

Financial assistance for victims of sexual violence

This fact sheet provides a summary of the financial assistance funded through the offender levy for people who have been victims of a crime of sexual violence. Victims of sexual violence may also be able to get further assistance from ACC.

Victims 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 735 566 Sensitive Claims Helpline
www.acc.co.nz

What is it for?	Who is eligible?	How much?	How to apply
Immediate costs following report of crime			
Costs immediately after the crime, such as replacing clothes taken for forensic examination, temporary accommodation, or property repairs.	Victims who have reported a crime of sexual violence to Police.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Up to \$250 for incidents after 1 January 2010 > Up to \$500 for incidents after 1 January 2011. 	Contact Victim Support
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.	The victim/survivor and one support person. (The grant does not apply for support people who are supporting in a paid role.) The person applying for the grant must be 18 years old or over and can be the legal guardian of the victim.	<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.
Court attendance			
Attending the trial/defended hearing at court.	The victim/survivor and one support person. The support person must not be in paid role. The applicant must be 18 years old or over.	\$100 per day or \$50 per half day per person for court proceedings from 1 July 2011.	Contact Victim Support. Applicants must show that they have attended court.
Means-tested emergency grant			
Last resort assistance for those in financial hardship. This grant covers costs such as counselling, relocation and other costs to assist healing and safety.	Victims who qualify for a community services card and who have already approached WINZ and ACC.	Up to \$2,000 per victim.	Contact Victim Support.