

# Crime Victims Compensation Program

## Eligibility Requirements

The Crime Victims Compensation Program may be able to help you if:

- You have a bodily injury or severe emotional stress from a crime.
- The crime is a gross misdemeanor or felony.
- You file a report with law enforcement within one year of the date the crime occurred or within one year of when it reasonably could have been reported.
- You provide reasonable cooperation with law enforcement. This includes helping in the investigation and prosecution of the offender.
- You apply for benefits within two years of the crime being reported to law enforcement or, for good cause, within five years.

The Crime Victims Compensation Program may deny an application if:

- Your injuries were the result of your own actions such as provoking, inciting or participating in the event that led to your injuries.
- Your injury happened while you were attempting to or committing a felony.
- The injury happened while you were incarcerated.
- You've been convicted of a felony within five years preceding the criminal act for which you are applying where the felony is a violent offense under [RCW 9.94A.030](http://www.leg.wa.gov) (www.leg.wa.gov) or a crime against persons under [RCW 9.94A.411](http://www.leg.wa.gov) (www.leg.wa.gov), or if you're convicted of a felony after applying and haven't completely satisfied all legal financial obligations owed prior to applying for benefits.

## What we cover

- Medical/dental benefits.
- Lost wages.
- Medication coverage.

All information taken from the LNI's Help for Crime Victims webpage at [www.lni.wa.gov/ClaimsIns/CrimeVictims/default.asp](http://www.lni.wa.gov/ClaimsIns/CrimeVictims/default.asp)

- Mental health treatment.
- Grief counseling.
- Funeral expenses.

CVCP is a last payor of benefits, you must use your primary insurance first.

**What we don't cover:**

- Identity theft.
- Personal property crimes.
- Crime scene cleanup.
- Expenses covered by other insurance.

## What's New for Crime Victims

New applications for victims and homicide survivors. The applications have been redesigned to make them easier to complete.

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### July 1, 2015

The maximum benefit eligible per claim increases from \$50,000 to \$190,000.

Medical benefits increase to \$150,000. All other non-medical benefits are limited to \$40,000.

The new medical limit will apply to all current, open claims. It will also apply to claims reopened after July 1, 2015. Claimants that have previously received \$150,000 or more in benefits will not be eligible to reopen their claim.

### July 24, 2015

Substitute Senate Bill 5897 becomes effective. The purpose of the legislation is early identification of abuse and to prevent a child from further traumatization or injury.

The Crime Victims Compensation Program will be able to pay for examinations of suspected child victims of assault. The program will be a secondary payer to other insurance. The exam must be conducted within seventy-five days of the filing of a petition for dependency.

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## Budget History

This page provides a two-year history of previously reported expenditures for the Crime Victims Compensation Program, by fiscal year and month.

<b>Fiscal year 2016</b>		
<b>Month</b>	<b>Disbursed to victims</b>	<b>Administrative costs</b>
July	\$753,778	\$248,460
August	\$735,466	\$247,100
September	\$537,792	\$245,453
October	\$805,878	\$252,726
<b>November</b>	<b>\$553,761</b>	<b>\$262,034</b>

<b>Fiscal year 2015</b>		
<b>Month</b>	<b>Disbursed to victims</b>	<b>Administrative costs</b>
July	\$885,670	\$231,495
August	\$908,137	\$243,273
September	\$654,562	\$234,938
October	\$593,705	\$234,187
November	\$523,110	\$227,041
December	\$619,900	\$225,465
January	\$537,471	\$236,136
February	\$531,285	\$242,260
March	\$582,713	\$225,107
April	\$644,152	\$238,323
May	\$531,399	\$239,932
June	\$625,244	\$246,961