



**There is HELP for
Victims of Violent Crimes**



Sexual Assault Reimbursement Program
Relationship with medical facility

Crime Victims Reparations Board
Relationship with victim/eligible claimant



Revenue

Assessment of court costs and fees

Court ordered restitution

Victims of Crime Act – VOCA Grant



Sexual Assault Reimbursement Program

**Arkansas Code Annotated
12-12-401 - 12-12-405**

*Collection of forensic evidence following a
sexual assault*



Eligibility Criteria

- **Treatment within 96 hours**
(may be waived for good cause, minors excluded)
- **Must be reported to law enforcement**
- **No pre-existing or physical injury**
- **No federally financed benefit programs**



Eligible Expenses

- **Emergency room or facility fee**
- **Physician or SANE fee**
- **Lab fees**
- **Preventive medications for STDs and pregnancy**
- **Sedative or tranquilizer**
- **Ambulance fee**



Maximum Limits

- **Facility fee (including medications)** **\$350.00**
- **Physician or SANE fee** **\$350.00**
- **Ambulance fee** **\$350.00**
- **Lab fees (priority to outside facilities)** **\$200.00**
- **Colposcopy fee** **\$160.88**



Sexual Assault Reimbursement Program

**Arkansas Code Annotated
12-12-403**

*Payment in full and bars any legal action
Against victim of sexual assault*



Not Eligible

- **Treatment for pre-existing or physical injuries**
- **Counseling**
- **Follow-up visits**



Reimbursement Process

- **Complete Sexual Assault Reimbursement Form**
- **Attach itemized statement**



Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Program

Serving Victims of Violent Crime

The Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Board was enacted by the Arkansas Legislature in 1987 to provide financial compensation to victims of violent crime.



Crime Victims Reparations Board

**Arkansas Code Annotated
16-90-701 - 16-90-718**

*Compensation for victims of violent crime
Effective date: July 1, 1988*



Who qualifies as a claimant?

- **A victim**
- **A dependent of a homicide victim**
- **A person authorized to act on behalf of the victim**

Does not include a service provider



**Who qualifies as a
victim?**



Who qualifies as a victim?

- **Personal injury or death as a result of a criminal act**

- **Personal injury or death as a result of an act of terrorism**

- **Resided in the permanent residence of a homicide victim**



Who qualifies as a victim?

- **Discovers body of a homicide victim**
- **Minor child of an eligible victim**
- **Immediate family member of a homicide victim, sexual assault victim, or minor child victim**



Immediate Family Member

- **Spouse**
- **Children**
- **Parents**
- **Siblings**
- **Grandparents**



Eligibility Criteria

- **In Arkansas on or after July 1, 1988**
- **File within one year of incident**
- **Report to proper authorities within 72 hrs**
- **Injury or death caused by a criminal act**



Eligibility Criteria

- **Cooperate with investigation/prosecution**
- **No collateral sources**
- **No contributory conduct/illegal activity**
- **Not incarcerated at the time of incident**
- **No criminally injurious conviction(s)**



Eligibility Criteria Continued...

- **Motor vehicle incidents must involve:**
 - **Alcohol or Drugs**
 - **Intentional Act**
 - **Hit and Run**



Assistance Available

- **Medical and rehabilitation**
- **Dental**
- **Work loss**
- **Funeral**



Assistance Available

- **Loss of support**
(Homicide cases only)
- **Mental health**
- **Crime scene clean-up**
(Homicide cases only)



Assistance continued. . .

- **Security**
 - **Installation of locks and windows**
 - **Victims of sexual assault and domestic violence**
 - **Incident occurred in primary residence**



Assistance Continued. . .

- **Lodging**
 - **Expenses related to victim's medical treatment and/or participation in criminal justice activities**
- **Travel**
 - **Expenses related to participation in criminal justice activities**
- **Mileage**
 - **Expenses related to the victim's medical treatment**



Not Eligible

- **Pain and suffering**
- **Property damage or loss**
- **Attorney fees**
(Guardianship fees for minors may be considered)



Maximum Limits

- **Overall Maximum** **\$10,000**
- **Catastrophic Injury** **\$25,000**
- **Mental Health**
 - In-Patient** **\$2500**
 - Out-Patient** **\$2500**
- **Funeral** **\$7500**
- **Guardianship Fees** **\$250**
- **Medical**
(65% of balance due is payment in full)



Maximum Limits Continued...

- **Crime Scene Clean-up** **\$3000**
- **Security** **\$500**
- **Travel** **\$300**
- **Lodging** **\$300**

(Reimbursement Basis Only)



Processing Procedure

- **Collect information to determine eligibility**
- **Compile summary of information obtained**
- **Forward summary to Board for a final decision**



Board Members

- **Governor appointed**
 - **1 Mental Health Professional**
 - **2 Victim Advocates**
 - **2 Attorneys**



Payment Delay

- **Financial obligation**
- **Mental Health Agreement**
- **Copy of therapists' license**



Supplemental Expenses

- **Expenses submitted after the decision date**

ACVRB Rule No. 24: All supplemental expenses must be submitted within one year of the date of treatment or payment by collateral sources.



Appeal Process

- **Denied or diminished claims may be appealed to the Board within 45 days.**
- **Final recourse: The victim or claimant may file an appeal in Circuit Court within 30 days.**



Application Process

- **Complete application**
- **Attach incident report or verification that proper authorities were notified**
- **Itemized statements**



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