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# International Terrorism Victim Expense Reimbursement Program (ITVERP)



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## Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

As part of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, OVC promotes justice and healing for all victims of crime by:

- Administering federal funds to support victim services.
- Providing training for diverse professionals who work with victims.
- Developing projects to enhance victims' rights and services.
- Undertaking public education and advocacy activities on behalf of crime victims.

OVC works with international, federal, tribal, state, local, and military victim assistance and criminal justice agencies and other professional organizations to promote fundamental rights and comprehensive services for crime victims.

## International Terrorism Victim Expense Reimbursement Program (ITVERP)

ITVERP was authorized by Congress to reimburse eligible direct victims of acts of international terrorism that occur outside the United States for expenses associated with that victimization.

## Who is eligible for reimbursement?

- U.S. Nationals
- U.S. Government officers and employees

The law requires that the victim must have suffered direct physical or emotional injury

or death as a result of an act of international terrorism occurring abroad. If the victim is a minor, incompetent, incapacitated, or is killed, then a spouse, parent, child, sibling, or legally designated representative of the victim may receive expense reimbursement on behalf of the victim, 42 U.S.C. 10603c(a)(3).

## What expenses are eligible for reimbursement?

Claimants may seek reimbursement for eligible victims of international terrorism for expenses associated directly with that victimization, such as:

- Medical expenses (up to \$50,000).
- Mental health care costs (up to \$5,000).
- Property loss, repair, and replacement costs (up to \$10,000).
- Funeral and burial costs (up to \$25,000).
- Miscellaneous expenses (up to \$15,000).

## What costs are excluded from reimbursement?

- Attorneys' fees and legal expenses
- Pain and suffering
- Loss of enjoyment of life or of consortium
- Lost wages

## Types of Applications

**Itemized:** An itemized application allows eligible claimants to be reimbursed for actual expenses associated with their victimization.

Claimants must submit their application with an *original signature, original receipts*, and complete and accurate information regarding all known and potential collateral financial sources which are or may be available to offset expenses incurred by the claimant.

**Interim emergency:** An interim emergency application may be filed to assist claimants with immediate costs if the OVC Director determines that such payment is necessary to avoid or mitigate substantial hardship that may result from delaying expense reimbursement until complete and final consideration of an application.

**Supplemental:** A supplemental application may be filed if additional costs arise, or if original costs were excluded from the first application.

## Application Deadlines

For claims related to acts of international terrorism that occurred **after October 6, 2006**, the deadline to file an application is 3 years from the date of the act of international terrorism.

For claims related to acts of international terrorism that occurred **between December 21, 1988, and October 6, 2006**, the deadline to file an application was October 6, 2009. However, at the discretion of the OVC Director, the deadline for filing a claim may be extended upon a showing of good cause.