

Crime Victims' Compensation

The Crime Victims' Compensation (CVC) program provides financial help to people who have been the victim of a violent crime in Oregon. Crimes that may qualify for compensation include domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, robbery, assault, homicide, or other crimes that cause physical or psychological injury.

CVC's mission is to ease the financial impact of violent crimes on victims, survivors, and their families.

What Does CVC Pay For?

We pay for reasonable crime-related expenses, including:

- Up to \$20,000 for medical and counseling services
 - In cases of child sex abuse, compensation can include counseling for the victim's family.
- Up to \$20,000 for grief counseling for survivors of a deceased victim
- Documented loss of earnings or support, up to \$600/week for a maximum of \$20,000
- Funeral expenses up to \$5,000
- Rehabilitation services, such as physical therapy, up to \$4,000
- Reimbursement of mileage (50¢ per mile for travel to medical and mental health treatment, up to \$3,000
 - Mileage reimbursement is available only when someone must travel more than 60 miles roundtrip and there are no closer services.
- Up to \$10,000 for counseling for children who witness domestic violence
- Up to \$1,000 for counseling for family members of an Oregon resident who is a victim of international terrorism
- Up to \$500 for counseling for friends or acquaintances of a deceased victim who discover the deceased victim's body

Am I Eligible for CVC?

To receive financial help from CVC, you must:

1. **Be a victim of a compensable crime** that happened in Oregon.
Compensable crime means an intentional, reckless, or criminal act (not an accident) by a person that causes the injury or death of another person.
2. **Report the crime** to the appropriate law enforcement officials within 72 hours.*
3. **Cooperate with law enforcement.** (This requirement is waived in cases of sex abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, or stalking.)*
4. **Apply within 1 year** of the crime.*

*These requirements may be waived for good cause.

Compensation for Counseling Only

Victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, or human trafficking who do not meet all eligibility requirements may still qualify for compensation for counseling expenses. Look for the **Counseling Only application** in the CVC Portal or at doj.state.or.us/compensation

You are not eligible for CVC if:

- The injury or death resulted from your own criminal conduct.
- The crime involved only property damage or loss.
- The injury or death resulted from a noncriminal event (an accident).
- The crime occurred before CVC became effective in January 1978.

Processing of an application will be deferred if:

- You are incarcerated.
- You owe money as a result of a felony or misdemeanor criminal conviction

How Do I Submit an Application?

You can apply online, on paper, or in person.

- Apply online at the CVC Portal:
doj.state.or.us/cvcportal
- Download a printable application form at
doj.state.or.us/compensation
Send or email the completed application to:

Crime Victim and Survivor Services Division
1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-4096
Telephone: 503-378-5348
Fax: 503-378-5738
Email: cvssd@doj.state.or.us

- Apply at your local District Attorney's Office Victim Assistance Program.

What Happens When I Submit an Application?

When CVC receives an application, we review police reports, medical charts, and any other information to determine if you are eligible for CVC benefits. We notify you by mail or email when we receive your application, and then again in **60 to 90 days** to tell you our claim decision.

Other Compensation

If you have other benefits available (health insurance, auto insurance, workers compensation, or medical disability), you must use those before we will pay expenses. CVC will pay for copays, deductibles, and crime-related treatment that insurance does not cover.

If you receive crime-related money later (such as restitution or lawsuit settlements) for the same services CVC has paid for, you must pay back to CVC any money that was paid to you.

Accessible Materials

For a more accessible version of this brochure, or to learn about other ways to access this information and CVSSD programs, contact us.

Email: cvssd@doj.state.or.us

Call: 503-378-5348 or 1-800-503-7983

Contact Us

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**Every victim, every crime,
every right, every time.**