

## 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.***

