

WHAT IS VQRP?

The Victim Quick Response Program has been established and funded by the Ministry of the Attorney General Ontario Victim Services Secretariat to provide timely assistance to victims of the most violent crimes. This program is designed to offer immediate financial assistance to victims of:

- Homicide
- Attempted Murder
- Serious Physical Assault
- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Assault
- Hate Crimes

Referrals can be made by a police service within Ontario, sexual assault centres, women's shelters, emergency services, community agencies. Individuals can also inquire about VQRP themselves.

WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM OFFER?

The program offers financial assistance for safety related needs specifically for the following:

1. Short term immediate **counselling** services
2. Immediate emergency expenses as follows:
 - **Emergency home repairs** to secure premises for the immediate safety of the victim
 - **Crime scene clean-up**
 - **Emergency accommodation and meals** where there are no secure housing options available
 - **Transportation costs** for the most economical and practical means of travel to support a victim who has suffered emotional and/or physical harm as a result of a violent crime or for a family member to identify a victim of homicide
 - **Emergency child care and dependent care** for elderly or special need dependents to support a victim who has suffered emotional and/or physical harm as a result of a violent crime or to enable a family member to identify a victim of homicide
3. **Funeral expenses** for victims of homicide only

In all cases those providing the service are paid directly by VQRP

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THESE SERVICES?

- A victim is eligible for these services if he or she has reported a violent Criminal Code offence either to a police service in Ontario or a women's shelter, sexual assault centre, emergency service or community agency providing services to victims of domestic/sexual assault
- The crime occurred in Ontario, on or after June 30, 2007
- The victim resides in Ontario
- The request is made within 14 days of the crime (other special circumstances may be deemed eligible)
- There are no other financial resources available, i.e. insurance, workplace EAP, Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program
- The victim has not previously received funding from the VQRP for the same criminal offence
- The funds are expended in Ontario

opening doors for people in crisis

Crime and Tragedy affect us all.
We all need someone to stand by us at such times.