



Washington State Department of
Labor & Industries

Crime Victims Compensation Program

We're here to help

Mission: Reduce financial hardship for victims of violent crime

This program was created to help victims and family members with the many costs associated with violent crime. The program provides financial help to crime victims and families for expenses such as:

- Medical/dental/mental health and medication benefits
- Loss of financial support (wage loss)
- Grief counseling / Funeral expenses

Eligibility Requirements

- Must occur in Washington
- Must be a gross misdemeanor or felony
- Must be reported within 1 year to law enforcement or when the crime could have reasonably been reported.
- Application must be received within 3 years of law enforcement filing date.
- Victim must provide reasonable cooperation with law enforcement to apprehend and convict the offender
- Injury cannot be a result of consent, provocation or incitement
- Victim cannot be in the commission of a felony crime
- Victim cannot be convicted of a felony crime against persons within 5 years & has not completely satisfied all legal financial obligations. Benefits cannot continue should a victim be convicted of a felony against persons after a claim has been allowed.
- Victim cannot be incarcerated at the time of the criminal act
- Vehicular crimes must be vehicular assault, vehicular homicide, failure to secure a load in the 1st degree, or DUI

How to file a claim

Crime Victims

- File a police report.
- Use our online application tool
 - <https://secure.lni.wa.gov/cvbenefits>
- Complete the Application for Benefits - Crime Victim form. This form is also available from advocates and health-care providers.

- Provide as much information as possible, sign, date, and mail or fax the form.

If using a paper application:

Fax to 360-902-5333

or

Mail to:

Crime Victims Compensation Program

PO Box 44520

Olympia WA 98504

How the Crime Victims Compensation Program pays for services on approved claims

- The CVCP is the payer of last resort.
- This means if the applicant has insurance we can pay only after primary insurance has paid.
 - If there is primary insurance the service providers must first send the bill to the primary insurance.
 - After the primary insurance has been exhausted, the service providers bill CVCP.
- Other insurance includes:
 - Medical insurance
 - Public health/Medicaid
 - Auto/life or homeowner's insurance policies
- The claimant should not be receiving bills for services covered under the claim.

Maximum Benefits

- Medical benefits are limited to \$150,000.
- All other non-medical benefits are limited to \$40,000 with other maximums applied:
 - Wage loss: \$15,000
 - Limited pension: \$40,000 (including any wage loss or burial paid)
 - Burial: \$6,170.00
 - Increased to \$6620.00 as of 07/01/2020.
 - Increase to \$7990.00 as of 07/01/2023
- Funeral expenses include such costs as burial, cremation, cemetery plot, headstone, and funeral service.
 - An itemized statement for burial expenses must be received within 24 months of claim allowance or release of the remains.
 - As with other CVCP benefits, payment is secondary to other insurance benefits.
 - A permanently disabled victim or the spouse, registered domestic partner, or dependent children of a deceased victim, may be eligible to receive limited wage replacement benefits. Payments are based on a percentage of the victim's wages.

What if the claim is denied?

The common reasons a claim is denied is:

- No police report filed
- No signature on the application
- Crime not committed in Washington State.

You can protest or appeal any decision of the Crime Victims Compensation Program. It must be submitted in writing within 90 calendar days of the date of the decision you disagree with.

Does our program cover everything?

No... some instances are not covered. They are in part:

- Identity theft.
- Personal property crimes.
- Crime scene cleanup.
- Expenses covered by other insurance.

Contact Information

Web site: www.lni.wa.gov/crimevictims

Toll free phone number: 1-800-762-3716

CVC fax number: (360) 902-5333

Mailing address:

PO Box 44520

Olympia, WA 98504-4520



QUESTIONS?

Thank you!