

Hope After Harm State scoring breakdown

The Center for American Progress and Common Justice developed the State Victim Compensation Statute Rubric as a common framework through which survivors, advocates, legislators, administrators, and the public can better understand gaps and opportunities for improvement in state victim compensation law. This document provides the complete breakdown of how Connecticut scored in the State Victim Compensation Statute Rubric. For each scoring criteria, the raw score and explanation is given based on existing statute and/or administrative code. States are evaluated based on 30 separate criteria that are grouped into four categories. The

raw score and the weighted score—calculated by applying the category multiplier, a number between 1 and 2 determined based on insights gathered from survivor focus groups—are presented at the top of each category. The rubric's categories and corresponding multipliers are, in order of appearance: awareness and accessibility (x1.25), adequate compensation (x1), eligibility barriers (x1.75), and experience with the process (x1.5). This rubric is intended to serve as a tool for those seeking to reform victim compensation statute in Connecticut and to ultimately ensure their victim compensation program better serves all survivors of violence.

Connecticut

Total score: 32.13/57.25

Awareness and accessibility

States are evaluated based on language accessibility, procedures for informing survivors of their right to apply for victim compensation, and time requirements for reporting harm or applying for compensation.

Weighted score: 6.25/7.5

Multiplier: 1.25 Raw score: 5/6

Points awarded for **Evaluation Explanation** Category Inform victim It is important that state statute, at a bare minimum, requires 1/1 C.G.S. § 54-22a states that, "Whenever a peace requirement responding law enforcement officers, medical providers, or the officer determines that a crime has been committed, district or state attorneys general interacting with survivors of such officer shall ... refer the crime victim to the Office violence to proactively inform survivors of the availability of victim of Victim Services for additional information on rights compensation. and services." As Connecticut explicitly requires in statute that the peace officers must proactively States receive the maximum of 1 point if, in statute pertaining to provide information about victim compensation, victim compensation or in the state's victims' bill of rights, there Connecticut receives 1 point for this category. is an active requirement that the responsible law enforcement However, it should be noted that statute further states agency, medical provider, district attorney, or state's attorney that such peace officer is not liable for failure to refer must inform victims or survivors of the availability of victim a victim to the office, which can mean in practice this compensation. is not enforced nor are officers held accountable for victims being informed. States receive **0 points** if there is no such active requirement to inform victims or survivors of the availability of victim compensation. In cases where state statute or the state's victims' bill of rights indicates that victims and survivors of victims have a right to be informed of victim compensation but fails to designate

who is responsible for informing them about victim compensation,

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states receive 0 points.



Category Points awarded for Evaluation Explanation

Language accessibility

It is important that survivors do not face unnecessary language barriers when applying for victim compensation, which may make applying for this financial relief inaccessible to them. States should make application materials available in a variety of languages that reflect the needs of their population.

States receive the maximum of **1 point** if application materials are available on the administering agency's official website in all languages that at least 5 percent of all households in the state speak at home.

States receive **0 points** if application materials are not available in at least one language spoken by more than 5 percent of the state's households.

According to the <u>U.S. Census Bureau</u>, 13 percent of households in Connecticut speak Spanish at home and 7.2 percent of households speak a Indo-European language at home. On <u>Connecticut's official website for the Victim Compensation Program</u>, the application for victim compensation is available in English, Spanish, Polish, and Portuguese. Connecticut therefore receives 1 point for this category.

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Time limits: Reporting harm to law enforcement

Immediately following their victimization, survivors may not know about compensation or may not have the emotional capacity to go through an arduous application process. States should eliminate time limits for reporting violence and/or applying for victim compensation, which can work against the interest of healing.

States receive the maximum of **2 points** if there is no statutorily defined limitation on when survivors can report their harm to proper authorities to still be eligible to receive a victim compensation award.

States receive **1 point** if, in statute, victims are required to have reported their victimization to the proper authorities within a specified timeframe to be eligible to receive a victim compensation award but the state will make an exception to this requirement under a "good cause" clause or similar exception.

States receive **0 points** if, in statute, victims are required to have reported their victimization to the proper authorities within a specified timeframe to be eligible to receive a victim compensation award and there is no statutorily defined waiver or exception to this rule.

States that require victims to have reported their victimization to the proper authorities within a specified timeframe to be eligible to receive a victim compensation award but also codify specific exceptions – including but not limited to being a victim of sexual assault or human trafficking and being a minor (under the age of 18) at the time of victimization – receive an additional **0.5 points**.

2/2 C.G.S. § 54-211 states, "No order for the payment of compensation shall be made under section 54-210 unless ... such incident or offense has been reported to the police." As Connecticut does not establish a time limit for a victim to report their harm to law enforcement, Connecticut receives 2 points for this category.



Category

Points awarded for

Evaluation Explanation

point for this category.

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Time limits: Applying for victim compensation Immediately following their victimization, survivors may not know about compensation or may not have the emotional capacity to go through an arduous application process. States should eliminate time limits for reporting violence and/or applying for victim compensation, which can work against the interest of healing.

States receive the maximum of **2 points** if, in statute, no limitation is placed on when victims can apply for compensation following their incident of harm to still be eligible to receive an award.

States receive **1 point** if, in statute, a limitation is placed on when victims can apply for compensation following their incident of harm to still be eligible to receive an award but will make exceptions to this requirement under a "good cause" clause or similar exception.

States receive **0 points** if, in statute, a limitation is placed on when victims can apply for compensation following their harm and still be eligible to receive an award, and there is no exception made to this rule.

States that require victims to file an application for a victim compensation award within a specified timeframe from the time of their harm but also codify specific exceptions – including but not limited to being a victim of sexual assault or human trafficking and being a minor (under the age of 18) at the time of victimization – receive an additional **0.5 points**.

C.G.S. § 54-211(a)(1) states, "No order for the payment of compensation shall be made under section 54-210 unless (A) the application has been made within two years after the date of the personal injury or death." Subsection (C)(2) stipulates that this time limit requirement to apply within two years can be waived because of "physical, emotional or psychological injuries caused by such personal injury or death." As Connecticut establishes a time limit to file an application but includes a waiver of this requirement amounting to "good cause," Connecticut receives 1



Adequate compensation

States are evaluated based on the explicit inclusion of expense categories survivors encounter over the course of their healing, as well as having adequate compensation caps to meet survivors' needs.

Weighted score: 8/14

Multiplier: 1 Raw score: 8/14

Category	Points awarded for	Evaluation	Explanation
Eligible expenses	As almost all awards are given to survivors through reimbursement or payments to vendors, states should make explicitly clear through statute, regulation, and publicly available documents which expenses will and will not be covered and make a wide range of expenses eligible to give survivors flexibility in the support they receive.		
	States receive 1 point for each expense category explicitly included in either state statute or another publicly available resource, such as an online brochure produced by the state administering agency.		
	States receive 0 points for each expense category that is not explicitly included in either state statute or a publicly available resource.		
	Crime scene cleanup	1/1	Crime scene cleanup is listed as an eligible expense on Connecticut's Office of <u>Victim Service's Victim Compensation Program Benefits</u> guide, capped at \$1,000.
	Replacement for property lost, damaged as a result of harm, or confiscated for the purpose of evidence collection	1/1	Replacement of clothes, bedding, and shoes held as evidence are included in the crime scene cleanup section as eligible expenses on Connecticut's Office of Victim Service's Victim Compensation Program Benefits guide, capped at \$1,000.
	Relocation expenses	0/1	Relocation expenses are not listed an eligible expense on Connecticut's Office of Victim Service's Victim Compensation Program Benefits guide.
	Future economic support or loss of support for dependents	1/1	Loss of support is listed as an eligible expense on Connecticut's Office of Victim Service's Victim Compensation Program Benefits guide.
	Security improvements	1/1	Security systems are listed as an eligible expense on Connecticut's Office of Victim Service's Victim Compensation Program Benefits guide.
	Travel	1/1	Travel expenses to attend court proceedings and related obligations are listed as an eligible expense on Connecticut's Office of <u>Victim Service's Victim Compensation Program Benefits</u> guide.

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	Bereavement leave	0/1	Bereavement leave is not listed an eligible expense on Connecticut's Office of Victim Service's Victim Compensation Program Benefits guide.
	Nontraditional healing modalities	1/1	Under covered mental health expenses, alternative therapies such as art therapy, horse-assisted therapy, and gym memberships are listed as eligible on Connecticut's Office of Victim Service's Victim Compensation Program Benefits guide.
	Replacement services/child care	0/1	Replacement services are not listed as an eligible expense on Connecticut's Office of Victim Service's Victim Compensation Program Benefits guide.
	Legal fees, including fees related to compensation process (applications, claims, appeals, etc.)	1/1	While attorney's fees are explicitly not covered broadly, according to Connecticut's OVP webpage, "if an attorney files a victim compensation application for you, the Program allows attorney fees up to 15 percent of the compensation ordered."
	Accessibility modifications	1/1	Under covered medical expenses, modifications to a home or vehicle are listed as eligible on Connecticut's Office of Victim Service's Victim Compensation Program Benefits guide.
Maximum allowable compensation	While not every incident of harm and its corresponding expenses will necessitate a maximum compensation award, the amount of victim compensation available to survivors is often not enough to meet their financial needs. States should ensure their compensation caps are aligned with the full extent of need. States receive the maximum of 2 points if the statutorily defined maximum compensation limit for all victims is equal to or above the estimated average cost of harm per victim of robbery in the state, after adjusting for cost of living. States receive 1 point if the maximum compensation limit is equal to or above the estimated average cost of harm per victim of robbery in the state, after adjusting for cost of living, but only under the condition that the victim has suffered a "permanent" or "catastrophic" injury.	0/2	C.G.S. § 54-211(d)(1) states, "No compensation shall be in an amount in excess of fifteen thousand dollars for personal injury except that: (A) Compensation to or for the benefit of the dependents of a homicide victim shall be in an amount not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars." Connecticut statute stipulates a conditional maximum compensation cap in the event of a homicide victim of \$25,000. Adjusted for the cost of living, this is equivalent to \$24,110.56. The estimated average cost of harm per victim of robbery, adjusted for the cost of living in Connecticut, is \$60,767.98. As the maximum compensation award falls below this estimate, Connecticut receives 0 points for this category.
	States receive 0 points if, under no condition, the statutorily defined maximum compensation limit, after adjusting for the cost of living, meets or exceeds the estimated average cost of harm per victim of robbery in the state.		



Category Points awarded for Evaluation Explanation

Maximum allowable compensation for funeral and burial expenses

Due to the costliness and gravity of laying a loved one to rest, the sub-cap for funeral and burial expenses is considered individually.

States receive the maximum of **1 point** if, after adjusting for the cost of living, the statutorily defined maximum compensation limit for expenses related to funeral or burial services meets or exceeds the estimated 2023 median cost of burial with a vault.

States receive **0 points** if the statutorily defined maximum compensation limit for expenses related to funeral or burial services is below the estimated 2023 median cost of burial with a vault, after adjusting for the cost of living.

According to Connecticut's official OVP webpage, funeral expenses are covered up to \$6,000. Adjusted for the cost of living, this is equivalent to \$5,786.53. The estimated median cost of a burial with a vault adjusted for the cost of living in Connecticut is \$10,363.72. Connecticut therefore receives 0 points for this category.

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Eligibility barriers

States are evaluated based on the removal of harmful and restrictive policies, which reinforce existing inequities and penalize those at the margins.

Weighted score: 14.88/29.75

Multiplier: 1.75 Raw score: 8.5/17

Category

Points awarded for

Evaluation Explanation

Mandatory police reporting

Given that many survivors are uncomfortable dealing with law enforcement and the subjective, often biased nature of police reporting, states should not require survivors to report their victimization to law enforcement to be eligible to receive victim compensation and instead accept documentation from agencies not affiliated with the criminal legal system.

States receive a maximum of **2 points** if, in statute, victims are permitted to report their harm to entities not affiliated with the criminal legal system or a government agency – such as medical, mental health, or victim service providers – to demonstrate they have been a victim of violence.

States receive **1 point** if, in statute, victims are required to report their harm to law enforcement to demonstrate they have been a victim of violence but provide statutory exceptions due to good cause shown.

States receive **0 points** if, in statute, victims are required to report their harm to law enforcement and the state does not codify a good cause waiver to this requirement.

States that require victims and survivors of victims to report their harm to police but also codify specific exceptions – including but not limited to being a victim of sexual assault or human trafficking and being a minor (under the age of 18) at the time of victimization – receive an additional **0.5 points**.

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C.G.S. § 54-211(a)(1) states, "No order for the payment of compensation shall be made under section 54-210 unless ... such incident or offense has been reported to the police, except that a victim of a sexual assault shall not be ineligible for the payment of compensation by reason of failing to make a report pursuant to this subparagraph if such victim presented himself or herself to a health care facility within one hundred twenty hours of such sexual assault for examination and collection of evidence of such sexual assault." While Connecticut statute stipulates a requirement to report an incident of harm to police, victims of sexual assault may be eligible for victim compensation if no police report is made. Connecticut therefore receives 0.5 points for this category.



Category

Points awarded for

Evaluation Explanation

Police cooperation

Victim compensation application review processes are made less racially equitable by requiring and unnecessarily relying on the subjectivity of law enforcement's reports regarding victim cooperation. States should not assess victims' cooperativeness with law enforcement when making determinations on victim compensation claims.

States receive a maximum of **2 points** if, in statute, they do not make victim compensation eligibility contingent on the victim and/or applicant proving they have cooperated with law enforcement investigating their harm.

States receive **1 point** if, in statute, they make eligibility contingent on the victim and/or applicant proving that they have cooperated with law enforcement, but they also codify "good cause" or "reasonableness" exceptions to waive this requirement.

States receive **0 points** if, in statute, claimants are required to demonstrate that they have cooperated with law enforcement to be eligible to receive an award and do not include a "good cause" exception.

States that do require cooperation with law enforcement to be eligible, but also codify any specific exceptions, including but not limited to, being a victim of sexual assault or human trafficking and being a minor (under the age of 18) at the time of victimization, receive an additional **0.5 points**.

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C.G.S. § 54-208(c) states, "In determining whether to make an order under this section, the Office of Victim Services or, on review, a victim compensation commissioner shall consider ... the extent of the victim's cooperation in investigating the application and the extent of the victim's cooperation with law enforcement agencies in their efforts to apprehend and prosecute the offender, and any other relevant matters." Connecticut does not further stipulate that this requirement can be waived for good cause or based on mitigating circumstances of the victim. Connecticut therefore receives 0 points for this category.

Contributory conduct: Reduction or denial for victim

Contributory conduct policies deny or reduce the amount of victim compensation someone can receive based on the victim's alleged role in their own harm. These policies perpetuate the false narrative that victims and survivors must be "innocent" or "perfect" to receive support and should be eliminated. States should remove this subjectively determined barrier to access.

States receive the maximum of **2 points** if, in statute, the state does not include provisions to deny or reduce victim compensation due to the victim's alleged conduct in the event leading up to their harm.

States receive **0.5 points** if, in statute, the state includes a provision to deny or reduce a victim compensation award based on the victim's alleged conduct but waives this consideration under specified mitigating circumstances, including but not limited to being a victim of sexual assault or human trafficking and being a minor (under the age of 18) at the time of victimization.

State receives **0 points** for this category if, in statute, the state includes a provision to deny or reduce a victim compensation award based on the victim's alleged conduct and does not codify any waivers under specified mitigating circumstances.

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C.G.S. § 54-208(c) states, "In determining whether to make an order under this section, the Office of Victim Services or, on review, a victim compensation commissioner shall consider ... provocation, consent or any other behavior of the victim which directly or indirectly contributed to such victim's injury or death." Furthermore, C.G.S. § 54-209(d) provides exception for a victim in the act of sex work at the time of the incident. As Connecticut considers contributory conduct in the reduction or denial of a victim compensation award but not for specific victim circumstances, Connecticut receives 0.5 points for this category.

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Category	Points awarded for	Evaluation	Explanation
Contributory conduct: Reduction or denial for survivors of victim	When a loved one is lost to violence, survivors of the victim must do the difficult work of putting them to rest and rebuilding their lives after loss. They should not be punished based on a subjective determination that the victim's actions contributed to their death.	0/1	C.G.S. § 54-208(c) does not specify any exceptions from the contributory conduct clause for survivors of victims. Connecticut therefore receives 0 points for this category.
	State receives the maximum of 1 point if, in statute, in cases of applications made by survivors of victims, the conduct of the victim is not considered. Points are awarded if this is the case for any type of compensation. For example, a state may choose not to consider contributory conduct in cases where survivors of victims apply for burial or counseling expenses. States that do not include provisions to deny or reduce victim compensation based on contributory conduct also receive 1 point for this category.		
	States receive 0 points if, in statute, no exceptions are made for survivors of victims when considering contributory conduct of the victim.		
Contributory conduct: Consideration of gang affiliation	The practice of labeling a person as being affiliated with a gang or having participated in gang-related activities is fraught with misinformation and racial profiling. Perceived gang affiliation should not be used to withhold critical support from a victim of violence.	1/1	As no specific mention of gang affiliation or association is included under <u>C.G.S.</u> § 54-208(c) to be considered as contributory conduct, Connecticut receives 1 point for this category.
	States receive the maximum of 1 point if, in statute, gang affiliation or association is not mentioned as a factor for consideration in the approval, denial, or reduction of victim compensation. States that do not include provisions to deny or reduce victim compensation based on contributory conduct also receive 1 point for this category.		
	States receive 0 points for this category if, in statute or regulations, a victim or claimant's association or affiliation with a gang can be considered in the approval, denial, or reduction of their victim compensation award.		
Contributory conduct: Consideration of illicit drug or alcohol involvement or use	States receive 1 point if, in statute or regulations, involvement with or use of illicit drugs is not mentioned as a potential factor in the approval, denial, or reduction of victim compensation. States which do not include provisions to deny or reduce victim compensation based on contributory conduct also receive 1 point for this category.	1/1	As no specific mention of drug/alcohol use or involvement is included under <u>C.G.S. § 54-208(c)</u> to be considered as contributory conduct, Connecticut receives 1 point for this category.
	States receive 0 points for this category if, in statute or regulations, a victim or claimant's involvement with or use of illicit drugs can be considered in the approval, denial, or reduction of their victim compensation award.		

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Category

Points awarded for

Evaluation Explanation

Conviction status or history

Having a conviction history does not prevent someone from becoming a victim of violence, nor does it make someone less deserving of support. Conviction histories should not be used to withhold critical support from a victim of violence.

States receive the maximum **2 points** if, in statute, there is either: 1) no explicit language that bars a victim or claimant from applying for or receiving a victim compensation award; or 2) an explicit inclusion that claimants cannot be denied compensation or have their compensation reduced based on the applicant's or victim's arrest or conviction history (pre- or post-victimization, probation or parole status, or due to outstanding fines and fees).

States receive **0.5 points** if, in statute, claimants can be denied compensation based on the victim's arrest or conviction history, but the state also codifies specific waivers to this rule under mitigating circumstances, including but not limited to being a victim of sexual assault or human trafficking and being a minor (under the age of 18) at the time of victimization.

States receive **0 points** if, in statute, a claimant can be denied compensation or have their compensation reduced based on the applicant's or victim's arrest or conviction history and the state does not codify exceptions to this rule.

2/2 As no specific exclusions for persons with arrest or conviction history exist in statute under <u>C.G.S.</u> § 54-208, Connecticut receives 2 points for this category.

Incarceration status or history

Denying incarcerated people compensation further exacerbates cycles of trauma and disenfranchisement, which victim compensation programs are intended to interrupt. Incarcerated people should be permitted to apply for and receive victim compensation.

State receives the maximum **2 points** if, in statute, there is either: 1) no explicit language that a victim or claimant currently incarcerated is barred from applying for or receiving a victim compensation award; or 2) there is a specific inclusion that a claimant cannot be denied compensation based on their incarceration status or if the harm on which the claim is based occurred while the victim was incarcerated.

States receive **0.5 points** if, in statute, the state codifies specific waivers to this rule under mitigating circumstances, including but not limited to being a victim of sexual assault or human trafficking and being a minor (under the age of 18) at the time of victimization.

States receive **0 points** for this category if, in statute or regulations, a claimant can be denied or receive reduced victim compensation based on being incarcerated or if the harm on which the claim is based occurred while the victim was incarcerated.

2/2 As no specific exclusions for incarcerated persons exist in statute under <u>C.G.S. § 54-208</u>, Connecticut receives 2 points for this category.



Category Points awarded for **Evaluation Explanation** 0/2 Eligibility for survivors Many victim compensation programs limit who can access C.G.S. § 54-201 defines relative as "a person's of victims: Relationship financial relief based on their relationship to a victim or a survivor. spouse, parent, grandparent, stepparent, aunt, uncle, definition It is important that victim compensation programs recognize the niece, nephew, child, including a natural born child, stepchild and adopted child, grandchild, brother, impact of violence on witnesses and loved ones and that the state broadly defines who is considered a victim's loved one. sister, half brother or half sister or a parent of a person's spouse." As Connecticut does not consider States receive the maximum 2 points if, in statute, applicants relationships beyond shared household, legal status, with a relationship to the victim beyond shared household, legal or by blood, Connecticut receives 0 points for this status, or by blood are eligible for victim compensation. category. States receive 1 point if, in statute, household membersregardless of blood or legal relationship-are eligible for victim compensation, but the state does not consider relationships beyond household members. States receive **0 points** if, in statute, the state only considers relationships defined by blood or legal status. Eligibility for survivors Many victim compensation programs limit who can access 0.5/1 C.G.S. § 54-216(b) states that "children who witness of victims: Witnesses financial relief based on their relationship to a victim or a survivor. domestic violence, including, but not limited to, It is important that victim compensation programs recognize the children who are not related to the victim" are eligible impact of violence on witnesses and loved ones and that the to receive victim compensation. Connecticut therefore state broadly defines who is considered a victim's loved one. receives 0.5 points for this category. States receive the maximum 1 point if, in statute, the state stipulates that all witnesses to harm are eligible to receive victim compensation. States receive **0.5 points** if, in statute, the state only makes those who were under the age of 18 when they witnessed harm eligible to receive victim compensation. States receive **0 points** if, in statute, the state does not make witnesses to harm eligible to apply for victim compensation. Eligibility for survivors It is important that victim compensation programs recognize 1/1 C.G.S. § 54-208(3) and C.G.S. § 54-208(4) state of victims: Willing or and explicitly include individuals who step up in the immediate that, in the event of a victim's death, any person who obligated to pay aftermath of violence to fill financial gaps for victims and suffered pecuniary loss including, but not limited survivors. to, funeral expenses and crime scene cleanup, may

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compensation.

States receive the maximum 1 point if, in statute, the state

codifies that a person who willingly paid for or was obligated to pay for expenses related to a victim's harm is eligible for

States receive **0 points** if, in statute, the state does not codify that a person who willingly paid for or was obligated to pay for expenses related to a victim's harm is eligible for compensation.

be eligible to receive compensation. Connecticut

therefore receives 1 point for this category.



Experience with the process

States are evaluated based on the availability and amount of emergency awards and whether perspectives of individuals directly affected by violence are consulted or included in the administration of victim compensation awards.

Weighted score: 3/6
Multiplier: 1.5
Raw score: 2/4

Category	Points awarded for	Evaluation	Explanation
Emergency awards	Most states use a reimbursement model to distribute victim compensation. Without immediate and up-front financial support from states, survivors risk experiencing undue financial hardship, which can compound the trauma of becoming a survivor. States should make emergency awards available to help alleviate these burdens.	2/2	C.G.S. § 54-217 states that "if based upon a review of all information available, the Office of Victim Services determines that a claim is one with respect to which undue hardship will result to the claimant if payment is not expedited, the Office of Victim Services may expedite the processing of such claim." As there is no statutorily defined limit on such an award, Connecticut receives 2 points for this category.
	States receive a maximum 2 points if, in statute, the state codifies a process to determine which victim compensation applicants can receive an emergency, tentative, or expedited award to alleviate financial hardship, and the established limit for such an emergency award is equal to or above \$3,750, after adjusting for the cost of living.		
	States receive 1 point if, in statute, the state codifies an emergency award process, but the established limit for such an award is below \$3,750, after adjusting for the cost of living.		
	States receive 0 points if there is no codified process in statute for victim compensation applicants to receive an emergency award.		

Inclusion of victim, provider, and/or advocate perspectives To meet survivors where they are, it is essential that victim compensation programs are trauma informed, extend compassion, and listen and learn from survivors' experiences. States can do so by including survivors in victim compensation program decisionmaking processes.

States receive the maximum of **2 points** if, in statute or regulations, the state requires at least one survivor to be included in the application review process or in advisory capacity to the review board.

States receive **1 point** if, in statute or regulations, the state requires at least one person with direct experience supporting survivors be included in the application review process or in an advisory capacity.

States without this requirement receive 0 points.

0/2 Under C.G.S. § 54-202, Connecticut does not explicitly require that at least one member of the board must be either a victim or a victim service provider. Connecticut therefore receives 0 points for this category.