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## UNDERSTANDING GUAM'S CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION PROGRAM

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➤ **What is the Criminal Injuries Compensation Program?**

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

➤ **Who can apply?**

Victims, Dependents, Parents, Guardians or any other persons who have incurred expenses as a result of a 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 a 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.guamag.org](http://www.guamag.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 Coordinator or Program Administrator for an interview to collect all necessary 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]*

➤ **Who administers this program?**

The Attorney General's Office is responsible for staffing the program and ensuring prompt payment of awards is made by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission.

➤ **Who are the Commission Members?**

The Commission currently consists of three (3) members. They are Pale' Mike Crisostomo, Dr. Lisa Flores and Ms. Denise Mendiola.

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

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