The state Burial Assistance Program provides cash assistance to eligible, low-income Colorado residents to help with the cost of a funeral, burial or cremation.

**Eligibility Requirements**
- Burial Assistance is available to individuals who were receiving the following benefits:
  - Medicaid, Aid to the Needy and Disabled, Aid to the Blind, and Old Age Pension
    - If person is over 60 years of age – maximum of $1,500
    - If person is under 60 years of age – maximum of $1,000
- Burial Assistance is available to individuals who were receiving the following benefits:
  - Colorado Works/Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
    - Regardless of age – maximum of $1,500
- Burial Assistance is available to individuals who were receiving the following benefits:
  - Food Assistance
  - No Benefits Received – must meet other eligibility requirements
    - Regardless of age – maximum of $1,000

**Additional Requirements**
- The estate of the deceased individual must be insufficient to pay reasonable expenses; and
- Persons legally responsible for the support of the deceased individual are unable to pay because of insufficient resources.
- The total cost for the funeral/burial/cremation cannot exceed $2,500. The maximum contribution from the Burial Assistance program will be reduced by the decedent’s estate. The County Department of Human/Social Services will determine whether any funds are available from the decedent’s estate or from legally responsible persons that will reduce the Burial Assistance program benefit.

Burial Assistance is available to eligible individuals regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, and disability, religious, or political beliefs.

**How to Apply**
Applications for the Burial Assistance Program must be made at the County Department of Social/Human Services where the deceased individual resided.
- Jefferson County Department of Human Services
  Cindy Finely/Associate Eligibility Specialist
  Phone: 303-271-4387 / Fax: 303-271-4040
  900 Jefferson County Pkwy, Golden, CO, Room 160.
  Hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Verifications required for the deceased:
- Picture ID
- Proof of Residence
- Birth Certificate, DD214, Passport, Nat. Papers or Permanent Legal Resident Card
- Social Security Number
- Copy of the provider’s proposed charges for Funeral/Burial/Cremation
Verifications for the deceased and/or deceased’s spouse:

- All checking and savings accounts, showing balance on the date of death
- Current month of unearned income verification. This includes any Social Security income, pensions, annuities, or retirement income or any other income
- Personal needs account balance if in a nursing home or hospice
- Copies of all life insurance policies or trust, including any cash surrender value for each policy
- Verification of any real estate property or land
- Copies of all vehicle registrations including the mileages

*If you do not meet the eligibility requirements for the state Burial Assistance Program, there is a Jefferson County General Assistance Burial Program.*