

## **POLICY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL EXPENSES**

The intention of the Victims Compensation Program is to provide eligible victims/survivors with financial assistance to attend funerals, criminal court proceedings, Parole Board hearings, and to participate in pre-sentence investigations.

An eligible surviving immediate family member of a victim in a homicide case is defined as a spouse, domestic partner, parent, sibling, child, grandparent, or grandchild.

Travel expenses are inclusive of meals reimbursed at the current State/Federal rate at the time of travel, lodging, and the costs of other transportation such as airfare, bus, train, or car rental fees based on a reasonable cost of service determined by the Program. A victim/survivor will be reimbursed at the current mileage rate or current gas price at the time of travel for both in and out of state travel.

For all non-homicide criminal cases there is a \$2,000.00 travel expense cap per claim for the eligible victim to attend criminal court proceedings, Parole Board hearings, and to participate in pre-sentence investigations.

In all non-homicide criminal cases where there are multiple defendants being tried separately, the eligible victim will be entitled



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to an additional \$2,000.00 per defendant in travel expenses to attend criminal court proceedings, Parole Board hearings, and to participate in pre-sentence investigations as outlined above.

In homicide cases the \$2,000.00 travel expense cap does not apply.

If a criminal case results in a retrial, appeal, or re-sentencing, the victim/survivor is eligible for the expenses as outlined above.

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