



Burial Assistance Navigation Services



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Jefferson County Dept of Human Services -Burial Assistance

303-271-1388

900 Jefferson County Parkway Golden, Co 80401

<https://www.jeffco.us/2635/Burial-Assistance>

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

Eligibility:

- Individual must be a Jefferson County resident at the time of death
- Meet income guidelines established for the program
- Personal identifying information of deceased individual such as Social Security number.
- Estimate of funeral, burial, or cremation expenses.
- Applications **must be submitted within 30 days** of the decedent's date of death.

Additional Requirements:

- Burial assistance is available to individuals who were receiving the following benefits:
 - o Old Age Pension (OAP)
 - o Aid to the Needy and Disabled (AND)
 - o Eligible for Medicaid assistance at time of death
- 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.

Funding:

- Benefit maximum \$1,500 for individual receiving OAP or Medicaid (for individuals over 60 years of age) at time of death
- Benefit maximum \$1,000 for individual who were receiving AND or Medicaid (for individuals under 60 years of age)
- 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 will not reimburse any costs already paid.

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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. Below is specific information for those in Jefferson County.

- Jefferson County Department of Human Services
Phone: 303-271-1388 / Fax: 303-271-4040
Email: CATeam1@co.jefferson.co.us
Apply Online: colorado.gov/PEAK
900 Jefferson County Pkwy, Golden, CO, Room 160
Hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Application available online:

Online: <https://www.jeffco.us/2635/Burial-Assistance>

Or you can contact Navigation at 303.432.5130 for a copy of the application

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 (to be provided at time of application)

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

Failure to provide the above verifications may result in a delay or denial of an application.

Should a benefit be approved, you will have 11 days from date of notification for the Department of Human Services to receive a final copy of the invoice. Failure to provide an invoice within 11 days may result in a denial of benefits.

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