



Crime Victim Assistance Program

Summary of Benefits Available to Immediate Family Members

The Crime Victim Assistance Program (CVAP) helps victims, immediate family members of victims, and witnesses affected by violent crime. Benefits provided by CVAP offset financial loss and assist in recovery from injuries. **This summary focuses on benefits available to immediate family members.**

“Immediate family member” means a spouse, child, parent, or sibling of the victim; it also includes a grandparent or grandchild if that person was financially dependent on the victim.

Benefit:	For:	Examples:
Counselling services or expenses	Immediate family members who need counselling to recover from the psychological injury caused by the crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> counselling sessions
Prescription drug expenses	Immediate family members who need prescription drugs to recover from the psychological injury caused by the crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> medications prescribed by a doctor
Transportation and related expenses, and transportation-related childcare	<p>Immediate family members who have to travel some distance to obtain counselling or vocational services provided as CVAP benefits</p> <p>Immediate family members of deceased victims who have to travel over 100 km to attend legal proceedings regarding the death</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> transportation expenses such as bus fare, air fare, or mileage expenses meals and accommodation childcare
Funeral expenses	Immediate family members of deceased victims who have to pay for funeral and related costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> costs involved in the funeral service, burial, cremation, or related ceremony
Bereavement leave	Immediate family members of deceased victims who lose earnings from taking time off work for the funeral or other matters related to the victim’s death	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> an amount to help offset the loss of earnings
Income support	<p>Spouses of deceased victims</p> <p>Children of deceased victims</p> <p>Other immediate family members of deceased victims if they were financially dependent on the victim</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> monthly payments to assist in financially supporting the family member
Loss of parental guidance for a minor child	Children of deceased victims who were under 19 when their parent was killed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a set amount as a contribution towards loss of parental guidance
Vocational services or expenses	Spouses of deceased victims who need training or education to prepare for employment or improve their earning capacity (and who are eligible for income support benefits from CVAP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> education and training courses programs to improve skills and qualifications programs to prepare for, or find, employment
Childcare services or expenses (see also transportation)	Spouses of deceased victims who need to pay for childcare because there is no one in the household to share this responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> childcare
Homemaker services or expenses	Spouses of deceased victims who need to pay for homemaker services because there is no one in the household to share household tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> help with shopping, cleaning, cooking, and other household tasks
Crime scene cleaning	Immediate family members of deceased victims who need specialized cleaning of the victim’s home or vehicle, or their own home or vehicle, because the crime was committed there	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> specialized cleaning and disinfecting of contaminated areas replacement of contaminated flooring, wall covering, or other built-in features