

Do you qualify for COMPENSATION through the NYS Office of Victim Services? Call RPD Victim Assistance at (585) 428-6630 to Apply

What are the steps to receive Office of Victim Services (OVS) compensation?

- Complete the OVS application form
- Meet the eligibility requirements
- Have a compensable out-of-pocket loss or have one at a later time

Who may be eligible for compensation?

- The victim **must** be an innocent victim of the crime
- Victims of crime who were physically injured as a result of the crime
- Victims of crime who are under 18, 60 and over, or disabled, who were not physically injured
- Certain relatives and dependents, including surviving spouse, child, parent, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, stepparent or person primarily dependent on the victim for support
- Those who paid for or incurred burial costs for an innocent crime victim
- Child victims, a child who witnesses a crime, and the child's parent, stepparent, grandparent, guardian, brother, sister, stepbrother or stepsister
- Certain victims of unlawful imprisonment or kidnapping
- Certain stalking victims
- Certain victims of labor trafficking or sex trafficking
- Victims of terrorist acts outside of the US who are a resident of New York State
- Victims of frivolous lawsuits brought by a person who committed a crime against the victim

What kinds of expenses may I get compensated for?

The OVS offers compensation related to: personal injury, death and loss of essential personal property. The specific expenses OVS may cover include:

- Medical and counseling expenses
- Loss or damage of essential personal property (*up to \$500, including \$100 for cash*)
- Burial/funeral expenses (*up to \$6,000*)
- Lost wages or lost support including lost wages of parents if a child victim is hospitalized (*up to \$30,000*)
- Transportation (necessary court appearances for prosecution)
- Occupational/vocational rehabilitation
- Use of domestic violence shelters
- Crime scene clean-up (*up to \$2,500*)
- Good Samaritan property losses (*up to \$5,000*)
- Moving expenses (*up to \$2,500*)

What if my property was lost, damaged or destroyed because of the crime?

If you are under 18, 60 or over, disabled or were injured, you may apply for benefits to repair or replace your *essential* personal property lost, damaged or destroyed as the direct result of a crime that was not covered by any other resource.

Essential means necessary for your health and welfare, like eyeglasses, cash and clothing.

How Do I Apply for Compensation?

Please Call **(585) 428-6630** and a Victim Advocate from the Rochester Police Department will gladly assist you through the process.

We are located at the Public Safety Building at 185 Exchange Blvd Rochester, NY 14614