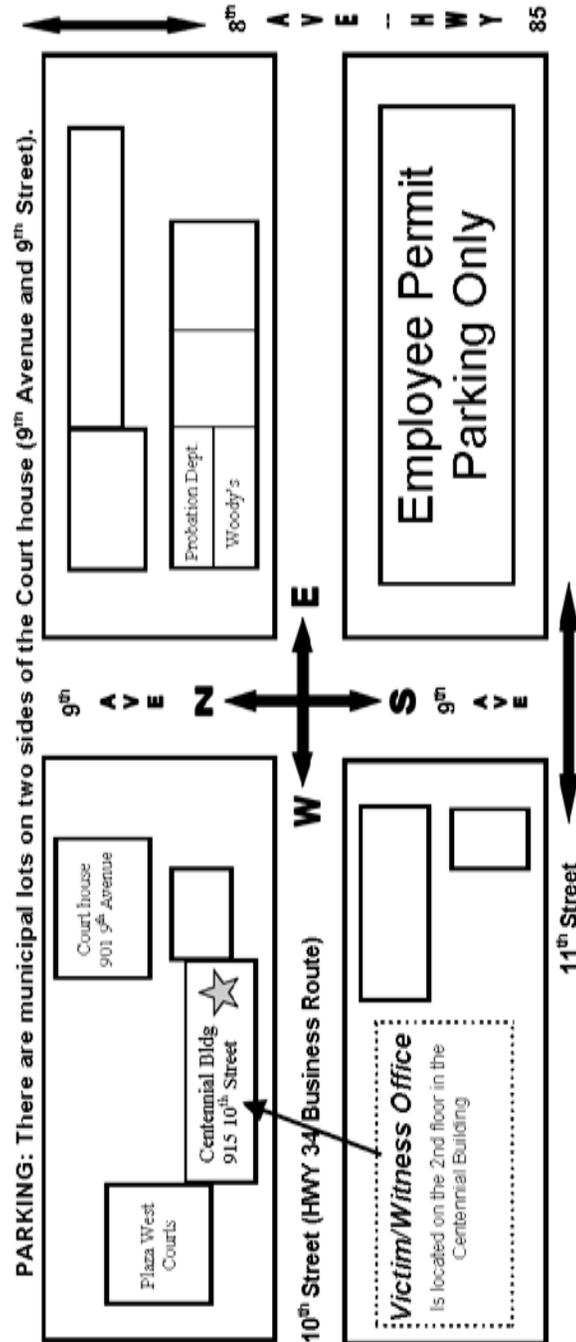


In addition to Victim Compensation, the Victim Assistance Program can also help by providing:

- Information on the status of your case
- Intervention with employer or creditors
- Information and referral to community services
- On-call system which allows victims to stay by a phone rather than wait long periods at the courthouse waiting to testify
- Witness fee information
- Transportation and lodging, as necessary if subpoenaed to testify
- Translator and special needs services

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NOTE: As Crime Victim Compensation is a limited fund, certain needs cannot be addressed through this program. This includes automobile expenses, replacement of personal property, reimbursement for stolen money and monies for "pain and suffering."



You May
Qualify for Aid

CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION PROGRAM



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Crime Victim Compensation

Innocent victims of crime may be eligible for financial help with many of the expenses that are a result of their victimization.

A fund, the Crime Victim Compensation Fund, has been established to help crime victims. Using only fines and penalties collected from convicted defendants and no tax moneys, crime victims can receive help with many of the crime-related personal and financial hardships.

Who qualifies?

"Primary" and "Secondary" victims of crime may qualify for compensation if:

- the crime was one which resulted in injury or death; or
- the crime resulted in the damage to prescriptive glasses, dentures, hearing aids, or other prosthetic devices; or
- the crime resulted in residential property damage (including certain crime-scene cleanup) or necessitates residential safety improvements; or
- the crime resulted in Lost Income or Lost Support; and
- the crime was reported to police within 72 hours or a good cause existed for a delay (e.g., time delays may be allowed in child physical and sexual abuse cases and others); and
- you have cooperated fully with law enforcement officials; and
- your injury or the death of your family

member was not the result of personal wrongful conduct (e.g., willful participation or involvement in the crime); and

- your application is submitted within six months of eligible property crime or one year of other eligible crimes

What is eligible?

Compensation may be awarded for:

- Hospital, ambulance, dental and other medical expenses
- Short-term financial costs due to lost wages or lost support
- Mental health care expenses
- Funeral and burial expenses
- Residential break-in damage (e.g., repairing or replacing doors, windows, locks, etc.)
- Necessary residential safety improvements (e.g., re-keying locks, installing deadbolts, etc.)
- Other eligible costs related to immediate safety needs

Who decides?

Award decisions are made by the Crime Victim Compensation Board, a group of local volunteers who meet at least once a month to review claims and make award decisions. Once all necessary information, including an application, insurance statements, bills, receipts, etc., is received, the Board will usually make a decision and award funds on behalf of eligible applicants within 45 days or less. Then, after the Board approves or denies a completed claim, a written notice will be sent to the claimant. If the Board denies a claim, the claimant may ask the Board to review their decision and may seek a court appeal.

How do I apply?

For additional information and application forms, contact:

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or call

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to obtain the application on-line:

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What else do I need to know?

- Crime Victim Compensation is a payer of "last resort"; therefore, all other sources of payment must be used prior to receiving a Compensation award
- Certain award limits exist for all eligible expenses and Compensation may not eliminate all crime-related costs
- In emergency situations, Compensation may be awarded immediately
- State statute allows awards to \$30,000; however, except for Medical costs, lesser limits apply
- If you believe laws or standards concerning the administration of Crime Victim Compensation have been violated, please contact the District Attorney's Office at (970) 356-4010, extension 4747. If all local efforts to obtain compliance have failed, you may request help from the Governor's Victims' Coordinating Committee by calling 1-888-282-1080