



NEW MEXICO CRIME VICTIMS REPARATION COMMISSION
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MISSING PERSON(S) FUNDING GUIDELINES (MPF)

Purpose: Every missing person(s) case is different, and every search will be limited by the amount of time, energy, money, and other resources that can be dedicated to it. The PRIMARY concern is to help decrease emotional trauma as well as financial burden.

Definition of Missing Person(s): As soon a person's whereabouts is unknown and there is concern for their safety and welfare, they can be reported missing to law enforcement.

Important to Note: This fund is **not** intended to be a substitute for victims' compensation. The fund supports immediate services to missing persons when **no** other funding source is available.

Allowable Costs: The maximum amount of MPF available to a missing person(s) family will not exceed \$3,000.00. Approved MPF requests are intended to support health and/or safety needs and related expenses. MPF funds are once in a lifetime for the missing person(s).

Potential expenses to be considered:

- Emergency counseling and mental health assessments
- Rent, arrears associated with the missing person(s) are eligible and should be reasonable.
- Mileage (not to exceed New Mexico State mileage rate)
- Per diem (not to exceed New Mexico State rate)
- Emergency shelter/temporary housing/hotels
- Necessary and reasonable transportation costs to receive emergency crisis intervention services or medical services, including prescriptions.
- Print and digital materials (bumper stickers, billboards, videos, t-shirts, and media campaigns)
- Utilities: deposits, gas, electric, water, telephone, etc. Arrears associated with the missing persons are eligible and should be reasonable, upon approval by NMCVRC.
- Legal assistance with managing financial affairs, emergency custody & visitation procedures, and civil legal assistance issues with approval by NMCVRC. (not to exceed \$2,000)

Reasonable expenses prior to July 1, 2023, may be considered, not to exceed \$3,000.00.

UNALLOWABLE COSTS:

1. Long term housing, including ongoing rent and utilities.
2. Expenses related to recovering lost property.
3. No reward(s)

Please DO NOT refer victims directly to the MPF Administering Agency. This does the missing persons family a disservice as they will be directed to contact a victim service agency in their area who is knowledgeable about local resources and who can assist them with the MPF request.