



# VOLUNTEER CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION BOARD MEMBER VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT



The District Attorney's Office is accepting applications for a volunteer member of the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District's Crime Victim Compensation (CVC) Board. Each judicial district has a separate board. Each board is different and helps individuals that were victimized inside their jurisdiction. This CVC Board serves the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District (Mesa County).

## WHAT IS THE CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION BOARD?

The Crime Victim Compensation (CVC) Board strives to help innocent victims of crime initiate their recovery from the financial, physical and emotional trauma resulting from victimization by evaluating applications for financial assistance and the judicious disbursement of monies from the Crime Victim Compensation Fund. The CVC statute, C.R.S. 24-4.1-101 et seq. limits the types of crimes and losses that are eligible for financial assistance.

Board members meet once a month to review applicant requests and make approval decisions. Board members also meet twice annually to review administrative, programmatic and financial issues related to Crime Victim Compensation. This position has a time commitment varying between 6 and 15 hours per month, and is dependent on the number and complexity of applications received.

The CVC Board is made up of three volunteer members that are appointed by Dan Rubinstein, District Attorney. Although appointed by the District Attorney, the CVC Board is an independent board. The District Attorney does not and cannot influence any decision the Board makes.

Crime Victim Compensation Board member requirements, terms of office and qualifications are listed below. The application and background check must be submitted and may be found below.

## REQUIREMENTS AND TERMS OF OFFICE:

- Board members must reside within the boundaries of the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District (Mesa County).
- Board members may not be employed by the District Attorney or the Judicial Department within the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District (Mesa County).
- Board members may not be an attorney actively practicing law in the criminal court of the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District (Mesa County).
- To the extent possible, appointments shall reflect the diversity of the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District with regard to geographic, ethnic and victim representation.
- All members shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual reasonable and necessary expenses directly related to the activities of the Board.
- The selected Board member's term will begin on September 1, 2024 and shall be for three years. Upon completion of the first term, a member may be reappointed to an additional three-year term.
- If a Board member is absent from three consecutive meetings, the problem will be referred to the District Attorney and a letter of resignation may be requested.

## QUALIFICATIONS:

- Experience with victim issues.
- Ability to understand and operate in accordance with the state statute, and the Bylaws, Policies and Procedures of the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District CVC Board.

## TO APPLY:

Return a completed application, letter of interest explaining why you would like to be considered for the appointment and a copy of your current resume to Crime Victim Compensation Administrator, Jennifer Ballagh by email, [Jennifer.ballagh@mesacounty.us](mailto:Jennifer.ballagh@mesacounty.us), fax: 970- 256-1549, or drop off at the District Attorney's Office, 125 N. Spruce St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Grand Junction, CO 81502.