

# Assisting Crime Victims with Relocation: *How Two Compensation Programs Run Relocation Programs*

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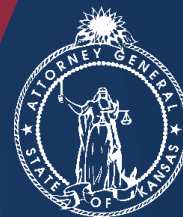
# Kansas Crime Victims Compensation Relocation Benefit

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## K.A.R. 20-2-9 Allowable expenses

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(b) Moving costs may be deemed allowable expenses if one of the following individuals has recommended the move in writing for reasons related to the crime:

- (1) A law enforcement officer;
- (2) a prosecutor; or
- (3) a victims' advocate working for a law enforcement agency or prosecutor's office.



# Policy Requirements

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- ▶ Soft cap of \$2500
- ▶ Letters recommending relocation for non-safety reasons are reviewed by the Board
- ▶ Eligible expenses
  - ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> month's rent, deposit, application fees, administration fees, key deposit
  - ▶ Termination fees associated with breaking an old lease
  - ▶ Commercial moving company or rental of a moving vehicle
  - ▶ One month's storage fees
  - ▶ Utility connection fees, termination fees, or deposit
  - ▶ Other expenses as approved by the Board



# Policy Requirements continued

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- ▶ Documents required
  - ▶ Complete copy of the lease, including both tenant and landlord signatures
  - ▶ A receipt/document showing proof of payment or other evidence the victim has already made payment



# Policy Requirements continued

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- ▶ Second relocations
  - ▶ If a different offender, no prior Board review required and may be considered as an emergency
  - ▶ If the same offender, a new relocation letter is required
    - ▶ If the letter indicates the offender found the victim, a new emergency relocation may be submitted, if applicable
    - ▶ If the letter indicates another reason that relocation is necessary, full Board approval will be required prior to payment



# Emergency Relocation

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- ▶ Relocation for safety reasons
- ▶ Investigator makes initial recommendation
- ▶ Director reviews and forwards on to designated Board Member for emergency consideration
- ▶ If approved, payment may be issued immediately, or a letter sent to the victim confirming Board approval
- ▶ Claim is ratified at the next Board Meeting
- ▶ Emergency payments may only be made directly to the provider. Reimbursement is not considered an emergency.



# Expansion Considerations





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## Relocation Benefit



# Statute for Traditional Comp

- **63M-7-5 Compensable losses and amounts.**
  - A reparations award under this part may be made if:
    - (1) the reparations officer finds the reparations claim satisfies the requirements for the reparations award under the provisions of this part and the rules of the board;
    - (4) the reparations claim is for an allowable expense incurred by the victim, as follows:
      - (a) reasonable and necessary charges incurred for products, services, and accommodations;
- **R270-1-11 Moving, Transportation Expenses**
  - Relocation
    - (1) Pursuant to Subsection 63M-7-511 (4) (a), victims of violent crime who suffer a traumatic experience or threat of bodily harm are allowed moving expenses up to \$1,000. Board approval is needed where extenuating circumstances exist.



# Funding Guidelines for “Enhancements”

- VOCA Rule (when starting pilot program)
  - 94.119 (a)-Immediate emotional, psychological, and physical health and safety-Services that respond to the immediate needs of crime victims including *but not limited to*: crisis intervention services; emergency food, shelter, transportation, and clothing;
  - 94.119 (k)- Transitional housing-subject to any restrictions on amount, length of time, and eligible crimes set by the SAA; transitional housing for victim including *but not limited to*: travel, rental assistance, security deposits, utilities, and other costs incidental to the relocation to such housing as well as voluntary support services such as childcare and counseling





# Relocation Benefit



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What we pay for:

- Uhaul, moving co, misc.
- Rent deposit, pet deposit.
- Out of state.

2

Documents needed:

- Forms.
- Receipts.
- Letter from prosecutor (out of state).

3

Limitations:

- \$1000
- Plan (if moving out of state)
- Needs to show how related to safety.

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Solutions to maximizing benefit:

- Coordinate with “Enhancement” program.

# Expansion Ideas





# Questions?

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