

Holocaust Victims Assistance Program

What We Do

The Florida Department of Financial Services provides assistance to Florida Holocaust survivors seeking to recover proceeds from an insurance policy issued to a Holocaust victim and restitution for Nazi-confiscated bank accounts, art and property. Although many of the deadlines have passed for submitting claims to compensation programs, it may be possible to submit a claim directly with the financial institution or with remaining open restitution funds. The Florida Department of Financial Services also provides education and assistance to Holocaust Survivors regarding restitution programs from Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, France, Austria, Hungary and others. Information and assistance is also provided to individuals seeking access to much needed home health care services.

Who is Eligible?

Any person who was displaced, persecuted or discriminated against due to the racial, religious, ethnic, social and political policies of the Nazis and their collaborators. Additionally, individuals who were refugees or were in hiding are also eligible.

Fee Waiver Program

The Florida Department of Financial Services assists survivors in obtaining wire transfer fee waivers on all European reparation payments. Since the beginning of the program, an estimated 12,500 Holocaust survivors in Florida were being assessed an international wire transfer fee, ranging from \$10 to \$40 per transaction. This transaction fee amounted to a 10 percent tax on each payment the survivor receives, a significant financial burden considering that a vast majority of survivors rely on these payments. Currently, 20 financial institutions in Florida are participating in the Fee Waiver Program and have agreed to waive the wire transfer fee on reparation payments. Survivors who are being assessed an international wire transfer fee from a European settlement fund are encouraged to seek assistance from our office.

Where can I get further information?

For additional information on recovering Holocaust-era financial proceeds from a Nazi-confiscated insurance policy, bank account, looted art or information on the Fee Waiver Program, please call our toll-free number, 1-800-388-4069 or visit the Florida Department of Financial Services website at www.MyFloridaCFO.com/Division/Consumers/Holocaust.

These services are provided free of charge by the State of Florida.



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