

HOW IT WORKS:

In 1982 the state of Colorado enacted the Crime Victim Compensation Act, a program designed to help victims of crimes. Funds for this program come from fines collected from people convicted of crimes. Awards to victims are made by the Crime Victim Compensation Board whose three members are volunteer citizens appointed by the District Attorney.

To apply contact:



244-1730

Mesa County Justice Center
125 North Spruce
P.O. Box 20000
Grand Junction, CO
81502-5031

TYPE OF CRIME:

- Assault
- Sexual Assault
- Child Physical Abuse
- Child Sexual Abuse
- Vehicular Homicide
- Domestic Assault
- Homicide
- DUI/DWAI Resulting in Vehicular Assault
- International Terrorism
- Careless Driving Resulting in Death
- Failure to Stop at the Scene of an Accident Resulting in Death

**Be a good citizen.
Report all crimes
to the Sheriff,
Police Department or
State Patrol.**

When Victims need Assistance



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VICTIM COMPENSATION PROGRAM

Crime victims often seem to be left alone to deal with what has happened to them. Often these victims are children and others who have little means to cope with what has happened or recover their losses. The state of Colorado has created the Victim Compensation Program to assist victims of crimes.

Who Can Apply:

- Victims of Crime
- Families and Dependents of a Deceased Victim
- Persons Authorized to Act On Behalf of a Victim

Eligibility Requirements:

- The crime must have occurred within Mesa County on or after July 1982.
- The crime must have been reported to a law enforcement agency within 72 hours.
- The victim must cooperate fully with law enforcement officials. There does not have to be an arrest or conviction.
- The victim must apply within one year of the crime.
- The victim must not be substantially responsible for his or her victimization.

Losses That May Be Compensated:

- Medical Expenses
- Counseling
- Loss of earnings/loss of support
- Replacement of eyeglasses, dentures, hearing aids and other medically necessary devices
- Homemaker and home health services
- Funeral expenses
- Any modification to victim's residence necessary to ensure the victim's safety

Financial Limits:

- Victims may be compensated up to \$20,000
- \$1000 Emergency Award

If You Are Insured:

If insurance does not pay the entire amount, victims may be eligible for compensation for what insurance does not cover.

**Extending the Help
When Victims
Need It Most**

