

Financial Assistance for Crime Victims

The Crime Victims Reparations Board was established in 1974 to assist crime victims in Minnesota with their financial losses and to restore at least a portion of the victim's economic losses (does not cover property losses) resulting from the crime. The eligibility requirements are as follows:

- The claimant must be a victim, a family member of a victim, dependent, estate of a deceased victim, a person purchasing products or services for a victim, or the victim's guardian, guardian ad litem, conservator, or authorized agent. A service provider cannot file a claim.
- The victim must be a person who suffered injury or death as a direct result of a crime, a good faith effort to prevent a crime or to apprehend a person suspected of engaging in a crime.
- The claim must involve a crime that occurred in Minnesota. (Some exceptions apply)
- The crime must be reported to the police within 30 days. (Some exceptions apply)
- The claim must be filed within 3 years. (Some exceptions apply)
- The victim must cooperate fully with both the police and prosecutor, and must agree to pursue charges.
- There must be no contributory misconduct by the victim.
- There must be evidence that a crime was committed. It is not necessary that the offender be prosecuted or convicted to show a crime occurred. Whether the case was charged or not is, however, a factor in the Board's decision in determining if a crime occurred. The Board relies heavily on police reports and conclusions of the prosecuting attorney's office.

For more information or assistance in applying for reparations, please contact CVRC at 507-437-6680.