

NEW JERSEY VICTIMS OF CRIME COMPENSATION OFFICE

FACT SHEET

The New Jersey Victims of Crime Compensation Office (VCCO) provides compensation to certain victims of crime for some of the expenses they incur as a result of their victimization. The following provides useful information about the VCCO's services.

Myth	Reality
Various agencies, including law enforcement, can determine eligibility for VCCO benefits.	Only the VCCO can determine eligibility. Law enforcement agencies and hospitals must provide information about VCCO to all victims.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The defendant must be arrested. - Case must be prosecuted. - Defendant must be found guilty. 	VCCO only requires that a crime be reported to law enforcement.
A victim needs to obtain a copy of the police report for VCCO.	The incident underlying the victimization must have been reported to the police. VCCO accepts police reports and other documentation as proof; VCCO is also able to obtain the police report on behalf of the victim.
Every eligible victim receives \$25,000	Financial assistance is determined based on each claimant's individual circumstances.
A referral from the Prosecutor's office automatically makes a VCCO claim eligible.	VCCO independently determines the eligibility of a claim.
Absolute cooperation with law enforcement's investigation of the crime is required to receive benefits with no exceptions.	The victim must cooperate with the reasonable requests of law enforcement. There may be acceptable reasons for non-cooperation.
VCCO provides payment in full immediately.	VCCO provides payment after other resources – like insurance – are exhausted. VCCO provides expedited awards in certain circumstances.
VCCO pays for losses associated with burglaries.	VCCO pays for claims related to burglary only when the victim is in the location where the crime occurred.
VCCO can assist victims of identity theft or other economic crimes such as fraud and extortion.	VCCO does not pay for economic crimes.
VCCO can help a victim find a new place to live.	VCCO can provide financial assistance associated with relocation.
VCCO pays for property damage or loss.	VCCO does not pay for property damage.
VCCO is a crisis response organization.	VCCO can refer a victim to services, such as shelters and legal services.



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