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CAN WE HELP YOU?

If you or a family member have been physically or emotionally injured or killed due to a violent crime in the State of Missouri, you may be eligible to receive compensation for crime related losses, including reasonable medical, counseling or funeral expenses as well as lost wages or loss of support. To see if you are eligible, an application for assistance should be filed with the Crime Victims' Compensation Program. Please note that pain and suffering is NOT an eligible benefit.

Below are some, but not all, of the requirements that must be met in order to be eligible for reimbursement:

- The crime incident must have occurred in the State of Missouri. (If the crime occurred in a different state, contact that state for information on their compensation program.)
- The crime incident must be reported to law enforcement within forty-eight (48) hours of the crime, or in the case of a minor child, within forty-eight (48) hours of discovery of the crime.
- The victim and/or claimant must cooperate with law enforcement and the prosecutor in the apprehension and prosecution of the suspect(s), if known.
- The victim can not have two (2) or more felonies within the past ten (10) years of the crime date of which one or more felonies involves alcohol, illegal drugs or violence.
- The victim must have sustained physical or emotional injury or been killed as a result of a violent crime.

Please note that for reimbursement purposes, crime is defined as an act committed by a mentally competent person. The act must have involved force or violence or the threat of force or violence by the offender upon the victim. If the act involved a motor vehicle, the act must be charged as driving while intoxicated, involuntary manslaughter, leaving the scene or the injury was intentionally inflicted through the use of a motor vehicle. A reimbursable crime also includes the act of terrorism committed outside of the United States against a resident of Missouri.

- A signed and notarized application for assistance must be received by the CVC office within two (2) years of the crime date. If the victim is a minor child (under age 18), then the application must be received within two (2) years of the date of discovery of the crime.
- If insurance coverage is available, all expenses must be submitted to insurance first.
- A copy of the victim's medical, counseling or funeral expenses must be submitted to the CVC office along with any paid receipts, if self-payments have been made.
- To be compensated for lost wages or loss of support, the victim must have been gainfully employed at the time of the crime.
- The victim and/or claimant must show proof of United States citizenship or proof of legal residency in the United States.

**The above requirements are some, but not all, of the criteria that must be met.
The above requirements are to be used as a guideline only. Eligibility can not be guaranteed.**

For more information or to obtain an application for assistance, contact the CVC office at 1-800-347-6881 or visit the CVC website at www.dps.mo.gov then follow the link to Crime Victims' Compensation. Application instructions are also available to assist you with filing a claim.