

### Who is Eligible?

- The crime happened in Wyoming.
- The Injury or death occurred as a result of a crime
- The person attempting to prevent the commission of a criminal act or apprehend a person committing a crime
- The person assisting law enforcement or a victim of a crime
- The crime was reported to law enforcement and the victim cooperated fully with the investigation and prosecution of the crime
- The victim's conduct did not contribute to the injury or death
- An application is filed within one (1) year of the date of the crime
- The compensation will not benefit the offender in any way.

### Who is Not Eligible?

- The offender and/or accomplice.
- A victim convicted of a felony after applying for compensation
- An individual who is a victim of a criminal attack while confined in a prison or other correctional facility at the time of the crime
- A victim who's expenses are paid entirely by other sources
- Victims of property loss and/or monetary loss.
- Victims seeking to be compensation only for pain and suffering

Federal Civil Rights laws prohibit employers from discriminating because of a person's age, race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, disability or national origin. It also prohibits discrimination of those affiliated with associations or individuals covered in protected categories.



### Crime Victim Compensation



**“Speaking as One Voice  
for Crime Victim  
Survivors”**

**You're Not Alone**



### What benefits Are Available?

- Maximum Award up to \$15,000
- Funeral expenses are limited to \$5,000
- Emergency Awards up to \$1,000

**Important Note: Crime Victims Compensation is payer of last resort. Before compensation can be considered for award, all collateral sources must be exhausted.**

### What Types of Expenses Can Be Compensation?

- Medical, dental and hospital services
- Mental Health Counseling and care
- Funeral/burial expenses
- Loss of earnings
- Loss of support to dependents
- Homemaker replacement services loss
- Eyeglasses, hearing aids and other prosthetic or medically necessary devices
- Certain other out-of-pocket expenses incurred as a result of the crime

### A person is eligible for compensation if:

- Medical/Mental Health**-The cost of medical and dental services, mental health counseling, prescriptions, prosthetic devices, eyeglasses, dentures, physical therapy and services rendered in accordance with any method of healing recognized by the law of this state. Elderly victims of fraud are eligible for mental health counseling only.
- Loss of Earnings**-- The victim must be employed on the date of the victim. Victims who are self-employed may be required to submit additional information for verifying lost wages. Collateral sources such as vacation or sick pay must be used before lost wages will be compensated.
- Loss of Support**-Victim must be employed on the date of the crime. Loss of support may be awarded to dependents of a deceased victim or a victim who is incapacitated and was employed at the time of the time and is no longer contributing to the support of the family.
- Homemaker/Childcare replacement**- Expenses resulting from the injured victim's inability to perform daily tasks or necessary duties. (Examples: licensed childcare and convalescent care.)
- Funeral/Burial**- Funeral related expenses. Maximum benefit \$5,000.00
- Other Expenses**-Replacement of personal items taken as evidence, and crime scene clean –up. (Must be filed with homeowners/renters insurance first.
- Relocation expenses**- Expenses to relocate victim to another community or state due to threat. Threat must be verified in writing by law enforcement, persecuting attorney
- Catastrophic Injury**- May be awarded to a victim if they sustained partial or permanent disability. A physician must verify loss
- Associated Victims**- If immediate family or household members, other than the victim are seeking compensation, please request an associated victim's application.

\*Loss of earnings is compensated at the Federal minimum wage or actual loss, whichever is less at the time of crime.

### What are the Eligibility Requirements?

- The crime must have occurred in Wyoming on or before May 23, 1995
- The victim or claimant must have fully cooperate in the investigation and prosecution of the crime
- The claim must be filed within (1) one year of the date of the crime. It usually requires a minimum of 90 days to process an application
- The division staff reviews the claim and decides if it qualifies for compensation and determines the amount and category the victim may be eligible for.
- The division will notify you in writing of the amount of the award, if the claim is denied or payment reduced
- If the claim is reduced or denied, the victim has the right to request an appeal within 30 days upon receipt of the decision

**An application must be completed**

**For more information please contact:**

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