



# victim services toronto

## #TORONTOSTRONG FUND – UPDATE TO THE COMMUNITY

Victim Services Toronto is working in partnership with Toronto Foundation and the City of Toronto to offset some of the immediate costs that victims' families must bear as a result of the April 23 tragedy in our city.

Using funds from the #TorontoStrong Fund, Victim Services Toronto will pay for certain expenses directly, such as funerals, travel and accommodation, and food. A full list of eligible expenses is included below.

Families that have already paid for these expenses may provide a receipt for reimbursement to Victim Services Toronto.

Victim Services Toronto will continue to keep track of any unaddressed needs of victims and their families, and share these needs with the #TorontoStrong Fund.

### Eligible Expenses via #TorontoStrong Fund

| DESCRIPTION                                | AMOUNT   | WHO IS ELIGIBLE   |
|--|--|---|
| Funeral or Repatriation                    | <b>Up to a maximum</b> of \$15,000.00 per Funeral or repatriation                  | Deceased victims  |
| Travel & Accommodation                     | <b>Up to a maximum</b> of \$10,000.00 per family*                                  | Family* of deceased and injured victims   |
| Incidentals (clothes, laundry, toiletries) | <b>Up to a maximum</b> of \$500.00 per family (via pre-paid credit cards)          | Family* of deceased and injured victims who reside outside of Canada  |
| Food allowance                             | <b>Up to a maximum</b> of \$400.00 per family per week (via pre-paid credit cards) | Families* of deceased may receive food allowance for one week<br>Families* of injured may receive food allowance for as long as their loved one remains in hospital <b>up to a maximum</b> of three (3) months. |
| Cell phone allowance                       | <b>Up to a maximum</b> of \$200.00 per family (via pre-paid credit card)           | Overseas and International families*  |

\*Family eligible to receive services paid by Victim Services Toronto via #TorontoStrong Fund as described above include: spouse/partner, parents, children, siblings, guardian or trustee.

Victim Services Toronto provides crisis intervention, emotional support and practical assistance to victims and their families in the immediate aftermath of crime and sudden tragedies. Programs and services offered by Victim Services Toronto are designed to be short-term and provide referrals or linkages to longer-term services available in the community.

Questions about #TorontoStrong Fund:

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