

Crime Victim Compensation in Colorado

The Department of Safety and Security at RMCAD understands the devastating financial, emotional, and physical effects crime can have on an individual and their families. We encourage all victims of crime in Colorado to consider applying for Crime Victim Compensation to help ease the financial burdens of being a crime victim through [Colorado's Division of Criminal Justice](#).

- If you are a victim of a crime which occurred in another state, we encourage you to research the respective state's programs for crime victim assistance, or reach out to campussecurity@rmcad.edu for help in this endeavor.

The Crime Victim Compensation Administrator for Jefferson County, the county in which the Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design is located, may be contacted through the following methods:

Contact name: Valerie Van Kam

Address: 500 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden, CO 80401-6020

Phone: 303-271-6846

Email: da-cvc@jeffco.us

For other counties in Colorado, visit the Crime Victim Compensation [website](#) for the contact information for their respective Crime Victim Compensation Administrators.

See the following FAQ's from the DCJ's website regarding Crime Victim Compensation assistance.

Who qualifies for victim compensation?

You may be eligible to receive Crime Victim Compensation if:

- You or your family are victims of a violent crime in Colorado, or
- You or your family are residents of Colorado who have been victimized in a state or country that does not have a victim compensation program or will not cover your loss.

To be eligible for victim compensation in Colorado, you must meet certain criteria from the Crime Victim Compensation Statute:

- The victim sustains mental or bodily injury, dies, or suffers property damage to locks, windows, or doors to residential property as a result of the crime.
- The victim cooperates with law enforcement officials.
- The police were notified within 72 hours after the crime occurred.
- The injury or death of the victim was not the result of the victim's own wrongdoing or substantial provocation.
- The victimization occurred on or after July 1, 1982.
- The application for compensation was submitted within one year from the date of the crime or within six months for property damage claims.

The local victim compensation board may waive some of these requirements for good cause or in the interest of justice. This includes application deadlines.

What losses are eligible for victim compensation?

Losses directly related to the compensable crime are eligible for reimbursement, and may include:

- Medical expenses
- Mental health expenses
- Lost wages
- Loss of support to dependents
- Residential property damage to exterior windows
- Locks and doors
- Funeral expenses

How much compensation can a victim receive?

Victims may be eligible to receive up to \$30,000 for out-of-pocket expenses not covered by insurance or other collateral resources, or up to \$2,000 in emergency funds directly related to the crime.

How do I apply for Crime Victim Compensation assistance?

Victims are required to apply for victim compensation in the Judicial District **where the crime occurred**.

1. Contact the Victim Compensation Administrator in the district where the crime occurred for an application. You can also download and fill out this [Victim Compensation Application](#) and send it to the appropriate administrator. Call (720) 672-2166 or email Kate.Horn-Murphy@state.co.us for help locating the appropriate Victim Compensation Administrator for your application.

2. Submit the application and itemized bills directly related to the crime in the district where the crime occurred. Districts may require additional information from applicants.
3. The processing time is different for each district, however, it generally takes 30-45 days to be notified of the program's decision.
4. If a victim compensation claim is denied or the award reduced, the victim has a right to ask the board to reconsider its decision. The victim should be notified of the right to request reconsideration of the board's decision in writing.

Most judicial districts have a system in place to assist non-English speaking victims of crime.

Please contact the Victim Compensation Administrator in the judicial district where the crime occurred for further assistance.