

Financial assistance for people affected by homicide

This fact sheet provides a summary of the financial assistance funded through the offender levy for people who have been affected by homicide.

Families or their support agency/people should contact the organisation which administers the grants for further information and assistance with applications.

Victim Support

0800 VICTIM (0800 842 846)
www.victimsupport.org.nz

ACC

0800 101 996 Claims Helpline
www.acc.co.nz

<i>What is it for?</i>	<i>Who is eligible?</i>	<i>How much?</i>	<i>How to apply</i>
Funeral expenses			
Assistance for funeral costs or memorial service.	Families who have lost their loved one through homicide.	The cost of the funeral or memorial service up to \$10,000. This is funded jointly through ACC and the offender levy.	Contact ACC. The funeral director can invoice ACC directly, or the funeral director or the family can provide ACC with receipts.
Loss of income and general costs			
Help with loss of income and general costs.	Families who have lost their loved one through homicide. The applicant for the grant must be a family member.	One grant per family of up to \$5,000.	Contact Victim Support. Applicants will be required to itemise costs.
Expenses for attending court and other hearings			
Assistance with travel-related costs (including travel, childcare, accommodation and meals) for attendance at court hearings and other hearings or meetings such as Parole Board hearings, restorative justice meetings, coronial hearings and meetings with victim advisors. Attendance at videoconferences is also included.	Up to five adult family members (adult means 18 years old or over). Families must be travelling outside their immediate area or show they need financial assistance to attend.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Up to \$3,000 per person for court hearings > Up to \$1,500 per person for Parole Board hearings > Up to \$1,000 per person for other hearings or meetings. 	Contact Victim Support. Travel and accommodation can be pre-booked through Victim Support. Otherwise receipts must be provided for reimbursement. Personal car use will be reimbursed at a set rate.
High Court attendance			
Attending trials at the High Court.	Up to five adult family members (adult means 18 years old or over).	\$124 per day or \$62 per half day per person.	Contact Victim Support. Applicants must show that they attended court hearings.
Counselling			
Trauma counselling. This covers the cost of counselling and travel to sessions, if required.	Families and friends of homicide victims, and witnesses and first on the scene of a homicide.	Up to 30 sessions per person.	Contact Victim Support. Counsellors must be approved Victim Support counsellors.