

- \*Primary telephone or cell phone if existing one is broken;
- \*Repair telephone lines if lines were cut;
- \*Reconnect electricity or gas lines if cut.

C. **Transportation costs** for the most economical and practical means of travel for a family member to identify a victim of homicide or, to support a victim who has suffered serious injury as a result of violent crime, including;

- \*Purchase of air, rail, bus tickets; or,
- \*Pre-paid gas card.

D. **Emergency child care and dependent care** for elderly or special needs; to enable a family member to identify a victim of homicide or support a victim who has suffered serious injury as a result of violent crime.

- \*Licensed and non-licensed care givers must provide an invoice for services.

2. **Funeral expense assistance** up to \$5000 for eligible families of homicide victims.

3. **Short-term, early intervention counseling** for up to 10 sessions or \$1000 to help reduce the impact of the crime in cases where counseling services are not available nearby or on a timely basis.

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## THE VICTIM QUICK RESPONSE PROGRAM (VQRP)



We're Here to Help

Victims of violent crime need effective and compassionate support in the immediate aftermath of a crime. That is why the government has established the Victim Quick Response Program (VQRP). This service responds to the most urgent needs of violent crime and is available immediately within our community.

## What will the VQRP mean for victims of violent crime in your community?

The VQRP offers immediate assistance to help victims of violent crime who require immediate help and cannot obtain it through other sources.

These victims will have access to three new services:

**Emergency Expenses-** for eligible victims, to secure premises for victims safety, and provide emergency care for dependents, transportation costs or specialized crime scene cleanup services in the immediate aftermath of violent crime.

**Funeral Expenses-** to reimburse eligible families of homicide victims.

**Counseling-** to help victims of serious crimes recover from their experience.



## Who is eligible for these new services?

A victim is eligible for the services if he or she has reported a violent Criminal Code offence to a:

\*Police Service in the province of Ontario

\*Sexual Assault Centre or Domestic Violence Shelter

\*Hospital or other community agency that provides services to victims of sexual assault or domestic violence in the Province of Ontario.

Eligible victims may request services directly through Superior North Victim Services Program.

Eligible victims may include an immediate family member or custodial guardian of a victim who is a minor. An individual with legal authority to act on behalf of a victim, may also apply.

## How does the VQRP work?

A victim can contact Superior North Victim Services to complete application and eligibility forms. Once completed funds are administered to appropriate Service Providers for expenses incurred and covered under this program.

The request must be made no later than 14 days after the crime is reported

## Eligible victims may request the following services:

1. Funding to cover emergency expenses to a combined maximum, per occurrence, not to exceed \$1,000 for

A. **Cost incurred in crime scene cleanup** where the use of a licensed company is required to clean up bodily fluid.

B. **Emergency home repair** funding is NOT intended to replace broken item unless the item is necessary for the safety and security of the victim. Examples of eligible repairs include:

\*Installation of plywood sheets over broken windows;

\*Replacement of broken locks on doors;