

There is help for victims.

Each year the New Hampshire Victims' Compensation Program reaches out to hundreds of victims who have suffered financial loss, physical injuries and emotional trauma as a result of violent crime.

The assistance provided by this program helps victims recover and rebuild their lives.

State of New Hampshire Victims' Compensation Program

TO APPLY

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Are You A Victim of A Crime . . .

Feeling Like There Is Nowhere
To Go For Financial Help?



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NEW HAMPSHIRE VICTIMS' COMPENSATION PROGRAM

The New Hampshire Victims' Compensation Program helps innocent victims of violent crime with expenses directly related to crime injuries. The costs of this program are paid by motor vehicle and criminal fines and the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grants.

Who May Qualify?

- ◆ Victims who sustain physical and/or mental injuries as a result of a felony or misdemeanor crime that occurred in NH.
- ◆ Any person who sustains personal injury as a result of persons driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances in NH.
- ◆ Representatives acting on behalf of victims.
- ◆ Families and dependents of deceased victims (homicides).

How Do I Get Help?

- ◆ The crime must be reported to local law enforcement or there must be reasonable evidence of a crime, such as law enforcement reports or domestic violence protection orders.
- ◆ There must be at least \$100 in out-of-pocket loss or liability incurred as a direct result of the crime.
- ◆ The victim must cooperate with reasonable requests of law enforcement officers and prosecutors in the investigation or prosecution of the crime.
- ◆ An application must be filed with the Program within 2 years from the date of the crime. This time frame may be waived for good cause.

Who Does Not Qualify?

- ◆ A victim who suffered property loss or damage.
- ◆ A victim whose own actions contributed to the crime.
- ◆ A victim engaged in illegal conduct at the time of the crime.
- ◆ The offender, accomplice or anyone whose award would unjustly enrich the offender or accomplice.

How Long Will It Take?

- ◆ All claims are unique; payment will be made on Commission approved claims when all required information is received.

What Costs May Be Paid?

- ◆ The program can help with the following types of crime related expenses:
 - ◆ Medical and dental care;
 - ◆ Mental health counseling with a licensed therapist;
 - ◆ Relocation costs not to exceed \$5,000;
 - ◆ Up to 10 days of emergency funds available through your local crisis center for domestic and sexual violence victims;
 - ◆ Reimbursement for replacement of clothing or bedding held for evidence purposes (sexual assault);
 - ◆ Mileage to and from licensed health care providers;
 - ◆ Costs associated with securing and cleaning a crime scene (homicides);
 - ◆ Medication and medication management;
 - ◆ Security systems and up to one year of monitoring;
 - ◆ Loss of earnings;
 - ◆ Loss of support for the dependents of homicide victims;

- ◆ Funeral and burial costs for homicide victims (up to \$5,000 and up to \$500 for a grave marker);
- ◆ Recoverable costs associated with participation in the Victim Offender Dialogue Program;
- ◆ Other reasonable crime related out-of-pocket expenses.

What Is The Maximum Award?

- ◆ Awards can be made up to a maximum of \$25,000.
- ◆ Victims' Compensation is the payor of last resort. Collateral sources available to the victim such as insurance, Medicaid, Medicare or Social Security need to be considered first.

How Do I Apply?

- ① Complete and sign the application form. The form is available on our website at:
www.doj.nh.gov/grants-management/victims-compensation-program/documents/application-form.pdf
- ② Forward the completed application to:
NH Victims' Compensation Program
Department of Justice
33 Capitol Street
Concord, NH 03301
- ③ The application form will be reviewed and more information/documentation may be needed. Please respond to any requests for more information as soon as possible.