

Clinical Social Work

**Funeral and Burial Expanses - Financial Assistance**

Massachusetts Victims of Violent Crime Compensation

**Benefit**- Funeral and burial costs up to $6,500 for crime victims. May also cover counseling for a victim’s family members and for children who witness violence against a family member.

**Eligibility**- The crime must be reported to the police within five days, unless there is good cause for delay. Applications accepted within three years of the crime. The family must cooperate with the law enforcement in the investigation and prosecution of the crime.

**How to Access**- Victim Compensation Division, MA Office for Victim Assistance, 617-586-1340, email [VCCorrespondence@mass.gov](mailto:VCCorrespondence@mass.gov) or see [www.mass.gov/massachusetts-victims-of-violent-crime-compensation](http://www.mass.gov/massachusetts-victims-of-violent-crime-compensation). The application process may take 4-6 months.