

Services Provided by the Monterey County District Attorney's Victim Assistance Program

- ⇒ Crisis Intervention
- ⇒ Emergency Assistance
- ⇒ Resource and Referral Assistance
- ⇒ Direct Counseling
- ⇒ Property Return
- ⇒ Criminal Justice Information
- ⇒ Court Escort and Support
- ⇒ Case Status/Case Disposition
- ⇒ Restitution Assistance
- ⇒ Creditor Intervention
- ⇒ Assistance with California Victim Compensation Application



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250 Franciscan Way
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California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB)

The California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB) can help pay bills and expenses that result from violent crimes. Victims of crime who have been injured or have been threatened with injury may be eligible for assistance.

CalVCB Helpline: 1-800-777-9229

Phone: 1-866-902-8669

The Monterey County District Attorney's Office will only review I-918B certification requests for cases that have been filed by this office. If the case was not referred to this office for review, please direct your certification request to the law enforcement agency that took the report.

Monterey County Law Enforcement

California Highway Patrol

960 E Blanco Road, Salinas CA 93901; (831) 770-8000

CSU Monterey Bay Police

100 Campus Center 82F, Seaside CA 93955; (831) 582-3360

Carmel Police Department

S-E Juniper Ave & 4th Avenue, Carmel, CA 93923;
(831) 624-6403

Del Rey Oaks Police Department

650 Canyon Del Rey Blvd, Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940;
(831) 394-9333

Gonzales Police Department

109 4th Street, Gonzales, CA 93926; (831) 675-5010

Greenfield Police Department

599 El Camino Real, Greenfield, CA 93927; (831) 674-5111

King City Police Department

415 Bassett Street, King City, CA 93930; (831) 386-5910

Marina Police Department

211 Hillcrest Avenue, Marina, CA 93933; (831) 884-1210

Monterey County Sheriff's Office

1414 Natividad Road, Salinas, CA 93906; (831) 755-3700

Monterey Police Department

351 Madison Street, Monterey, CA 93940; (831) 646-3830

Pacific Grove Police Department

580 Pine Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950; (831) 648-3143

Presidio of Monterey

4468 Gigling Road, Ord Milcom, CA 93944; (831) 242-7851

Salinas Police Department

312 E. Alisal St., Salinas, CA 93901; (831) 758-7090

Sand City Police Department

1 Pendergrass Way, Sand City, CA 93955; (831) 394-1451

Seaside Police Department

440 Harcourt Avenue, Seaside, CA 93955; (831) 899-6748

Soledad Police Department

236 Main Street, Soledad, CA 93960; (831) 223-5120



U-Visa and I-918, Supplement B Certification

GENERAL INFORMATION for VICTIMS AND REPRESENTATIVES

**MONTEREY COUNTY
District Attorney's Office
JEANNINE M. PACIONI
District Attorney**

Form I-918, Supplement B

What is a U-Visa

The purpose of the U-visa is to give victims of qualifying criminal activities, who have been helpful with law enforcement, temporary legal status and work eligibility in the U.S. An individual may be eligible for a U-visa if he/she:

- Is the direct or indirect victim of a qualifying criminal activity.
- Has suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of having been a victim of criminal activity.
- Has information about the criminal activity.
- Was helpful, is being helpful, or is likely to be helpful to law enforcement throughout the investigation and/or prosecution of the criminal activity.

Additionally, certain family members of a U-visa recipient may also be eligible to live and work in the United States as “derivative” U-visa recipients based on their relationship with the principal recipient.

The following are examples of qualifying crimes:

- Abduction
- Abusive Sexual Contact
- Being Held Hostage
- Blackmail
- Domestic Violence
- Extortion
- False Imprisonment
- Felonious Assault
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Fraud in Foreign Labor Contracting
- Incest
- Involuntary Servitude
- Kidnapping
- Manslaughter
- Obstruction of Justice
- Peonage
- Perjury
- Prostitution
- Rape
- Prostitution
- Rape
- Sexual Assault
- Sexual Exploitation
- Slave Trade
- Stalking
- Torture
- Trafficking
- Unlawful Criminal Restraint
- Witness Tampering
- Attempt, Conspiracy, or Solicitation to Commit Any of the Named Crimes

Certifying Form I-918B

If a victim believes he/she may qualify for a U visa, the victim or his/her representative may submit an I-918, Supplement B certification request to the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office for consideration.

YOU DO NOT NEED LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO APPLY FOR A U VISA CERTIFICATION

You can request an I-918B from the Monterey County District Attorney’s Office by simply filling out a one-page questionnaire. Please contact Andrea Lopez to obtain a copy of the form.

Certifying Official:

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Email submissions are preferred but not required.

Please understand that a certification alone does not automatically confer immigration benefits. Obtaining a certifying official’s signature from this office is just one of the requirements to apply for a U visa. If a certification is issued by this office, it is up to the applicant or his/her representative to submit a complete U-Visa application, including Form I-918, Supplement B, to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for processing.

NOTE: A completed Form I-918B is valid for six months from the date of the signature. A new I918B can be requested if the U Visa application is not filed within that time.

Did You Know?

An individual can choose to self-represent themselves throughout the U-visa application process. However, it is recommended that you hire a legal representative to assist you with the process. Applicants must go through a lengthy immigration process that requires rigorous documentation and review by USCIS. Representatives will review your case with you and submit a certification request to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Before selecting an attorney to assist you with your U-visa, you can check the attorney’s legal status by going on to: www.calbar.ca.gov/Attorneys

To verify if an organization is Department of Justice (DOJ) accredited through the Office of Legal Access Programs you can look for their name on the: www.justice.gov/eoir/recognition-accreditation-roster-reports webpage.

An immigration consultant is not an attorney, but they are allowed to provide very limited immigration services after complying with certain requirements. An immigration consultant cannot give legal advice and cannot claim to have special influences or make guarantees without a factual basis. However, they can complete forms you have previously chosen to complete and can assist in obtaining supporting documents.

You can verify if an immigration consultant is bonded and has an active status by going to: www.specialfilings.sos.ca.gov/ics

Accredited non-profits in Monterey County available to help with U-Visas

Catholic Charities
1705 Second Avenue
Salinas, CA 93905
(831) 422-0602

UFW Foundation
118 E. Gabillan St.
Salinas, CA 93901
(831) 220-3004