State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch
Office of Victim Services

Compensation Program Benefits

Available Benefits/Description	Requirements	Who may receive benefits
Medical Expenses Hospital, doctor, cosmetic, and dental fees, co-pays, and other medical related expenses, such as physical therapy, ambulance, medications, medical equipment, eyeglasses, denture, and supplies Modifications to a home or vehicle, such as ramps, handrails, showers, vehicle hand and foot controls, lifts	The expense must be related to the crime. The bills must be sent to other collateral sources for payment first, such as insurance, before the Program can consider the expenses. The Program cannot consider expenses that were denied for payment by the collateral source because it was not filed within a time limit. Each provider must be licensed. Eligible providers include doctors, nurses, dentists, optometrists, podiatrists, and surgeons.	Victim of a crime Certain family members of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and homicide Guide or assistance dog of a person who is blind or disabled Providers may be paid directly for services.
Mental Health Expenses Mental health therapy including music therapy, art therapy, horse assisted therapy or psychotherapy, tutoring, personal trainer, gym membership, and summer camp prescribed by a licensed medical or mental health professional; prescription costs; co-pays	The expense must be related to the crime. The bills must be sent to other collateral sources for payment first, such as insurance, before the Program can consider the expenses. The Program cannot consider bills that were denied for payment by the collateral source because it was not filed within a time limit. Each provider must be licensed. Eligible providers include counselors, therapists, clinical social workers, psychiatrists, psychologists.	Victim of a crime Certain family members of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and homicide Designated decision maker of a homicide victim Effective 10/1/12 child witnesses of domestic violence Providers may be paid directly for services.
Lost Wages	The victim has wage loss that is not covered by collateral sources, such as disability insurance and Workers' Compensation. The claimant has a note from a licensed doctor stating it was medically necessary for the victim to be out of work, if requesting wages for more than 1 week.	Victim employed at time of crime A person who provides medically necessary care to a victim while recovering at home
Loss of Support	Any compensation awarded to financial dependents under the age of 18 will be held until the dependent reaches the age of 18.	Spouse and financial dependents of a homicide victim
Court Proceedings Lost Wages to attend court proceedings, travel expenses, such as mileage and airfare, parking costs, lodging cost	The expenses must be related to attending a court proceeding for a victim of homicide. Receipts for expenses, for example hotel bill, parking receipt.	Certain family members of homicide victims
Crime Scene Cleanup Costs for replacement and repair of damaged locks and costs to repair windows Clothes and bedding being held as evidence Biohazard cleanup Cost for installation of alarm systems and security lighting	Maximum benefit amount $1,000 The bills must be sent to other collateral sources for payment first, such as homeowners or rental insurance, before the Program can consider the expenses. The Program cannot consider expenses that were denied for payment by the collateral source because it was not filed within a time limit.	Anyone who paid all or a portion of the expenses and an estate has not been opened.
Funeral and Burial Expenses Funeral services, plot, headstone	Maximum benefit amount $5,000	The victim's estate Anyone who paid all or a portion of the expenses and an estate has not been opened. Providers may be paid directly for services.