EACH CATEGORY?

- Medical Expenses\$5,000.00
- Counseling Expenses\$2,500.00
- Funeral Expenses\$3,000.00
- Economic Loss\$5,000.00

ARE THERE LIMITATIONS ON COMPENSATION?

Yes. Compensation cannot be paid for stolen, damaged, or lost property.

Compensation is not paid for costs payable by other sources such as health insurance, car insurance, extra sick leave pay, disability insurance, worker's compensation, unemployment compensation or funds from other government agencies.

WHAT MUST YOU DO TO BE ELIGIBLE?

- You *must* report the crime to law enforcement, within 72 hours
- Application must be filed within 180 days of crime (for crimes on or before 30 June 1997)

- Application must be filed within a year of crime (for crimes on or after 1 July 1997)
- You must cooperate with law enforcement officials in their investigation and prosecution

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

You must file an application for assistance with the Crime Victims Compensation Program. An application will be sent to you when you call the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council at (404)559-4949 or the Governor's Victim Assistance Helpline at 1-800-338-6745.

You do not need an attorney to file an application.