

How Do I Apply?

You must file an application for assistance with the Division of Victim Services. You can obtain an application by:

Phone:

(307) 777-7200

Fax:

(307) 777-6683

Address:

Division of Victim Services
122 W. 25th Street
Herschler Building, 1st Floor West
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Web Site:

vssi.state.wy.us

Email:

vssi@state.wy.us

How Long Will It Take?

- It can take up to three (3) months to determine if you are eligible for assistance.
- Claim determinations will be made when all required information is received.

Anywhere... Anytime... Anyone...

can become a victim of violent crime. Each year the Wyoming Crime Victims' Compensation Program reaches out to hundreds of victims who have suffered financial loss, physical injuries and emotional trauma as a result of violent crime.

The program cannot erase the painful memories of a crime, but we hope it can help ease the financial burdens victims face.

** The Crime Victim Compensation program is funded through fines and penalties imposed on criminal offenders, not tax dollars.*

Contact your local advocacy program at:

Crime Victim Compensation

What you should know
as a victim of crime:



Office of the Attorney General
Division of Victim Services

**Victims Only Toll Free Helpline:
1-888-996-8816**

What Is The Crime Victims Compensation Program?

The State of Wyoming has a program to assist you with crime related expenses if you are a victim of a violent crime. The program can help compensate victims for such expenses as lost wages or loss of support, medical, mental health counseling, funeral expenses and/or crime scene cleanup.

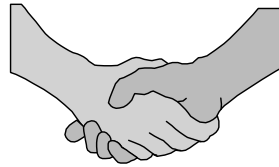
Who Is Eligible For Victims Compensation?

Victims who have suffered physical or psychological injury or death as a direct result of a violent crime. Including, but not limited to victims of:

- Assault/battery
- Homicide
- Child Abuse
- Sexual Assault
- Domestic Violence
- DUI Crash
- Hit-And-Run
- Vehicular Homicide
- Robbery
- Stalking
- Family and dependents of deceased victims

Who Is Not Eligible?

- The offender and/or accomplice
- A victim convicted of a felony after applying for compensation
- A person who is the victim of a criminal act while serving in prison/correctional facility when the crime was committed
- A victim who's expenses are paid entirely by other sources
- Victims of property loss, monetary loss
- Victims seeking to be compensated only for pain and suffering



What Are The Maximum Allowable Awards?

- Overall Maximum Per Claim \$15,000
- Mental Health Expenses \$4,000/yr
- Funeral Expenses \$5,000
- Emergency Awards Up To \$1,000
- Loss of Support/Lost Wages - calculated at the current federal minimum wage.

What Expenses May Be Paid?

- Medical Care
- Mental Health Counseling
- Loss of Earnings
- Loss of Support
- Funeral/Burial
- Relocation Expenses
- Crime Scene Cleanup
- Travel Expenses

Are There Limitations On Compensation?

- Compensation can not be paid for stolen, damaged, or lost property.
- Collateral sources available to the victim such as insurance, Medicaid, Medicare or Social Security need to be considered first.

What Must I do To Be Eligible?

- Application(s) must be filed within one (1) year of the crime. This may be extended with good cause shown.
- You must cooperate with law enforcement officials in the investigation and prosecution of the crime.