After all other sources of reimbursement are used, victims may receive assistance with the following expenses:

- Medical and Dental
- Mental Health Counseling
- Wage/Income Loss
- Funeral/Burial
- Relocation

Eligible Persons

- Victim who has been physically or emotionally injured
- Victim’s spouse, child, parent, or sibling
- Person living in the household of the victim or had lived with the victim for at least two years in a relationship similar to a parent, sibling, spouse, or child of the victim
- Primary caretaker of a minor victim
- Person who pays for medical and/or funeral/burial expenses of deceased victim

Eligibility Requirements

- Victim must be a California resident or the crime must have occurred in California
- Crime should be reported to law enforcement
- Victim must cooperate with law enforcement agencies and representatives of the Victim Compensation Board
- Not have participated in or involved in committing the crime
Victim Services

• Crisis intervention and court accompaniment, emotional support, and information during the court process
• Resource and referral information
• Advocacy for victims within the criminal justice system
• Assistance in applying to the California Victim Compensation Board for reimbursement for crime related expenses (listed on back panel)
• Assistance in obtaining emergency services
• Assistance in preparing victim impact statements for sentencing hearings
• Information about victim rights
• Homicide Survivors Support Group (meets first Wednesday of each month)

Witness Services

• Arrange transportation and lodging for out-of-town witnesses
• Notify witnesses of time and place of judgment and sentencing upon request

Victim Assistance

Becoming a victim of a violent crime can have a devastating impact on a person. Many victims of violent crime suffer physical and/or emotional harm and financial loss as a result of the crime. Other victims may face retaliation or intimidation and may be confused by the criminal justice system. Many victims may feel that they have few options. Others may feel unable to avoid further victimization.

Assistance is available for victims of violent crimes through the Sacramento County District Attorney’s Victim Witness Assistance Program. Trained and experienced Victim Advocates provide crisis intervention counselling, information about the criminal justice system, court support, advocacy, assistance with filing for victim compensation, and community referrals.

The Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office is dedicated to providing advocacy and support services to victims of crime. Victims are forced into difficult situations that are unfamiliar and traumatic. The victim advocates in the Victim Witness Assistance Program are committed to supporting you and your family in the aftermath of crime, providing guidance through the criminal justice process, and locating appropriate support services.

This office ensures that victims’ needs and concerns are always respected. Our goal is for each victim to receive the support needed to be able to continue with their lives after the crime. If you need assistance, please call to speak to a victim advocate.

Sincerely,

Anne Marie Schubert, District Attorney