HOW CAN CalVCB HELP ME?
CalVCB is a state program dedicated to providing financial compensation for many crime-related expenses. Victims who suffer physical injury, threat of physical injury or emotional injury as a direct result of a violent crime may qualify for assistance.

CalVCB understands that financial assistance alone does not eliminate the trauma or emotional suffering of victimization, but hopes that it can relieve some of the added pressures that arise as a result of the crime.

WHAT EXPENSES CAN CalVCB HELP PAY?
CalVCB can help pay for a wide range of expenses related to the crime such as medical costs, mental health treatment, relocation, ceremonial costs and complementary and alternative medicine services.

In certain situations, CalVCB can provide emergency financial assistance within 30 days. For example, you may qualify if your personal safety is at risk and you need to relocate.

WHEN DO I NEED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION WITH CalVCB?
The application deadline depends on the age of the victim and the type of crime.
- Adults must apply within three years of the crime.
- Minor victims must apply by their 21st birthday. If the crime was a sexual offense, the application must be submitted by the victim’s 28th birthday.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I’M ELIGIBLE FOR HELP?
CalVCB can help victims and their families when the crime occurs in California. CalVCB can also help California residents who become victims while in another state or country.

CalVCB may also be able to assist other people directly impacted by the crime.

HOW CAN I GET HELP LOCALLY?
Contact your local Victim Witness Assistance Center advocates for assistance with filing your application.

Advocates can help you navigate the criminal justice system by providing information on resources and services in your county.
Visit our Local Help page: victims.ca.gov/victims/localhelp.aspx

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT CalVCB?
Call us at: 800.777.9229
Visit our website at: victims.ca.gov
Email us at: info@victims.ca.gov