



# Financial Assistance for victim/survivors of sexual violence

Victim Support administers a grant of \$250 for victims/survivors of sexual violence.

## 1. Applicants for the sexual violence grant must:

- be a victim/survivor of a 'sexual crime' that occurred on or after 1 January 2010
- have reported the crime to the Police
- have incurred costs as a result of the crime

## 2. Applicants may claim up to \$250 towards the costs of dealing with the immediate effects of the crime and investigation, e.g.

- Clothing, footwear, and personal belongings (e.g. cell phone) with the victim/survivor at the time of the crime that were stolen, lost or damaged as a result of the crime, or taken by Police for their investigation.
- Temporary accommodation, childcare, and meals for the victim/survivor and their dependent/s if the crime occurred in the victim/survivor's house.
- Car cleaning or car repair if the crime is committed in the victim/survivor's car and it is soiled or damaged. Car rental if the car is taken by the Police for the investigation.
- Repairs to the victim/survivor's house, if the crime occurred there. For example, broken windows, locks, damage to house or contents as a result of the crime.
- Income lost for time off work giving statements to/being interviewed by the Police.
- Costs of travelling to and from a Police station for the investigation, for example, for interviewing and statements, and also travel to and from a forensic medical exam.

## How to apply

Complete this form, including applicant and support worker signatures and either post or fax to Victim Support (Fax 04 495 3076 or post to Victim Support, PO Box 3017, Wellington). Contact the Victim Support Scheme Administrator on 0800 865868 Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm with any questions.

## Frequently asked questions

### 1. *What happens to personal information that I put on the form?*

The form is confidential and is securely stored at Victim Support National Office. Bank account details are only used to pay the grant by direct credit. Your name and the Police incident number are only used by Victim Support to ask the Police to confirm that you have reported the crime.

### 2. *Is approval automatic?*

If all the required information is included on the form and you meet the criteria above the grant will be paid into your bank account within 5 working days. If information is missing we will contact your support worker as soon as possible.

### 3. *What if I don't have receipts?*

Receipts will not normally be required but if receipts have been obtained they should be kept for reference until the grant is paid.

### 4. *What happens if I don't know the Police incident number?*

This is on the complaint acknowledgement form the Police left with you or can be obtained from the officer in charge. Your Support Worker will be able to help you access this. If you cannot find the number we will try to verify your application with the Police using your name.

### 5. *What happens if I withdraw my complaint to the police?*

If a grant is approved and paid before that happens you are entitled to keep the grant, unless you are subsequently charged with laying a false complaint.

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# Application Form

Victim Support is required to check with the Police that you have reported the crime. By completing this form you confirm that the information you have supplied is true and that you authorise Victim Support to check with the NZ Police that you have reported the crime and to contact your support worker if information on the form is unclear or incomplete.

**This form must be signed by either Victim Support, or a specialist agency like Rape Crisis or HELP. You will need ID to do this.**

NAME	
ADDRESS	
ETHNICITY (optional)	
EMAIL (optional)	
PHONE (we will only call you as a last resort to confirm details on this form) <input type="checkbox"/> Tick box to confirm it is ok to leave a message on this phone number	
POLICE INCIDENT NUMBER (if known)	
DATE OF CRIME (must be on or after 1 Jan 2010)	
COSTS INCURRED (Do not attach receipts. Receipts are not normally required but if receipts have been obtained they should be kept for reference until the grant is paid. Please include all costs even if they add up to more than \$250)	
NAME OF SUPPORT AGENCY & SUPPORT WORKER	
SUPPORT AGENCY PHONE & EMAIL DETAILS (we will only contact your support worker as a last resort to confirm details on this form)	
<b>Payment – choose one of the following:</b>	
BANK ACCOUNT NAME	
BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tick box if you would prefer a cheque made out to you sent to your address	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tick box if you would prefer a cheque made out to you sent to the Support Agency	
Please sign confirming the details you have provided are correct and that you authorise Victim Support to check with the NZ Police that you have reported the crime and to contact your support worker if information on the form is unclear or incomplete	
..... APPLICANT SIGNATURE	..... SUPPORT AGENCY SIGNATURE

**Fax completed form to 04 495 3076 or post to Victim Support, PO Box 3017 Wellington**

