

## **Reparations**

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What is the Difference between Restitution and Reparations?

Crime Victim Reparations is a state program that provides financial assistance to victims of violent crime. Reparations can compensate victims for expenses related to the crime, including medical bills, lost wages, funeral expenses, and loss of support. However, it does not compensate victims for property losses. Reparations can compensate victims regardless of whether the case is charged or successfully prosecuted. In comparison, restitution can only be ordered if an offender is convicted.

Victims of violent crime should apply for reparations even if they are also requesting restitution.

Victims and their families do not have to wait for the completion of any medical, dental, or mental health treatment to apply for reparations. They are encouraged to apply as soon as possible after the incident to accelerate reimbursement.

Claim forms are available from the Minnesota Crime Victim Reparations Board at:  
651-201-7300  
or [the Office of Justice Programs Online](#)

The Crime Victim Service Coordinator at the Redwood County Attorney's office can assist with Reparations claims. Community victim advocacy programs are also available to assist.