

NWT Victims of Crime Emergency Fund

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Definition of a victim – A person who has suffered intentional emotional or physical harm, and/or serious damage to property as a result of a serious violent crime.

Direct victims of serious violent crimes may be eligible for support under this program.

Eligibility

- The victim must be a resident of the NWT
- The serious violent crime must have been committed in the NWT
- Funds are to be spent in the NWT
- There is an immediate need for emergency expenses
- The victim has not received funding from the VCEF for the same offence
- The crime must have happened between September 1, 2008 and March 31, 2011

Deadline

Victims have to apply within two months of the date of the offence. If they need more time, they should call the Manager of NWT Victim Services to explain the situation.

Who Can Apply?

- Victims of serious violent crime
- The victim's guardian or family members (on behalf of the victim)

Serious Violent Crime Is

- Sexual assault
- Homicide/attempted homicide
- Forcible confinement
- Assault with serious personal violence (includes spousal assault, assault with a weapon, assault causing bodily harm)
- Other situations and circumstances may be considered at the discretion of the Manager of NWT Victim Services

The Program Covers

- Short-term immediate counselling
- Crime scene clean-up
- Emergency home repairs for immediate safety
- Emergency accommodation
- Emergency child care and dependent care
- Certain transportation costs
- Medical expenses (eyeglasses, dental treatment, prescription replacement, etc.)
- Other items considered as emergency needs at the discretion of the Manager, NWT Victim Services

The VCEF Does Not Cover

- People who are not direct victims of serious violent crime
- Lost wages or business income due to time off work
- Pain and suffering
- Injuries covered by the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission
- Injuries sustained in any event that was not the result of a serious violent crime
- Injuries sustained outside the NWT
- Stolen items/money

Applications May Be Denied If

- the application is not completely filled out
- the victim was hurt because of his or her own behaviour (for example, he or she was injured while committing a serious violent crime)

For more information, please contact:

Manager, NWT Victim Services
Phone: 867-920-6911
Fax: 867-873-0199
E-mail: vcef@gov.nt.ca



We gratefully acknowledge funding from Department of Justice Canada.