UNDERSTANDING GUAM’S CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION PROGRAM

➢ What is the Criminal Injuries Compensation Program?

If you or a loved one is a victim of a crime and suffered injury, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Program can provide financial reimbursement for crime related expenses to ease some of the financial burdens you may face.

➢ Who can apply?

Victims, Dependents, Parents, or any other persons who have incurred expenses as a result of the Victim’s injury or death.

➢ How do I know if a Victim is eligible?

a. Victim died or was injured;

b. Crime is at least one (1) of the crimes listed in 8 G.C.A. 161.55;

c. Crime occurred in Guam, or if crime did not occur in Guam, Victim is a resident of Guam and place where crime occurred does not have criminal injuries compensation program;

d. Arrest made or crime reported to police without undue delay;

e. Application made within 18 months of Victim’s injury or death.

[DISCLAIMER: applicants should not assume they qualify or do not qualify for compensation. The Criminal Injuries Compensation Program reviews each case to determine eligibility; and refers all eligible cases to the Commission for final review and possible award.]
What expenses may be covered?

a. Medical Expenses  
b. Funeral/ Burial Costs  
c. Loss of Wages  
d. Property damage incurred as a result of the crime or incident;  
e. Any qualifying costs incurred as a result of the crime or incident;

How much compensation can the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission award?

a. Medical expenses not to exceed $20,000  
b. All other expenses not to exceed $10,000

What is the Process?

a. You must complete the application form that can be provided to you by our office or you may access it online on our website at www.oagguam.org  
b. Completed applications must be submitted to our office in person or by mail  
c. You will receive a letter of eligibility or ineligibility within 20 days of submitting your application  
d. If you are determined eligible, you will be contacted by the program personnel for an interview to collect all documentation and receipts  
e. After the interview, you will be informed of the date and time of hearing before the Commission

[DISCLAIMER: incomplete or falsified applications will not be processed or accepted]
Apply for Compensation:

- **Who administers this program?**
  The Attorney General’s Office is responsible for staffing the program and ensuring prompt payment of awards made by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission.

- **Who are the Commission Members?**
  The Commission currently consists of three (3) members. They are Pa’le Mike Crisostomo, Dr. Lisa Flores and Ms. Denise Mendiola.

- **Who can I contact for more information?**
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