

**WOULD** You like to receive electronic information about the custody status of an offender?

OK VINE Services may be right for you. Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) **1-877-OK4-VINE** or **vinelink.com**

*This electronic notification custody status service is used to track offenders who are incarcerated in Oklahoma county jails and within the Department of Corrections.*



## **WHAT** Expenses qualify for compensation?

OCVC may provide compensation for these UNREIMBURSED expenses related to the crime (please keep receipts):

- Medical, dental care and prescriptions
- Counseling and rehabilitation for the victim
- Grief counseling for families of homicide victims
- Traditional healing
- Work loss and replacement of services the victim would have performed if not for the injury
- Loss of support for dependents of a deceased victim, and replacement of services the victim would have performed if not for crime
- Crime scene cleanup
- Funeral and burial expenses
- Mileage reimbursement for medical, dental, and counseling appointments for the victim



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Easing the Financial Burden of Crime Victims



# WHO

## Benefits from Victims' Compensation? *Possibly you!*

Oklahoma Crime Victims Compensation (OCVC) may be available if you or someone you love suffered physical or psychological injury due to a violent crime that occurs **ANYWHERE** in the State of Oklahoma.



# WHEN

## Should a claim be filed and other eligibility requirements...

- A claim should be filed with OCVC within one year of the injury or death of the victim.
- The crime should be reported to law enforcement within 72 hours.
- If the victim's actions contributed to the injury or death, benefits may be reduced or declined.
- All other sources of payment, such as medical insurance, should be used before OCVC can assist.

Reporting and filing deadlines may be waived or extended if the OCVC Board finds there is good cause for the delay, or if the victim was a minor or incapacitated adult.



# WHERE

## Does the money come from?

**NO TAX PAYER** dollars are used to fund the OCVC program. Funds for victims' compensation come from those who commit crimes. Penalty assessments are paid by people who plead guilty or are found guilty of crimes in District and Federal Court. There does not have to be an arrest or conviction to receive victims' compensation assistance.



# HOW

## Do you file a claim?

To file a claim with OCVC contact the District Attorney's Office in the county where the crime took place or call the Oklahoma Crime Victims Compensation Program at **1-800-745-6098** or download a claim form at [www.ok.gov/dac/](http://www.ok.gov/dac/)

### More

- Property losses and pain and suffering are NOT covered.
- An attorney is NOT needed to file a claim.
- The person who committed the crime does NOT have to be arrested or convicted to receive help from the program.
- The maximum award may not exceed \$20,000. This may be extended to \$40,000 if there is excessive loss of wages due to serious injury or death of the victim.
- There are maximum limits for certain expense categories. Limits are explained in the claim form instructions.