

Yukon Victims of Crime Emergency Fund (VCEF) Eligibility and Fact Sheet

Definition of a victim →	<i>A victim is someone who, as a result of an act or omission that forms the basis of an offence, suffers bodily or mental injury, emotional trauma, economic loss or deprivation of property (Yukon Victims of Crime Act 2010)</i>
The Yukon Victims of Crime Emergency Fund(VCEF)	The Victims of Crime Emergency Fund (VCEF) has been established by the Government of Yukon Department of Justice to provide timely emergency assistance to victims of crime.
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The crime must have been committed in Yukon Territory • Funds are to be spent in Yukon Territory • There is an immediate need for emergency expenses • The victim has not received funding from the VCEF for the same offence • The injuries received were not the result of the applicant committing a crime • The crime must have occurred within the past 60 days
Who Can Request Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victims of a crime • Immediate family on victims' behalf (due to incapacity) • Guardian or legal authority of a victim who is a minor child or who is dependant • Authorized referral agents on behalf of a victim
Fund of Last Resort	<p>This program is designed for victims who have not been able to obtain support from other available sources at this time, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Assistance • First Nations • Insurance • Shelter or community groups <p>Other situations and circumstances may be considered at the discretion of the Victim Services Coordinator. Victim Service Workers will discuss this eligibility requirement with applicants.</p>
How do I apply for Assistance?	<p>You can fill in the application on your own or have someone fill it in on your behalf. Once it is complete return it to Victim Services. A worker will contact you and discuss your application.</p> <p>You can also contact Victim Services and a worker can help you fill out the application.</p> <p>You will be asked some questions about other places you have tried to get support.</p> <p>You will check off the kind of support you need and how much you think it will cost. Victim Services can assist with this section.</p>
What happens once I submit an application?	<p>After your application is received, a decision will be made on your request as soon as possible. You will be notified of this decision verbally and/or in writing.</p> <p>If the application is approved, you and the Victim Services worker can make arrangements with vendors (i.e. dentist, carpenter) for services.</p> <p>Victim Services will pay the vendor directly; you will not receive a cheque.</p>

<p><i>What does the VCEF program cover?</i></p>	<p>Coverage for victims includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short-term immediate counselling • Crime scene clean-up • Emergency home repair for immediate safety - Emergency accommodation • Emergency Child Care and Dependent Care • Certain transportation costs • Medical expenses (such as: eye glasses, dental treatment, prescription replacement etc.) • Some secondary victims such as family members/witnesses • Other items considered as emergency needs at the discretion of the Victim Services Coordinator, Yukon Territory
<p><i>What is <u>NOT</u> covered by VCEF?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lost wages or business income due to time off work • Pain and suffering • Injuries covered by the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board • Injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident that were not the result of a crime • Repairs covered by Yukon Housing/Grey Mountain Housing • Injuries sustained outside of Yukon Territory
<p><i>Why might my application for VCEF be denied?</i></p>	<p>The application for assistance may be denied if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The request does not meet one of the above criteria • The application is not fully completed. • The victims' conduct contributed to their injury (e.g. they participated in committing a crime where they were injured). • In the event that an application is denied there is a process in place to review the decision. Contact the Supervisor, Victim Services, Department of Justice, Yukon

For more information, please contact:

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