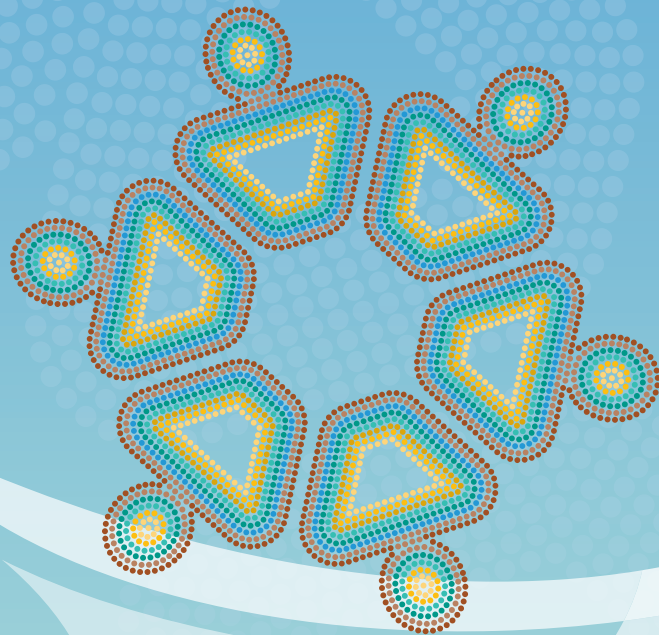


# Victims Assistance Fund of the Northwest Territories

Supporting those who provide help for victims and their families



## What is the Victims Assistance Fund?

The Victims Assistance Fund is a special purpose fund used for community-based projects and activities that directly support or benefit victims of crime. It is administered by the Victims Assistance Committee.

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This three-person advisory panel is legislated under the *Victims of Crime Act* to fund projects or community-based activities that directly benefit or support victims of crime and their families. This fund DOES NOT directly compensate victims of crime. Victims of a serious crime are eligible to receive funds for emergency purposes under the Victims of Crime Emergency Fund.

## What does the Committee do?

Members of the committee review submitted funding proposals and make recommendations to the Minister who approves funding proposals. Additionally, the committee advises the Minister to help with the development of policies regarding victim services.

## Where does the money come from?

Under the *Victims of Crime Act*, Courts are able to impose fines surcharges at the time of sentencing. These funds are to be used to improve services for victims and their families.



## What types of proposals are funded?

**Training** – recognizing that employees and volunteers are essential for a non-profit's ability to achieve its mission, training or efforts to build the capacity of non-profits for education, training and development of their staff, board and volunteers.

**Direct Services** – which can assist victims through crisis response, support, follow-up and information or system referrals.

**Public Awareness** – provision of information on rights and responsibilities of victims, the criminal justice system, and procedures and issues related to victims of crime.

**Research** – into and the distribution of services to victims and their needs and concerns.

## How do we apply?

Full details, including the application form and funding guidelines, can be downloaded from the Justice website, [www.justice.gov.nt.ca](http://www.justice.gov.nt.ca), and follow links for the Victims Assistance Fund.

## Who do I contact for more information?

If you need assistance or wish to find out more information, call the Community Justice and Policing division at **867-767-9261** or email [victimservices@gov.nt.ca](mailto:victimservices@gov.nt.ca).

