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Eligibility Requirements.

VCAP Applicants must:
✓ Be a listed victim of a covered in a police report or a petitioner in a final PFA Order
✓ Report the crime to law enforcement within 72 hours
✓ File a VCAP application within 1 year of the crime
✓ Not be participating in any illegal activity at the time of the crime
✓ Not be in collusion with the perpetrator
✓ Not be engaged in any drug-related activity
✓ Be fully cooperative with law enforcement and prosecution

Qualifying Crimes.
Must contain the characteristics of:

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Three possible outcomes:

1. **Approval**: letter sent outlining awarded benefits
2. **Closure**: claim is eligible to be reopened if circumstances change
3. **Denial**: follows formal appeal process

Claim payment procedure

- **Victim provides documentation** → **Investigator reviews** → **Investigator approves payment** → **Payment record entered into CCVC** → **Fiscal Administrator reviews** → **Approved by Fiscal Administrator** → **Entered into First State Financial System** → **Office of the State Treasurer writes check** → **Check mailed via USPS**

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