# The Crime Victim Compensation Program

## Who is eligible?

- A person who is injured or killed as a result of a compensable crime
- A person who is injured or killed while attempting or succeeding in:
  - Preventing a crime/aiding law enforcement,
  - O Apprehending an offender of a crime, or
  - Aiding a victim of a compensable crime
- Compensable crimes are listed in Wis. Stat. §949.03(I)(b)- see reverse side
- Victim must have suffered actual bodily harm, or mental/psychological trauma.
- Examples:
  - A person who has been physically assaulted
  - A person who reports a sexual assault
  - A victim of domestic violence
  - A family member, domestic partner, or someone who resides with a homicide victim
  - A person who was victimized as a child and is now an adult.

### What makes a claim ineligible?

- The victim engaged in conduct which substantially caused or contributed to his/her injury or death
- The victim committed a crime that caused or contributed to his/her injury or death
- The incident was not reported to law enforcement within 5 days of the crime or within 5 days of when the crime could reasonably have been reported\*
- The application is not filed with the Program within one year of the date of the crime\*
- The victim does not cooperate with law enforcement, through prosecution.
  - However, criminal charges do not have to be filed; a crime victim can still apply and be found eligible.

\*Note that these timelines may be waived in certain instances, particularly if the application involves a child or vulnerable adult.

\*Exceptions also apply to adults that were victimized as children.

#### Examples:

- A victim who does not cooperate with the investigation or prosecution
- A victim who is injured or killed while engaged in an illegal drug transaction
- A victim whose wallet has been stolen.

### What can CVC pay for?

- Medical expenses
- Dental expenses
- Mental health for both victims and parents of minor victims
- Net lost wages for victims, parents of minor victims and family/household members of homicide victims
- Loss of support
- Caregiver services
- Clothing/bedding held as evidence
- Computer/mobile phone held as evidence
- Property destroyed by crime lab testing
- Securing/cleaning of a crime scene
- Funeral/burial expenses

The maximum benefit per claim is \$40,000.

Property loss or damage is <u>not</u> covered other than those items described above. The victim must have suffered a physical injury or mental/psychological trauma.

### How do victims apply?

 Victims can call the toll free line at I-800-446-6564

to have an application sent to them

 The application can also be accessed on the website: www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs

The program does <u>not</u> cover property crime, property loss, legal fees, or stolen money or prescriptions.

Law enforcement is required by statute to provide information about crime victims' rights, including information about the Crime Victim Compensation Program, to all victims.



346.62(4) **Reckless Driving** Operating Under Influence of Intoxicant or Other Drug 346.63(2) or (6) 346.67(1) Duty Upon Striking (Pedestrian Only) (Effective 4/4/96) 346.67(1) Duty Upon Striking (Involving a Bicyclist or Person in a Buggy) (Effective 4/13/16) 940.01 First-Degree Intentional Homicide 940.02 First-Degree Reckless Homicide 940.03 Felony Murder 940.05 Second-Degree Intentional Homicide 940.06 Second-Degree Reckless Homicide 940.07 Homicide Resulting from Negligent Control of Vicious Animal Homicide by Negligent Handling of Dangerous Weapon, Explosives or Fire 940.08 940.09 Homicide by Intoxicated Use of Vehicle or Firearm 940.10 Homicide by Negligent Operation of Vehicle 940.19 Battery; Substantial Battery; Aggravated Battery 940.20 Battery; Special Circumstances Battery or Threat to Witnesses 940.201 940.21 Mayhem Sexual Exploitation by a Therapist 940.22(2) 940.225 Sexual Assault Reckless Injury 940.23 940.235 Strangulation & Suffocation (Effective 4/25/14) 940.24 Injury by Negligent Handling of Dangerous Weapon, Explosives or Fire 940.25 Injury by Intoxicated Use of a Vehicle Abuse of Vulnerable Adults 940.285 Abuse of Residents of Penal Facilities 940.29 940.30 False Imprisonment Human Trafficking 940.302 (2) 940.305 Taking Hostages 940.31 **Kidnapping** 940.32 Stalking (Effective 6/14/96) Tampering with Household Products 941.327 942.09 Representations Depicting Nudity (Effective 4/13/16) 943.02 Arson of Buildings; Damage of Property by Explosives 943.03 Arson of Property Other Than Building 943.04 Arson with Intent to Defraud 943.10 Burglary 943.20 Theft Operating Vehicle Without Owner's Consent While Possessing Dangerous Weapon 943.23(lg) 943.32 943.81 Theft from a Financial Institution 943.86 Extortion against a Financial Institution Robbery of a Financial Institution 943.87 948.02 Sexual Assault of a Child 948.025 Engaging in Repeated Acts of Sexual Assault of the Same Child 948.03 Physical Abuse of a Child Causing Mental Harm to a Child 948.04 948.05 Sexual Exploitation of a Child (Effective 4/24/12) 948.051 Trafficking of a Child 948.06 Incest with a Child (Effective 4/24/12) 948.07 Child Enticement 948.075 Use of a Computer to Facilitate a Child Sex Crime (Effective 4/24/12) 948.08 Soliciting a Child for Prostitution (Effective 4/24/12) 948.085 Sexual Assault of a Child Placed in Substitute Care

Sexual Intercourse with a Child Age 16 or Older (Effective 4/24/12)

948.095 Sexual Assault of a Student by a School Instructional Staff Person 948.20 Abandonment of a Child Neglecting a Child (Effective 4/13/16)

948.30 Abduction of Another's Child; Constructive Custody

948.51 Hazing

948.09