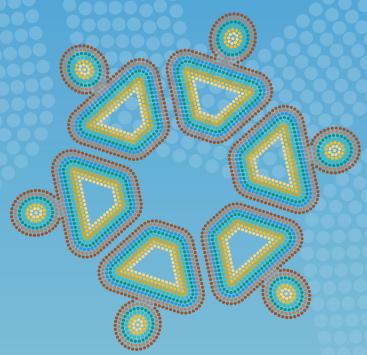
# FACT SHEET NWT Victims of Crime Emergency Fund (VCEF)



#### **Definition of 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.

# What is the NWT Victims of Crime Emergency Fund?

It is a limited emergency financial assistance program to assist NWT victims of serious violent crime only. Victims of minor crimes are not eligible. The fund is intended to provide emergency support to victims immediately after the crime.

The VCEF is NOT a victim compensation fund. The NWT does not have a Victims' Compensation Fund.

## What types of crime does VCEF cover?

- Homicide/attempted homicide/murder
- Assault Sexual, Spousal or Partner, with Serious Personal Violence, with a Weapon, Causing Serious Bodily Harm
- Forcible confinement
- Certain other situations and circumstances that have a severe traumatic and/or physical impact on victims of serious violent crimes at the discretion of the Community Justice and Policing Division, GNWT Department of Justice

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### Who can apply?

- The victim of a serious violent crime that occurred in the NWT
- The victim's parent or guardian
- A victim's immediate family member on behalf of the victim if the victim is unable to apply
- An NWT Victim Services Worker on behalf of a victim if no immediate family member is available

## What crime-related expenses does the VCEF cover?

- Short-term immediate counselling, if it is not available through Health and Social Services
- Crime scene clean-up
- Limited emergency repairs to secure the safety of the victim's residence
- · Limited emergency accommodation
- Limited emergency food
- · Limited emergency child care
- Some emergency transportation costs if no alternative arrangements are available
- Some emergency medical/dental expenses that are a direct result of the crime
- Some other emergency items if required for health and/or safety planning

## What crime-related expenses are NOT covered?

- Lost wages or lost business income due to time away from work resulting from the physical/ emotional impacts of the crime
- Compensation for emotional and/or physical pain and suffering
- Injuries covered by the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission (WSCC)
- Injuries from a motor vehicle accident that was not the result of a serious violent crime
- Emergency crime-related expenses if the victim was also a perpetrator of the crime
- Emergency crime-related expenses from crimes that occurred outside of the Northwest Territories
- Stolen items/money/property

#### For More Information

Please contact the Victim Services Program nearest you.

Yellowknife Victim Services: (867) 873-5509 ext. 231 (867) 920-2978 or (867) 765-8811 (24h)

Hay River Victim Services: (867) 876-2020 or (867) 876-2121

Fort Good Hope Victim Services: (867) 598-2247

Inuvik Victim Services: (867) 777-5493 or (867) 777-5480

Fort Smith Victim Services: (867) 872-3520

Fort Simpson Victim Services: (867) 695-3136

Fort Providence Victim Services: (867) 699 4498

Fort McPherson Victim Services: (867) 952 2044

Tłąchǫ Victim Services: (867) 392-6381 ext. 1332

Tulita Victim Services: (867) 588-3341 ext. 3

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Coordinator, NWT Victim Services: (867) 767-9261

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