



# Crime Victim Assistance Program

## Summary of Benefits Available to Victims

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 victims.**

<b>Benefit:</b>	<b>For:</b>	<b>Examples:</b>
<b>Counselling services or expenses</b>	All victims of crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>counselling sessions</li> <li>psycho-educational sessions to others who support the victim</li> </ul>
<b>Medical services or expenses</b>	Victims who need health care because of their injuries from the crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ambulance or emergency transportation</li> <li>diagnosis and treatment by doctors or health professionals (e.g., physiotherapists, massage therapists)</li> <li>health care services at a facility</li> <li>medical equipment and supplies</li> </ul>
<b>Dental services or expenses</b>	Victims who need dental care because of their injuries from the crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>diagnosis and treatment by a dentist or dental health professional</li> <li>bridges, crowns, dentures, and other dental appliances or devices</li> </ul>
<b>Prescription drug expenses</b>	Victims who need prescription drugs to recover from, or manage the effects of, their injuries from the crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>medications prescribed by a doctor, dentist, or podiatrist</li> </ul>
<b>Protective measures, services, or expenses</b>	Victims who are at risk of additional harm from the perpetrator or are so traumatized by fear they cannot lead normal lives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>security or communication equipment and services</li> <li>courses for personal protection or security</li> <li>relocation expenses</li> </ul>
<b>Income support</b>	Victims whose injuries have a short-term or long-term effect on their ability to work and who had a job when the crime occurred (special eligibility issues for minors)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>monthly payments to assist in financially supporting the victim</li> </ul>
<b>Lost earning capacity</b>	Victims whose injuries have a long-term effect on their ability to work and who did not have a job when the crime occurred (special eligibility issues for minors)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>monthly payments to assist in financially supporting the victim</li> </ul>
<b>Vocational services or expenses</b>	Victims whose injuries prevent them from returning to their job and who need training or education to re-enter the workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>education and training courses</li> <li>programs to improve skills and qualifications</li> <li>programs to prepare for, or find, employment</li> </ul>
<b>Transportation and related expenses, and transportation-related childcare</b>	Victims who have to travel some distance to obtain medical, dental, counselling, or vocational services provided as crime victim assistance benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>transportation expenses such as bus fare, air fare, or mileage expenses</li> <li>meals and accommodation</li> <li>childcare for children while attending appointments</li> </ul>
<b>Repair or replacement of damaged or destroyed personal property</b>	Victims whose eyeglasses/contacts, disability aids, or articles of clothing were damaged or destroyed because of the crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>repair or replacement of:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>eyeglass frames</li> <li>prescription lenses</li> <li>various types of disability aids</li> <li>clothing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Benefits Available to Victims (continued)

Benefit:	For:	Examples:
<b>Disability aids</b>	Victims who need disability aids because of their injuries from the crime, to reduce the effects of the injuries, improve their quality of life, and assist in daily living	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mobility aids</li> <li>• communication aids</li> <li>• vision aids</li> <li>• specialized clothing</li> <li>• prostheses and orthoses</li> <li>• other equipment or supplies</li> </ul>
<b>Childcare services or expenses</b> (see also under transportation)	Victims who have a disability because of the crime that prevents them from providing care for their children (and no one else in the household can provide the childcare)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• childcare</li> </ul>
<b>Homemaker services or expenses</b>	Victims who have a disability because of the crime that prevents them from doing household tasks (and no one else in the household can do the household tasks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• help with shopping, cleaning, cooking, and other household tasks</li> </ul>
<b>Personal care services or expenses</b>	Victims who have a disability because of the crime that prevents them from doing personal care tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• help with bathing, dressing, toileting, and other personal care tasks</li> </ul>
<b>Home modification expenses</b>	Victims who have a disability because of the crime and need modifications made to their home to assist them in daily activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• structural changes such as replacing steps with a ramp, widening doorways, constructing custom showers, etc.</li> <li>• installed equipment such as wheelchair lifts, bath lifts or shower stalls, wing taps on sinks, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Home maintenance expenses</b>	Victims who have a disability because of the crime that prevents them from maintaining their home (and no one else in the household can maintain the home)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a monthly allowance for home maintenance expenses</li> </ul>
<b>Moving expenses</b>	Victims who have a long-term disability because of the crime and need to move to a more accessible home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• moving expenses for the victim and family and their household goods</li> <li>• rental security deposit</li> <li>• connection fees for phone and utilities</li> </ul>
<b>Vehicle modification or acquisition</b>	Victims who have a long-term disability because of the crime and need an accessible vehicle (to drive or be driven in) for greater independence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• installed equipment such as hand controls or a wheelchair lift</li> <li>• purchase or lease of an accessible vehicle</li> </ul>
<b>Maintenance for a child born as a result of a prescribed offence</b>	Victims who conceived a child as a result of the crime and are financially supporting the child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• monthly payments to assist in financially supporting the child</li> </ul>
<b>Crime scene cleaning</b>	Victims who were injured at their home or in their vehicle and need specialized cleaning of the home or vehicle due to the nature of the crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• specialized cleaning and disinfecting of contaminated areas</li> <li>• replacement of contaminated flooring, wall covering, or other built-in features</li> </ul>