

BURIAL ASSISTANCE ~20.324-20.326

Burial assistance is an indigent burial program. Assistance is available only in absence of other resources. An application will be accepted from the surviving spouse or if none, the relative responsible for making the arrangements.

Eligibility is based on the income and resources available to the deceased, which includes but is not limited to SSI, veterans' death benefits, social security, and Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts. Determination of need will be accomplished on a case-by-case basis using the BIA payment standard of 2,500.00. Upon determination that the deceased meets the basic eligibility conditions, a vendor payment to the mortuary will be made minus any available resources applied to the funeral costs.

In situations where the family chose or it is the community practice to build the casket, payment may be made for the cost of supplies.

If the family requests assistance for the funeral feast or potlatch, up to \$400 may be provided. The \$400 is not in addition to the payment standard of \$2500.00. Example, if \$400 is provided for a funeral feast then the remaining \$2100 can be provided for funeral costs.

Transportation costs of the deceased are normally a part of the established burial rate. If the mortuary adds an additional transportation charge to the burial rate because of extenuating circumstances, the social service worker may pay the added charge. To do this, the worker must verify and document in the case record that:

- (a) The charges are reasonable and equitable;
- (b) The deceased was an eligible indigent Indian/Native who was socially, culturally, and economically affiliated with his or her tribe; and
- (c) The deceased resided in the service area for at least the last six (6) consecutive months of his/her life.

The Social Service Worker should contact BIA Social Services regarding questions about additional transportation costs. The cost of transporting relatives to and from the community to attend the funeral is not provided in the Burial Assistance funds.

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RECORD OF INCOME AND RESOURCES

Did the DECEASED have income from any source? Yes No

If yes, please list source of income and amounts below.

*****Applicant MUST provide verification of ALL income reported & received*****

SOURCE OF INCOME	AMOUNT
Salary #1: Deceased's Income/Salary	\$
Salary #1: Spouse's Income/Salary	\$
Adult Public Assistance	\$
Public Assistance Burial Funds	\$
Social Security	\$
Disability Insurance	\$
Pension or Retirement	\$
State Longevity	\$
Medicare or Medicaid	\$
Veterans Benefit	\$
Checking Account	\$
Savings Account	\$
DONATION-Community	\$
DONATION-Native Corporation	\$
DONATION-Tribal Organization	\$
Other	\$
Other	\$
TOTAL RESOURCE INCOME	\$

READ BEFORE SIGNING

I am applying for burial assistance services for the deceased who is in need. I, have received a copy of and have had explained to us, and understand the provisions of Federal Law governing fraud. I agree to supply information regarding resources and income and to notify the agency of any changes in my situation. Social Services is authorized to obtain information necessary to establish eligibility for assistance. I have read, or had explained to me, the provision of my protection under the Paperwork Reduction Act and the Privacy Act.

Relative Applicant Signature

Printed Name

Date