

## Stolen Cash and The Victims Compensation Assistance Program

## Eligible Stolen Cash income sources include:

- Social Security Retirement
- Social Security Disability
- Social Security
  Supplemental
- Social Security Survivor Benefit
- Railroad Retirement
- Pension Plan
- Retirement Plan
- Disability (includes Workers' Compensation payments)
- Veteran's Retirement
- Court-ordered child support or court-ordered spousal support payment

The Commonwealth's Victims Compensation Assistance Program (VCAP) is committed to helping victims and their families ease the financial burden crime imposes upon them. An individual who suffers a cash loss as a result of a crime, and whose primary source of income comes from an eligible source, is eligible for reimbursement of the cash loss up to the amount of one month's benefit.

The amount stolen must be indicated in the police report. Any amendments to the amount stolen must be done within 2 weeks of the initial report.

## To be considered for reimbursement of stolen cash, the following needs to be provided:

- Copy of the policy declaration page or proof of payment amount if the victim has homeowners or renter's insurance.
- Benefit statements or bank statements, in the name of the person receiving the benefit, showing amount received in an eligible benefit which apply to the month of the crime.
- Copy of most recently filed and signed IRS tax returns if the victim is required to file income taxes.

## The Payment Process:

- All required documentation must be received before any payments can be processed. The quicker VCAP receives the requested information, the sooner any payments can be made by VCAP.
- Payments owed to the victim/claimant that total \$5,000.00 or less are released within 2 business days of being approved. Any remaining portion above \$5,000.00 is released from the PA Department of Treasury within 2-4 weeks of being approved.

If you have any questions regarding eligibility or additional services, please contact VCAP.

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