

California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP)

Under California law (Government Code sections 13950-13966), victims may receive financial assistance for losses resulting from qualifying crimes such as:

- Mental Health Counseling
- Medical, Dental and Hospital Expenses
- Loss of Wages or Support
- Funeral and Burial Costs
- Job Retraining and Rehabilitation
- Crime Scene Clean Up

Who is Eligible:

- Victims who suffer physical and/or emotional injury or a survivor of a person who dies as a direct result of the crime are eligible to apply whether or not a suspect is identified or a criminal case is filed.
- Family members or cohabitants of the victim, including those legally dependent on the victim for support
- Anyone who was present during the crime and who has a close relationship with the victim
- Anyone who must receive psychological treatment as a result of the crime
- Anyone who pays the funeral or burial expenses of a deceased victim

Requirements:

- The crime must be reported to law enforcement.
- An application must be filed within one year of the crime, although there are some limited exceptions to this rule.
- Victims must not have participated in the crime, be in custody, or be on felony probation or parole.
- Victims must cooperate with law enforcement and the prosecution.
- Losses must be crime related and do not include property damage or loss, or "pain and suffering."
- Other sources of reimbursement, such as insurance, must be used first.
- Maximum reimbursements per victim can not exceed \$63,000.

How to apply:

The District Attorney's Claims Verification Program has a joint contract with the California Victim Compensation Program to verify and process Victim Compensation claims locally. For more information, call toll free (800) 492-5944.

For more information on the California Victim Compensation Program, call toll free (800) 777-9229. You may also access program information on the Internet at www.vcgcb.ca.gov/victims/ or at P.O. Box 3036, Sacramento, CA 95812-3036.