

Victim Compensation Claim

The State of Florida through the Attorney's Office has set up a trust fund to offer financial assistance to victims of violent crime who were injured as a result of the crime and experiencing financial hardship.

You May Be Eligible for Benefits to Assist with:

- Wage loss
- Loss of support
- Disability
- Funeral/Burial expenses
- Mental health and grief counseling
- Property loss reimbursement
- Domestic violence relocation
- Sexual battery relocation
- Treatment expenses for medical and non-medical care

VCAS Can help you with the process!



If you or someone you know is a victim of a violent crime, please contact the Victim of Crime Assistance Services (VCAS)

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Jacksonville, FL 32204

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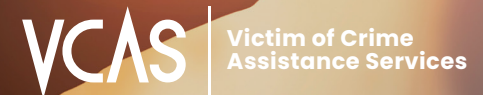
In emergency situations or immediate threats of violence call 911.

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ARE YOU A VICTIM OF CRIME?

Help begins with us...



The mission of the Jacksonville Urban League is to assist African Americans and others to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power, and civil rights.

The JUL's Victim of Crime Assistance Services assist crime victims who have suffered physical, sexual, financial, or emotional harm as the result of a crime.

Services Include:

Information and Referral

- Information about the criminal justice process
- Information about victim rights, how to obtain notification, etc.
- Referral to other victim service programs
- Referral to other services, supports, and resources

Personal Advocacy/Accompaniment

- Victim advocacy/accompaniment to emergency medical care
- Intervention with employer, creditor, or landlord
- Child and/or dependent care assistance
- Transportation assistance
- Ensure that victims are properly informed of their rights, including their right to seek advice of an attorney

- Assistance with victim compensation application
- Crisis intervention, hotline/crisis line counseling
- Therapy (traditional, cultural, or alternative healing: art, writing, or play therapy; etc.)
- Individual and family Counseling
- Support groups
- Emergency financial assistance

Shelter/Housing Services

- Emergency shelter

Criminal/Civil Justice System Assistance

- Notification of criminal events
- Victim impact statement assistance
- Emergency justice-related assistance
- Criminal advocacy/accompaniment

Supports for the following Victims

- Adult Physical Assault
- Bullying
- Burglary
- Domestic and/or Family Violence
- Elder Abuse of Neglect
- Robbery
- Stalking/Harassment



Florida Crime Victims' Bill of Right

Victims of crime or their lawful representatives, including the next of kin of homicide victims, are entitled to be informed, to be present, and to be heard when relevant, at all crucial stages of criminal proceedings, to the extent these rights do not interfere with the constitutional rights of the accused.

- Right to due process and to be treated with fairness and respect for the victim's dignity.
- Right to be free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse.
- Right to, within the judicial process, to be reasonably protected from the accused and any person acting on the behalf of the accused.
- Right to have safety and welfare considered when setting bond
- The right to prevent disclosure of information or records
- Right to prompt return of the victim's property when no longer needed for evidence in the case.
- The right to full and timely restitution.