



How to Apply?

Victim advocates can assist victims through the application process when attempting to receive compensation. You may contact the Victim Services division of the Pinal County Attorney's Office by calling 800.208.6897, ext. 6805 or ext. 6813.

Once victims or claimants complete the application, all forms along with any bills, receipts, and insurance statements should be submitted to:

Pinal County Attorney's Office Crime Victim Compensation Program
P.O. Box 1798
Florence, AZ 85132

Note: Submitting an application does not guarantee an award. Funds are limited and all claims are thoroughly investigated.

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Phone: 520.866.6813 or 800.208.6897 ext. 6813

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45 N. Florence St., Florence, Arizona

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Funding

Victim Compensation is a state and federally funded program administered by the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC), in cooperation with the Pinal County Attorney's Office. If you have questions about the Victim Compensation Program, contact us at 520.866.6813 or 800.208.6897 ext. 6813 or at www.pinalcountyaz.gov/countyattorney.

What is Victim Compensation?

The program assists victims and their families with financial losses incurred as a result of the effects of a crime.

Who May Be Eligible?

Crime victims or family members of deceased victims who:

- Report the crime to law enforcement within 72 hours
- Willingly cooperate with the law enforcement investigation and prosecution
- Suffer a physical injury or extreme mental distress
- Have or will have expenses as a result of the crime
- Were victimized in Pinal County

Who is Not Eligible?

- An applicant or victim convicted of a state or federal crime, who is delinquent in paying a court ordered criminal fine, monetary penalty, or restitution
- An offender or accomplice to the crime
- A person serving, or escaped from serving a prison sentence, work furlough or home arrest program

What Expenses May Be Paid?

The total award limit is \$25,000.

- Medical and dental care, up to \$25,000.
- Mental health counseling, up to \$5,000. These services may be rendered to both victim or family members of deceased victims, or a person who witnessed a crime or discovered a crime scene.
- Funeral expenses, up to \$10,000.
- Crime scene cleanup, up to \$2,000. This money is paid only in homicide, sexual assault, and aggravated assault cases.
- Loss of wages, up to \$25,000. These funds may cover lost wages of:
 - a victim who is unable to work due to injury or mental distress;
 - a family member to make funeral arrangements;
 - a victim or family member to attend a court proceeding or take a minor child to medical or counseling appointments;
 - or loss of support for a spouse or dependent.
- Victim's travel expenses to court, medical, or mental health appointments, up to \$1,500.

What is Not Covered?

- Stolen or damaged property
- Payment for pain and suffering
- Attorney's fees
- Expenses paid by an insurance plan, public funds, or the offender

When to Apply?

- An application can be submitted as soon as the crime is reported to law enforcement. No conviction is required, though law enforcement must provide enough information to substantiate that a crime may have occurred.
- Applications must be submitted within two years from the date of crime or date of discovery of the crime.
- An application may be submitted to establish eligibility even if expenses have not yet incurred.

Other Award Considerations

Other available sources for payment must be used first, including medical, life, home owner's, automobile or worker's compensation insurance; sick or vacation pay; and Social Security, Medicare, or AHCCCS. The Victim Compensation Program can help with co-payments or the patient's portion of eligible services.

- Any negligent, aggravating, provoking or unlawful conduct on the part of the victim, will be considered and may result in the reduction or denial of an award.
- Offenders cannot benefit from Victim Compensation Program funds.