

Eligibility

AEAP guidelines define an act of mass violence as an intentional violent crime that results in physical, emotional, or psychological injury to a sufficiently large number of people and significantly increases the burden of victim assistance and compensation for the responding jurisdiction, as determined by the OVC Director.

Eligible applicants include state victim assistance and compensation programs; U.S. Attorneys' Offices; federal, state, and local governments; and nongovernmental victim service organizations. (Funding is not available for foreign governments.)

Applications are accepted only from the jurisdiction in which the crime occurred unless a statute establishes a special authorization and appropriation for allocations to be made to other jurisdictions or a compelling justification can be provided to the OVC Director that supports requests from other jurisdictions.

If multiple requests for funding are received from various organizations in a single jurisdiction, applicants must describe how they will collaborate with each other. Applicants must also coordinate activities with organizations such as state emergency preparedness agencies, state mental health agencies, local chapters of the American Red Cross and the United Way, and federal and state law enforcement and prosecutors' offices.



More Information

The AEAP application guidelines and an application kit are available on OVC's Terrorism and International Victim Assistance Services Division Web page at www.ovc.gov/welcovc/tivu.html.

For more information about AEAP, please contact the Terrorism and International Victim Assistance Services (TIVAS) Division, Office for Victims of Crime, 810 Seventh Street NW., Washington, DC 20531 (202-307-5983).

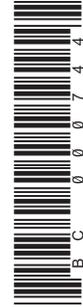


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Antiterrorism Emergency Assistance Program



Office for Victims of Crime

The **Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)** is committed to promoting justice and healing for all victims of crime. As an agency of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, OVC administers federal funds to support victim services, provides training for diverse professionals who work with victims, develops programs to advance victims' rights and enhance services, and undertakes public education and advocacy activities on behalf of crime victims. In doing so, OVC works with international, national, military, tribal, state, and local victim assistance and criminal justice agencies and other professional organizations.

The **Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program (AEAP)** is one resource that OVC uses to support jurisdictions that have experienced incidents of terrorism and mass violence.

How OVC Has Helped

Through AEAP, OVC fulfills its commitment to providing assistance to communities affected by acts of terrorism or mass violence.

Following the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma, Congress amended the 1984 Victims of Crime Act to authorize OVC to establish an Antiterrorism Emergency Reserve using resources from the Crime Victims Fund.

Funding from the reserve has been used to—

- ◆ Provide mental health counseling and other services or compensation to students, faculty, and emergency services personnel following fatal school shootings in 2005 and 2006 at the Nickel Mines Amish Schoolhouse in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; Platte Canyon High School in Bailey, Colorado; and Red Lake High School on the Red Lake Indian Reservation

in Minnesota; and to witnesses of a 2005 courthouse shooting and carjacking in Atlanta, Georgia.

- ◆ Provide support services for victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and the bombings of Pan Am Flight 103, Khobar Towers, U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, and the *U.S.S. Cole*.
- ◆ Sustain mental health services for New York City firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians, and other emergency responders who experienced emotional and psychological trauma at Ground Zero.
- ◆ Assist victims of terrorist attacks in Bali, Indonesia; Saudi Arabia; and the U.N. Headquarters in Baghdad by providing toll free information lines, family Web sites, informational briefings, mental health counseling, and assistance with travel to criminal justice proceedings.

Crimes of Terrorism and Mass Violence

The threat of terrorism and mass violence against Americans has increased in recent years, both in the United States and abroad. Such acts leave victims with serious physical and emotional wounds and challenge government officials and communities to respond immediately with appropriate effort. Victim assistance and compensation providers face the daunting task of coordinating effective and timely responses to these incidents—responses that must include providing information and assistance to victims and working closely with other agencies and victim service organizations.

◀ *Family members of victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the Pentagon attend the 5-year observance held on September 11, 2006. Ceremonies were held at all three crash sites.*

Help for Communities Responding to Victims of Terrorism and Mass Violence Crimes

AEAP Grant Opportunities

OVC offers assistance to victims of terrorism and mass violence by providing funding through—

- ◆ **Crisis response grants** (emergency/short-term, up to 9 months), which help victims build adaptive capacities, decrease stressors, and reduce symptoms of trauma immediately following an act of terrorism or mass violence.
- ◆ **Consequence management grants** (ongoing/long-term, up to 18 months), which help victims recover and regain their ability to function.
- ◆ **Criminal justice support grants** (ongoing/long-term, up to 36 months), which facilitate victim participation in an investigation or prosecution directly related to the act of terrorism or mass violence.
- ◆ **Crime victim compensation grants** (available during crisis aftermath), which reimburse victims for out-of-pocket expenses related to their victimization through state crime victim compensation programs.
- ◆ **Training and technical assistance** (available during crisis aftermath), which help federal, state, and local authorities identify victim needs, coordinate services, develop response strategies, and address related issues.

Allowable Services

Federal funding through OVC may be used for a variety of services, including but not limited to—

- ◆ Crisis counseling.
- ◆ Compensation for medical and mental health costs, lost wages, and funeral expenses.
- ◆ Emergency transportation and travel.
- ◆ Temporary housing assistance.
- ◆ Emergency food and clothing.
- ◆ Repatriation of remains.
- ◆ Cleaning and return of personal effects.
- ◆ Support of victim participation in criminal justice proceedings.
- ◆ Victim advocacy, outreach, and education.
- ◆ Victim notification systems.
- ◆ Vocational rehabilitation.
- ◆ Child and dependent care.
- ◆ Protocols for coordination and collaboration.
- ◆ Needs assessments and planning.
- ◆ Assistance for victims and surviving family members, emergency response personnel, nationals of the United States, and officers or employees of the U.S. Government, including family members and legal guardians.

On a case-by-case basis, the OVC Director may approve a limited amount of funding to be used for administrative purposes deemed essential to the delivery of services and assistance to victims.

