

## EXPENSES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT

CalVCP may reimburse the following expenses if they are necessary due to a crime and if there are no other sources of reimbursement available such as health, auto and homeowners insurance, disability, worker's compensation or other benefits.

Caps or limits may apply.

- Medical and medical-related expenses for the victim, including dental expenses.
- Outpatient mental health treatment or counseling.
- Funeral and burial expenses.
- Wage or income loss up to five years following the date of the crime. If the victim is permanently disabled, wage or income loss may be extended.
- Support loss for legal dependents of a deceased or injured victim.
- Up to 30 days wage loss for the parent or legal guardian of a minor victim who is hospitalized or dies as a direct result of a crime.
- Medically necessary renovation or retrofitting of a home or vehicle for a person permanently disabled as a result of the crime.
- Home security installation or improvements up to \$1,000 if the crime occurred in the victim's home.
- In-patient psychiatric hospitalization costs under dire or exceptional circumstances.
- Relocation expenses up to \$2,000 per household.
- Crime scene cleanup up to \$1,000 when a crime occurs in a residence.

## EXPENSES NOT ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT

Personal property losses, except medically necessary replacement of items such as eyeglasses and assistive devices. Expenses related to the prosecution of an alleged perpetrator. Compensation for "pain and suffering." Expenses submitted more than three years after incurred may not be eligible for reimbursement unless the victim is liable for the debt at the time the expense is submitted to CalVCB or has already paid the expense.

For more information concerning the California Victim Compensation Program, you may contact the California Victim Compensation Board at their toll free number 1-800-777-9229 or [www.victims.ca.gov](http://www.victims.ca.gov)

## LIMITS ON ASSISTANCE

Assistance is limited to the amount of out-of-pocket expenses or bills incurred by or on behalf of the victim or applicant that have not been reimbursed by other sources such as insurance, and the amount of lost wages or loss of support (based on the victim's income) if that benefit is applicable. For applications filed on or after January 1, 2001, the maximum amount that can be reimbursed is \$63,000. For applications filed on or after January 1, 2017, the maximum amount that can be reimbursed is \$70,000.



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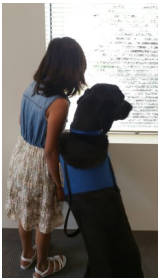


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## AS A VICTIM OF A CRIME, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- Be treated with fairness, dignity, sensitivity, and respect;
- Attend and be present at criminal proceedings;
- Be heard in the criminal justice process, including the right to confer with the prosecutor and submit a victim impact statement at sentencing, parole, and other similar proceedings;
- Be informed of proceedings and events in the criminal justice process, including the release or escape of the offender, legal rights and remedies, and available benefits and services, and access to records, referrals, and other information;
- Protection from intimidation and harassment;
- Restitution from the offender;
- Privacy;
- Apply for crime victim compensation;
- Restitution from the offender;
- The expeditious return of personal property seized as evidence whenever possible;
- A speedy trial and other proceedings free from unreasonable delay;
- Enforcement of these rights and access to other available remedies.

## FACILITY DOGS



## WHO'S ELIGIBLE

- To be eligible for compensation, a person must be a victim of a qualifying crime involving physical injury, threat of physical injury or death. For certain crimes, emotional injury alone is all that needs to be shown. Certain family members or other loved ones who suffer an economic loss resulting from an injury to, or death of, a victim of a crime may also be eligible for compensation. The Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB) can help victims and family members of victims of crimes such as: Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, Assault, Sexual Assault, Elder Abuse, Molestation, Homicide, Robbery, Hate Crimes, Drunk Driving, Vehicular Manslaughter, Human Trafficking, Stalking, and Online Harassment

## PROGRAM SERVICES

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

## PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE

- Be either a resident of California or the victim of a crime that happened in California
- Report the crime to the police, sheriff, child protective services, or some other law enforcement agency (some exceptions may apply).
- In most cases, apply to CalVCB within three years of the time the crime happened.
- Generally, cooperate with law enforcement during the investigation and prosecution of the crime.
- Not have been involved in or committed a felony in the events leading to the crime.
- Cooperate with CalVCB by providing the information needed to review the application.

### Child Witnesses to Violent Crime:

- Minors who suffer emotional injuries from witnessing a violent crime may be eligible for up to \$5,000 for mental health counseling through CalVCB. A law that went into effect in 2009 allows the minor witnesses to be eligible for assistance even if he or she is unrelated to the crime victim. To qualify, the minor witness must have been in close proximity to the crime.

## PERSONS NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE

- Persons who commit the crime.
- Persons who knowingly and willingly participated in or were involved in the events leading to the crime; some exceptions may be raised.
- Persons who do not cooperate reasonably with a law enforcement agency in the apprehension and conviction of a criminal committing the crime; some exceptions may be considered.
- CalVCB cannot pay any expenses incurred while a person is on parole, probation or post-release community supervision for a violent felony; incarcerated or required to register as a sex offender. This does not affect an application's eligibility. It instead stops payment for expenses that are incurred during incarceration and felon or registered sex offender status.