

# Office of Justice Programs Crime Victim Services

Office of Justice Programs supports a network of services to assist crime victims in Minnesota. These services include the following:

## **Crime Victim Reparations**

Victims or their families can file a reparations claim with the Crime Victim Reparations Board for compensation in the areas of:

- Medical/dental care
- Mental health and grief counseling services
- Lost wages
- Child care
- Household services
- Funeral/burial service
- Loss of support to dependents of a deceased victim.

Crime Victim Reparations program does not cover property loss, fraud, or theft.

## **Emergency Fund**

Emergency grant money is available to victims through local programs for expenses such as transportation to medical and court facilities, home security devices, essential personal property, and crime scene clean-up.

## **Grants and Programming**

Office of Justice Programs distributes state and federal funding to more than 160 programs serving victims.

## **Training and Communication**

Public awareness, training, and legislative and policy development are important activities that include:

- Annual Conference on Crime Victims
- Advocacy training and seminars on victim-related topics
- Statewide automated victim notification (VINE)
- Community notification upon release of a convicted sex offender.

## **Crime Victim Justice Unit**

This unit provides information and referrals, assistance in navigating the criminal justice system, and investigation of crime victim rights violations and mistreatment.

For more information on these and other services, contact:

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