

COVA Emergency Fund Update

Great News! COVA has received additional ARPA funding via Colorado's OVP, which allows us to temporarily expand guidelines to cover one full month of base rent for victims. This additional funding is available starting September 11, 2024, and will continue until the funds are exhausted or March 31, 2025, whichever comes first. At that time, the Emergency Fund will continue, but likely return to previous guidelines for rent coverage.

New Temporary Rental Assistance Guidelines:

- One month coverage of **full base rent** for victims
- New assistance requests only

Continuing Emergency Fund Support (not changing):

- Relocation for safety, including plane, bus, or train tickets
- Moving expenses
- Current utilities (excluding late fees or other outstanding charges)
- Basic necessities such as groceries, personal hygiene items, detergent, shampoo, toothbrushes/paste, feminine products, diapers/wipes, etc.
- Emergency hotel assistance or reimbursement for up to 5 days in immediate crisis situations (please adhere to COVA guidelines).

Remember, to qualify for the COVA Emergency Fund, the crime must have occurred within the past 6 months, and the financial need must be a direct result of the crime or victimization. To ensure as many clients are served as possible, assistance is limited to one type per calendar year.

Refer to the COVA Emergency Fund Program Guidelines with questions. You can also call or email the Emergency Fund team M-F @ 303-861-1160 or victimemergencyfund@coloradocrimevictims.org

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