

Crime Victims' Compensation

Crime Victims' Compensation is a program out of the Attorney General's office that provides financial assistance to victims of violent crime. There are a few basic requirements for eligibility:

- ◆ You must have been a victim of violent crime in Texas or be a Texas resident who becomes a victim in an area that does not have a compensation program.
- ◆ You must be willing to follow through in the prosecution of the case.
- ◆ You must report the offense within a reasonable period of time.
- ◆ You must file the application within three years of the date of the crime.

Crime Victims' Compensation may pay for counseling, loss of support, loss of earnings, child or dependent care, medical expenses, funeral expenses, and relocation for victims of domestic violence or certain sexual assault offenses.

In order to apply, you must submit an application to the Attorney General's office. Applications may be obtained through the Victim Services Unit of the Irving Police Department or you may download the application at <http://www.oag.state.tx.us> or call 1-800-983-9933. The Victim Services Unit is available to assist you with the application process and may be able to help you get the claim processed faster.