



# INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM VICTIM EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

As part of its mission to enhance the Nation's capacity to assist crime victims and to provide leadership in changing attitudes, policies, and practices to promote justice and healing for all victims, the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), part of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs, administers the International Terrorism Victim Expense Reimbursement Program (ITVERP). ITVERP is a unique federal program that provides financial reimbursement for qualifying expenses to eligible United States nationals or employees of the United States Government who are victims of an act of international terrorism that occurs abroad.

## ELIGIBILITY

There are three main requirements:

**1. Terrorist Incident Occurred Outside the United States** – The act of terrorism **MUST** have occurred outside the United States *and* be designated by the National Security Division of the U.S. Department of Justice as an act of international terrorism *for the purposes of ITVERP*.

**2. U.S. Citizen, Officer, or Employee of the U.S. Government** – At time of the incident, the victim must be a U.S. citizen, an officer, or an employee the U.S. Government.

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." In the case of a victim who is incompetent, incapacitated, or killed, or is a minor, a family member or legally designated representative of the victim may receive expense reimbursement on their behalf.

**3. Expenses Directly Related to Terrorist Incident** – The out-of-pocket expenses must be *directly* related to the incident.

## ITVERP DEADLINES

Generally, the deadline for filing an ITVERP claim is 3 years from the date of the terrorist incident; however, the deadline may be extended, at the discretion of the OVC Director, if the applicant can show good cause for missing the filing deadline.

## COSTS NOT COVERED

- Attorneys' fees and legal expenses
- Pain and suffering
- Lost wages and loss of support

## EXPENSES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT

ITVERP is a payer of last resort – all other forms of support or assistance must be exhausted before ITVERP can be of assistance. If eligible, international terrorism victims may be reimbursed for expenses directly associated with that victimization. Expense categories include the following:

TYPE OF EXPENSE	CAP
Medical	\$50,000
Mental Health	\$5,000
Property Loss/Repair	\$10,000
Funeral and Burial	\$25,000
Miscellaneous	\$15,000

## HOW TO FILE AN ITVERP CLAIM

To apply to ITVERP, an applicant must submit a *completed* application. The application is generally time intensive and requires supporting documentation. Please contact an ITVERP case manager at **1-800-363-0441** to assist you in completing the application. To review the application, and for additional information, please visit our website at [ovc.ojp.gov/itverp](https://ovc.ojp.gov/itverp).

## PARTNERSHIPS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES

ITVERP works closely with the FBI's Office for Victim Assistance, the U.S. Department of State, and the National Security Division within the U.S. Department of Justice. *Revised September 2024*

