Victim Support
Manaaki Tangata

Financial Assistance for Victims / survivors of sexual violence

Sexual Violence Grant Application form

Victim Support can help with a range of grants for victims/survivors of sexual violence.

How to apply

Please complete this form and email, post or fax to Victim Support as follows: (Our preference would be for the Application form to be scanned and emailed to National Office as this would ensure they are received and particularly in case of an emergency event such as an Earthquake in Wellington).

1. Fax No. 04 495 3076

2. Post to:
   Vas Administrator
   Victim Support
   National Office
   PO Box 3017
   Wellington 6140

3. Email to:
   pravinia.bluck@victimsupport.org.nz **or** vas@victimsupport.org.nz

If you have any questions applying for this funding, please contact the Victim Assistance Scheme Administrator at Victim Support by calling our freephone number on 0800 842 846 Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm.

Other funding available – Incident must be reported to NZ Police

- **Sexual Violence Grant** – An entitlement of **up to a maximum of $500** to help with some of the costs immediately after the crime. Available to a victim/survivor of a 'sexual crime' that occurred **after1 January 2010 (up to $250)** and **after 1 January 2011 (up to $500**). Please download the SVG application form from our website www.victimsupport.org.nz

- **Last resort emergency funding (SCE – Serious Crime Emergency Grant)**
  Applications for this grant must fall within 12 months from date of crime **or** if something significant has happened ie. Offender has been released and there are security issues for the victim. This funding may be available to assist with other costs like improving home security, relocation of residence or to assist with healing and safety for the victim. This is only available to people eligible for a Community Services Card and is **a last resort**. Contact Victim Support on 0800 842 846 to be put in touch with a local office for help with applying for this funding.

Frequently asked questions

1. What happens to personal information that I put on the form?
The form is confidential and is securely stored at Victim Support National Office. Bank account details are only used to pay the grant by direct credit.

2. Is approval automatic?
If all the required information is included on the form and you meet the criteria above the grant will be paid into your bank account within 10 working days. If information is missing we will contact your agency contact person as soon as possible.

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By completing this form, you confirm that the information you have supplied is true and that you authorise Victim Support to contact your Support Agency Worker if information on the form is unclear or incomplete.

This form must be signed and submitted to Victim Support by a specialist agency eg. Rape Crisis

Is this Application Urgent ❑ **Yes** ❑ **No**

NAME OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN IF VICTIM IS UNDER 18

APPLICANT NAME: DOB:

APPLICANT ADDRESS:

PHONE NO: Gender: ❑ Male ❑ Female ❑ Other

❑ Tick box to confirm it is ok to leave a message on this phone number. We will only call you as a last resort to confirm details on this form if your agency contact cannot assist.

Police Incident Number (Required) Date of Crime (Required)

Ethnicity (Optional) Email (Optional)

SUPPORT AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:
(we will only contact your support worker if necessary to confirm details on this form)

SUPPORT AGENCY NAME Agency Phone No:

❑ **SV One off Grant of up to $500 – Summary of Costs incurred immediately after the crime or when the crime was reported to the Police eg. Travel costs to Police Station, GP costs, Replacement of items (see below) etc.**

Please tick the appropriate boxes and provide $ value (Receipts are not required)

❑ Travel Costs $ ❑ Loss of Income (either for Victim or Parent/s) $ ❑ Medical Costs $

❑ Relocation Costs $ (Please provide hourly rate and days not worked) $

❑ Please list a summary of all items and their approximate $ value that were taken by Police and/or damaged /lost during the incident

Payment – choose one of the following - Please explain to your Victim that payments made via direct credit will appear overnight into their account. A cheque may take up to 2 weeks or more to reach them and often gets lost during delivery

Payment Details: Please tick whose account payment is going into: ❑ Victim ❑ Parent/Legal Guardian

NAME OF BANK ACCOUNT or CHEQUE NAME:

BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER | | | | 0 | | | | | | | 0 | | |

Bank (2) Branch (4) Account Number (7) Suffix (3)

❑ Tick box if you would prefer a cheque sent out to you at your home address **OR**
❑ Tick box if you would prefer a cheque to be sent to your Support Agency

Please sign confirming the details you have provided are correct and that you authorise Victim Support to contact your Agency support worker if information on the form is unclear or incomplete.

Applicant Signature (If the victim is under 18, the signature of the parent/legal guardian is required)

Support Agency Signature
(Please do not sign the form until it has been fully completed)

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