

CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION



**NEW MEXICO CRIME VICTIMS
REPARATION COMMISSION**

Who qualifies?

Victims who have suffered physical injury or extreme mental distress as a result of one or more of the following crimes:

- Arson resulting in bodily injury;
- Aggravated assault or aggravated battery;
- Dangerous use of explosives resulting in bodily injury;
- Negligent use of a deadly weapon;
- Murder;
- Voluntary manslaughter;
- Involuntary manslaughter;
- Kidnapping;
- Criminal sexual penetration;
- Criminal sexual contact of a minor;
- Homicide by vehicle or great bodily injury by vehicle;
- Abandonment or abuse of a child;
- Aggravated indecent exposure;
- Stalking;
- Human trafficking;
- Assault against a household member;
- Battery against a household member;
- Failure to give information and render aid.

Who may apply?

- Victims;
- Family and dependents of deceased victims;
- Any individual who voluntarily assumes funeral or medical expenses of the victim.

Types of eligible expenses:

Benefits up to a maximum of \$20,000 can be made for the following:

- Medical and dental care;
- Mental health counseling;
- Other medically necessary devices;
- Funeral and burial expenses;
- Loss of earnings as a result of the crime;
- Reimbursement of co-pays;
- Travel for medical appointments and court dates.

Crime Victim Compensation is a viable source of financial assistance to a victim that should not be overlooked for out-of-pocket expenses that might occur as a result of the crime. It is important for victims/claimants to file a compensation application even if the victim has other sources, such as health insurance, that can cover medical expenses.

How does a person qualify?

- The crime must have occurred in New Mexico.
- The crime must be reported to a licensed medical provider, licensed mental health provider, tribal health provider or law enforcement agency.
- A completed application must be filed within two (2) years of the incident. Some exceptions may be allowed for good cause.
- The victim or claimant must cooperate fully with New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission.

How is eligibility determined?

All applications are reviewed for eligibility based on State and Federal statutes, rules and regulations. If eligible, all expenses are paid after required verification is received. New Mexico Crime Victims Reparations Commission is the payer of last resort. Other sources such as Medicaid, Medicare, health insurance, workers compensation, and other support services must be used first. If a report to law enforcement has been made, the victim must cooperate fully, to include prosecution. The Commission may consider any contributory behavior on the part of the victim or claimant. **The submission of an application does not guarantee payment.**

No benefits are made for property loss, pain and suffering, or attorney's fees.

Funding Opportunities:

CVRC leverages state and federal funds to support the provisions of direct victim services, training, law enforcement, prosecutors, and systemic response to victims of crime in New Mexico. Please refer to our website for grant funding opportunities.

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