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Gov. Beshear and First Lady Britainy Beshear: Crime Victims Compensation Fund Reaching More Survivors, Launching New Online Payment Portal

New portal makes it easier for offenders to repay debt while helping replenish Crime Victims Compensation Fund

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 27, 2026) – Today, Gov. Andy Beshear and First Lady Britainy Beshear released data from the Crime Victims Compensation Board showing more survivors are aware of and receiving assistance from the Crime Victims Compensation Fund, which supports survivors of violent crime with medical and dental costs, mental health counseling, sexual assault examinations and more. The Governor also announced the launch of a new online [payment portal](#) for the Board's Offender Collections Program, making it easier for offenders to repay their debt.

"The Crime Victims Compensation Fund helps survivors during some of the most difficult moments of their lives," said **Gov. Beshear**. "By growing awareness of this important resource, we're helping deliver justice and support to our fellow Kentuckians who deserve it."

"It takes a lot of bravery and support for survivors to overcome violence. It's our responsibility to be there for them," said the **First Lady**. "This program helps survivors find hope, healing and justice. From assistance with medical costs to mental health counseling and more, we're glad more Kentuckians are taking advantage of this resource."

The Crime Victims Compensation Board continues to improve services for survivors while increasing operational efficiency. During fiscal year 2026, the Board:

- Received 744 compensation claims, a 12.6% increase over the previous fiscal year.
- Awarded financial assistance to 370 survivors, an 89.7% increase from fiscal year 2025.
- Adjudicated 982 claims, more than tripling the number decided the previous year.

- Paid approximately \$2.3 million to help survivors with crime-related expenses, compared to approximately \$1.1 million the previous fiscal year.
- Assisted 570 survivors through the Sexual Assault Exam Program, paying approximately \$181,117 directly to medical providers to ensure victims were not billed for sexual assault forensic exams.
- Recovered more than \$276,000 through the Offender Collections Program.
- Expanded outreach efforts by providing Crime Victims Compensation training to 294 victim service professionals across Kentucky.

The Board's work continues to make a meaningful difference for Kentuckians recovering from violent crime.

"Throughout the entire process everyone was so kind and thorough. I can't say enough good things about everyone I worked with," one survivor shared. "And without the help I don't know what I would have done for my kids and me. I'm very grateful for the Crime Victims Compensation Board."

"The staff at the Office of Claims and Appeals and the members of the Crime Victims Compensation Board are focused on creating efficiencies that have improved awareness of the program and increased assistance to survivors", said **Allyson Taylor**, executive director of the Public Protection Cabinet's Office of Claims and Appeals. "They often get to know people, their stories and struggles to recover after a crime and it feels good to be able to help in some small way."

Survivors and advocates can learn more about eligibility, apply for compensation or access the new Offender Collections payment portal by visiting the Kentucky Office of Claims and Appeals [website](#).

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