

# Crime Victim Compensation Application

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The Crime Victim Compensation (CVC) Program operates pursuant to C.R.S §24-4.1-101 et seq.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- The crime must be one in which the victim sustains mental or bodily injury, dies, or suffers property damage to locks, windows or doors to residential property as a result of a compensable crime.
- The victim must cooperate with law enforcement officials (District Attorney, police, sheriff, etc.).
- The crime was reported to a law enforcement agency within 72 hours after the crime occurred.
- The injury or death of the victim was not the result of the victim's own wrongdoing or substantial provocation.
- The victimization occurred on or after July 1, 1982.
- The application for compensation must be submitted within one year from the date of the crime; six months for residential property damage claims.
- The crime occurred in Jefferson or Gilpin County, or, the victim is a resident of Jefferson or Gilpin County, but the crime occurred in a state or country that does not have a CVC program.

NOTE: The Crime Victim Compensation Board may waive some of these requirements for good cause or in the interest of justice.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- There does not need to be an arrest made or charges filed for a victim to be eligible for compensation.
- Compensation may be made for mental health counseling, self-defense, medical/dental expenses, medically necessary devices (dentures, eyeglasses, hearing aids, prostheses), household support, exterior residential doors/locks/windows, funeral expenses, loss of support to dependents in the event of death, loss of income, safety modifications/security system, and crime scene clean-up.
- Requests must be <u>directly related</u> to the crime reported to law enforcement. Services may be limited by CVC policy.
- Compensation for property damage may be awarded for the repair or replacement of *exterior residential* doors, locks, and windows that are damaged during the commission of a crime.
- By law, you must apply for all other available sources of financial assistance or reimbursement, including private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, etc.
- Please attach *itemized bills* and receipts that are directly related to the crime. You may apply if you have not received an invoice or bill, but please forward *itemized bills* as you receive them.
- Your claim will be investigated and presented to the Crime Victim Compensation Board. This process may take up to 60 days.
- Total recovery may not exceed the statutory limit of \$30,000. Compensation for some categories is limited by Board policy. You will be notified in writing of the Board's decision and payments made to providers.

- Should your claim be denied, you have a right to request reconsideration of the Board's decision and have the right to submit new or additional information related to the reason(s) for the Board's denial or reduction of your claim. You may submit a written request for reconsideration to the CVC Administrator within 30 days from the date of the letter of denial or reduction of your claim. If you request reconsideration of the Board's decision, further information concerning the reconsideration will be mailed to you. In the event the denial is upheld by the Board you have a right to have the Board's decision reviewed in accordance with the Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure within 30 days.
- The Crime Victim Compensation Program does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability, age or sexual orientation.
- Hearing or visually impaired persons may contact the CVC program by phone, mail, email, in-person or through delegate to request assistance in submitting a CVC application.
- To request an application in a language other than English or Spanish, please contact the CVC program by phone, mail, email, in-person or through delegate.
- All materials received, made or kept by the CVC program concerning a CVC application made under C.R.S. 24-4.1-100.1 are confidential. CVC documents are only releasable pursuant to C.R.S. 24-4.1-107.5. For crimes that fall under the Victims Right Amendment, victims will be notified by the District Attorney should a subpoena be issued for their CVC documents.
- If you need emergency financial assistance, please contact the police/law enforcement agency where the crime was reported and inquire about emergency financial assistance.
- If your crime related bills have been turned over to collections, or for further information regarding CVC please call: 303.271.6846 or email: <a href="mailto:da-cvc@jeffco.us">da-cvc@jeffco.us</a>

SECTION 1- VICTIM INFORMATION: (Please complete every field. Incomplete applications may delay processing.)  Primary Victim Secondary Victim  The person who was injured or killed is considered the primary victim. A secondary victim is someone with a close, familial type relationship with the victim or someone who is a witness to the crime.					
Victim Name (First, Middle, Last)	Birth Date	Age at time of crime			
Mailing Address					
City, State & Zip Code		Gender:  Male Female Other			
Primary Phone	Secondary Phone	E-mail			
The following information is used for statistical purposes only. This information is needed to comply with Federal regulations.					
Race:  African American / Black  American Indian / Alaskan Nat.  Asian  Caucasian / White Non-Latino  Hispanic / Latin American  Pacific Islander / Hawaiian Nat  Multiple Race  Do Not Wish to Answer	Referral Source:  Police Agency Victim Advocate District Attorney Victim Advoc Child Advocacy Center Police Officer Human Services Hospital / Medical Facility Mental Health Provider Other	ate Physically Tyes No			

#### **SECTION 2- CLAIMANT INFORMATION:** \*Please complete only if the person submitting the application is not the victim, i.e. victim is a minor, deceased or incapacitated. Date of Birth Claimant's Name (Parent/Guardian/Relative) Relationship to Victim Mailing Address City/State/Zip Primary Phone Secondary Phone **Email Address SECTION 3- CRIME INFORMATION: Type of Crime** (check all that apply) ☐ Domestic Violence UI, Vehicular Assault/ Homicide, Other Vehicular Crime ☐ Child Physical Abuse ☐ Assault ☐ Child Sexual Assault ☐ Burglary/Criminal Mischief ☐ Robbery ☐ Arson ☐ Kidnapping ☐ Adult Sexual Assault ☐ Murder/Homicide ☐ Attempted Murder/Homicide Other Date of Crime: Date crime was reported: Name of perpetrator: \_\_\_ Perpetrator's relationship to victim: Police department crime was reported to: Police report number: Police officer assigned: Court case number: County where crime occurred: Did the crime occur at work? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No **SECTION 4-CIVIL LAWSUIT:** Are you planning to sue the person(s), their insurance or business responsible for this injury? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No If yes, please provide the following information: Your Civil Attorney's name: City/State/Zip Mailing Address Telephone Number NOTE: The Crime Victim Compensation Board must be notified of any civil action and be provided with written evidence of the amount of settlement. SECTION 5- INSURANCE/COLLATERAL SOURCE INFORMATION: By law, CVC is the payer of last resort. You are required to submit all bills to your insurance carrier or other collateral source related to your request for assistance; check all sources of alternative payment for bills submitted to CVC. SOURCE: YES NO UNK Name of Insurance Company / Policy # / Phone # / Deductible amount Private Insurance Medicaid/CHP Medicare П Group Insurance Colorado Indigent Program Worker's Compensation Disability Insurance Automobile Insurance Homeowner's/Renter's Insurance Other

SECTION 6- REQUEST FOR SERVICES: Please check each category for which you are requesting assistance and provide the information requested within the block. Include copies of itemized bills with this application. Forward additional crime related bills as you receive them. Please note that additional eligibility requirements apply. Please call for more information. ☐ MENTAL HEALTH THERAPY: Please list the names of minor, secondary victims that you are requesting therapy for. Name of family member(s) Relationship to Primary Victim Date of Birth (Must be under 18 years) → NOTE: All persons 18-years-old or older must complete their own separate application. ☐ **MEDICAL:** Submit copies of crime related *itemized bills*, if or when they are available. Light DENTAL: Submit copies of crime related *itemized bills*, a treatment plan may be required. Maximum of \$10,000 ☐ MEDICAL ITEMS: Submit copies of crime related *itemized bills*, if or when they are available (Limited to <u>medically</u> necessary items damaged, lost or destroyed during the crime) □ Dentures □ Eyeglasses/Contact Lenses □ Hearing Aids □ Prosthetic Device □ Other ☐ LOSS OF HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT: Compensation is <u>only</u> for primary victims who were living with the suspect at the time of the crime and are dependent family members (spouse, minor children, domestic partner) may be eligible.  $\square$  RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY: (Limited to exterior residential doors, locks, or windows that are damaged or destroyed during the crime and rekey of residential locks for the purpose of safety) ☐ Residential Locks/Rekey ☐ Exterior Door ☐ Exterior Window Residential insurance deductible amount \$ ☐ BURIAL EXPENSES: – Submit copies of itemized bills. Maximum of \$15,000  $\sqcup$  LOSS OF SUPPORT TO DEPENDENTS (in the case of a deceased victim): Spouse, minor children, or domestic partner who was wholly or partially dependent upon the victim's income at the time of death may be eligible for compensation. **□** LOST WAGES: You may request loss of income for missed work due to crime related injuries or bereavement, and you did not have paid sick or vacation time. Loss of wages is not available for reporting the crime, interviewing with police or D.A., doing household repairs, or attending medical or therapy appointments. Testifying in court may be eligible on a limited basis. Employment, rate of pay, unpaid time off and ability to work will be verified. ☐ SECURITY SYSTEM or SAFETY MODIFICATIONS: For cases where there is concern for the victim's ongoing safety (e.g., stalking, domestic violence). No weapons or security animals will be approved. Not all crimes or situations are applicable. Maximum of \$750.00 **SELF DEFENSE CLASS:** Limited to primary victims only. Maximum of \$500.00 ☐ CRIME SCENE CLEAN-UP: For the professional clean-up of bodily fluids at a crime scene.

## PLEASE READ EACH SECTION, SIGN AND DATE

**CERTIFICATE OF APPLICATION:** The information contained in this application for Crime Victim Compensation is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that untruthful statements provided, or falsified documentation submitted may result in a denial of my claim and is punishable by law.

**CLAIMANT RESPONSIBILITY:** I understand that I am responsible for my bills relating to this crime and have the burden of providing any documentation to the Crime Victim Compensation Board to assist with verification of my claim. I must also notify service providers of my application to the Crime Victim Compensation Program.

**COOPERATION:** I understand that my failure to cooperate with law enforcement (police, sheriff, prosecutor, etc) may result in the denial of my claim.

**REPAYMENT OF CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION:** I hereby agree to repay the Crime Victim Compensation Fund if payments are received from the offender (restitution or civil action), insurance, or any other government or private agency as compensation for this injury or death after receipt of payment from the Crime Victim Compensation fund.

**SUBROGATION AGREEMENT:** I hereby agree to notify the CVC Program in the event that benefits/funds become available to me, including but not limited to a civil lawsuit action, in payment of the same expenses for which I receive from the CVC Program. I further agree to retain so much of the recovered funds as necessary to reimburse the CVC Program to the extent of the compensation I received from the Program.

**ALTERNATIVE APPLICATION PROCESS:** If you feel the CVC Board in the First Judicial District or the staff is unable to impartially review your claim due to personal or professional relationship(s) with two or more Board members, it will be sent to another district for review. The First Judicial District must receive a request for alternative review in writing. If your claim is approved, bills will be paid from the First Judicial District. I understand this may delay the processing of my claim.

RIGHT TO RECONSIDERATION: Should my claim for compensation be denied, I will be notified of the reason in writing. I understand that I have the right to request reconsideration by the Crime Victim Compensation Board and may do this by submitting a letter which addresses the reason(s) for the denial as stated in the letter. The Crime Victim Compensation Board, in its discretion, may conduct a hearing to reconsider the denied claim. I understand that the burden of proof is upon me as the applicant to show the claim is reasonable and compensable under the Colorado Crime Victim Compensation Act. In the event the denial is upheld by the Board following the reconsideration, I understand that I may have the Board's decision reviewed in accordance with the Colorado Rules of Civil Procedures.

**RELEASE OF FUNDS:** I hereby authorize release of funds awarded to me under the Colorado Crime Victim Compensation Act to be paid directly to the service provider(s) applicable to my claim. I understand that any award is subject to the availability of funds and the discretion of the Board.

**RELEASE OF INFORMATION AUTHORIZATION:** I hereby authorize the release of all information from any employer, physician, hospital, Department of Social Services, civil attorney, medical and/or mental health service providers and/or any other creditor or agency for the purpose of verifying the claims that I have submitted to establish validity of a claim. I further understand that any information provided may be subject to disclosure under the law. This authorization may be revoked at any time in writing, except to the extent that action has already been taken in reliance upon it. My signature authorizes release of all such information as specified above. A photocopy or exact reproduction of this signed release shall have the same for and effect as the original.

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