

CVRB can help victims of the following crimes:

- Murder (including overdose deaths if there is a murder charge)
- Assault
- Domestic violence
- Sexual assault
- Human trafficking
- Child abuse
- Kidnapping
- Arson
- Robbery
- Harassment/stalking
- Felony hit and run
- Driving while impaired
- Criminal vehicular operation

Property crimes are not covered.

CVRB can help pay for:

- Medical and dental expenses
- Mental health counseling
- Traditional healing services
- Funeral expenses
- Lost wages
- Loss of support (survivor benefits to dependents of a deceased victim)
- Replacement child care
- Home health care
- Mileage costs to appointments
- Crime scene clean-up

There are limits on how much can be paid for each loss.

Tribal resources:

White Earth Dove Program
1-877-830-DOVE or 218-983-4656

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
320-532-7793 or 1-866-867-4006

Bois Forte Victim Services
218-757-3295 office or 218-248-0067

MN Indigenous Women's Society
Upper Sioux/Lower Sioux
507-627-4357 or 507-430-8339

Fond du Lac Advocacy Program
218-878-2145 or 218-348-1817

Leech Lake Women's Services
218-335-3560 or 800-442-3912

Leech Lake Tribal P.D. Victim Advocate
218-368-0701 or 218-335-7121

Red Lake Nation, DPS
218-679-1902 or 218-679-3737
1-800-943-8997 (emergency)

MN Indian Women's Resource Ctr
612-728-2019

Grand Portage Human Services
218-475-2453

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How can the Crime Victims Reparations Board (CVRB) help?

CVRB is a program dedicated to reimbursing victims for their expenses. If you have suffered a physical or emotional injury as a result of a crime, we may be able to assist you.

Who can CVRB help?

CVRB offers financial assistance to victims and their family members. Family members include spouse/domestic partner, parents, siblings, children and grandparents. The crime must occur in Minnesota, either on or off tribal land.

To qualify, the victim/family member must:

- Report the crime to law enforcement and cooperate with the investigation.
- Apply with CVRB within 3 years of the date of the crime (some exceptions apply).

Notice: This brochure provides general information about CVRB. It does not include all of the requirements of the program.

What funeral and burial costs can be paid?

When a death results from the crime, CVRB can pay funeral and burial costs, including items purchased for the funeral ceremony, meals and gifting customs.

Costs covered may include:

- Funeral home services
- Burial and cremation costs
- Travel expenses for family members to attend funeral
- Headstone/marker/Spirit house
- Burial clothing for deceased
- Quilts/blankets for burial
- Food, tobacco, sage and other items purchased for ceremony

There are limits on funeral costs. Please contact the Office of Justice Programs for the current limits. Receipts should be provided for travel expenses (plane tickets) and for items purchased.

Traditional healing services

CVRB can pay for costs associated with traditional healing ceremonies for injured victims and for family members of a deceased victim.

Covered costs can include items and food purchased for the ceremony, and money or gifts given to the elder or spiritual healer for their services.

A Traditional American Indian Ceremony Expense Form must be completed to receive reimbursement for these costs. The form will be sent to you once your CVRB application has been received and approved.

How does a victim apply?

A CVRB application can be requested by calling the Office of Justice Programs. Applications can also be downloaded from our website. If you need help completing an application, please contact your local victim assistance program. Some tribal programs are listed on the back of this brochure, or a complete list of programs can be found on our website.

Victims should apply as soon as possible. Treatment or services do not need to be completed prior to filing an application.

The completed application can be mailed, emailed or faxed to our office.