



# Victim Services Conference Webinars Session Spotlight

## VCAP: A Deep Dive into Eligibility From application to payment



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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

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### Qualifying Crimes.

#### Must contain the characteristics of:

Arson	Firearms crimes	Sex crimes
Assault	Homicide	Stalking
Burglary	Human trafficking	Terrorism
Domestic Violence	Kidnapping	Vehicular Assault
DUI	Riot	
Explosives crimes	Robbery	

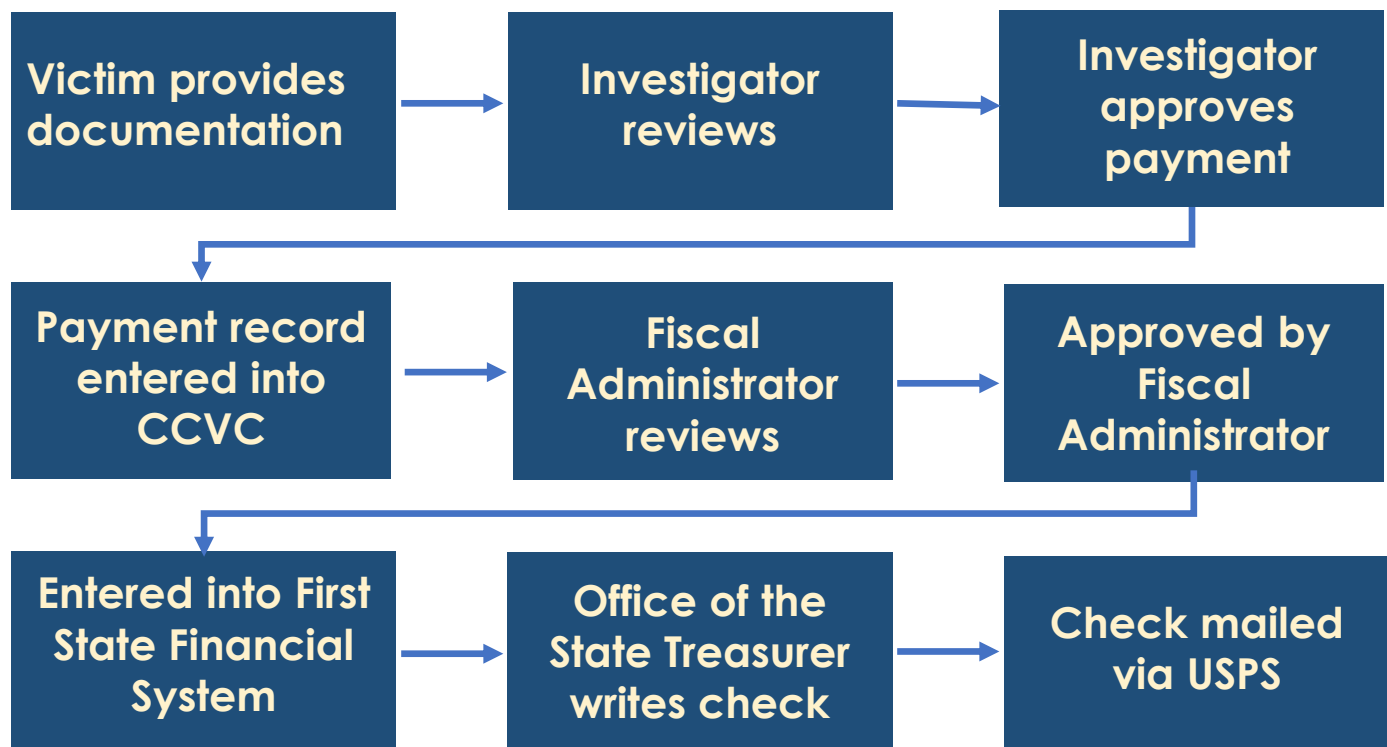


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## Three possible outcomes:

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



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