

## Financial & Funeral Assistance Resources

During an already difficult time, practical and financial decisions can feel overwhelming. The resources below may offer assistance with funeral, cremation, or related expenses. Eligibility and funding vary by program. You are encouraged to contact each organization directly for the most current information.

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### National Resources

#### Social Security Administration

Website: <https://www.ssa.gov>

Phone: 1-800-772-1213

If your loved one worked and paid into Social Security, certain family members may qualify for benefits, including:

- A one-time death benefit of \$255 (eligible spouse or child)
- Possible monthly survivor benefits

Your funeral director can often notify Social Security on your behalf.

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#### U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA Burial Benefits)

Website: <https://www.va.gov/burials-memorials/>

Phone: 1-800-827-1000

Veterans may be eligible for burial allowances, headstones, or cemetery benefits depending on service status and circumstances.

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#### 211 – United Way Community Resource Line

Website: <https://www.211.org>

Phone: Dial 2-1-1

Provides referrals to local emergency financial assistance, rent, utility, and burial resources.

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#### Funeral Consumers Alliance

Website: <https://funerals.org/>

Specific Link: <https://www.funerals.org/get-help/financial-assistance-for-final-arrangements/>

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Provides education about low-cost funeral and cremation options and consumer rights.

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### **Carson's Village**

Website: <https://carsonsvillage.org/contact-us/>

Offers free assistance helping families navigate tasks and paperwork after a sudden loss.

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### **Kaden's Cause**

Website: <https://www.kadenscause.org/>

Supports families who have lost a child with funeral, cremation, cemetery, and monument costs.

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### **Salvation Army**

Website: <https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/>

Some local branches may offer limited emergency financial assistance.

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### **Catholic Charities USA**

Website: <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/>

Emergency assistance programs vary by location.

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## **Kentucky Resources**

### **Kentucky Veterans Cemeteries**

Website: <https://veterans.ky.gov/Cemeteries/pages/indigent-burial.aspx>

### **County Coroner Indigent Burial Programs**

Available in some counties based on financial eligibility.

Jefferson County Coroner: (502) 574-6262

Fayette County Coroner: (859) 455-5700

### **Kentucky Crime Victims Compensation Board**

Website: <https://cvc.ky.gov/>

Phone: 1-800-469-6879

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May assist with funeral expenses if the death resulted from a crime.

### **Bellarmino St. Joseph of Arimathea Society**

Website: <http://www.knightsmedianetwork.org/>

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### **Affordable Funeral & Cremation Providers**

Families are encouraged to ask funeral homes about: Direct cremation options, simplified services, payment plans

B&G Mortuary – Louisville Area: Phone: 502-773-5469

Care Cremations – Lexington Area: Phone: 859-388-9442

Southeastern Mortuary Services – Eastern Kentucky: (606) 305-7780

Hughart, Beard & Giles Funeral Home – Western Kentucky: (270) 886-9451

Dignity Memorial (Nationwide Locations): <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/funeral-homes>

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### **Indiana Resources**

#### **Indiana Burial Assistance Program**

Website: <https://www.in.gov/fssa/>

Burial Claims Office Phone: 317-234-1412

Email: [IndianaBurialClaims@fssa.in.gov](mailto:IndianaBurialClaims@fssa.in.gov)

May provide up to \$1,500 toward funeral or cremation expenses for eligible individuals.

Township Trustees may also provide assistance.

New Albany Township Trustee – Floyd County

Website: [Cremations and Burials - New Albany Township Trustee](#)

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### **West Virginia Resources**

#### **West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources – Burial Assistance Program**

Website: <https://dhhr.wv.gov/>

May provide up to \$1,000 toward funeral expenses for eligible residents.

#### **West Virginia Crime Victims Compensation Fund**

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Website: <https://legallaidwv.org/legal-information/crime-victims-compensation/>

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## Ohio Resources

### Hamilton County Indigent Burial Program

Website: <https://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov>

Contact your city or county for details. Provides burial or cremation assistance for eligible residents. Approval is based on financial review. <https://funeral.ohio.gov/about/indigent-burial-and-cremation>

### Ohio Crime Victims Compensation Program

Website: <https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Individuals-and-Families/Victims>

Phone: 800-582-2877

May reimburse funeral expenses if the death resulted from a violent crime.

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### Many families also find support through:

- Their church or faith community
- Extended family and friends
- Community fundraising platforms like GoFundMe

Assistance is not guaranteed and may require financial documentation. We encourage families to explore multiple options at the same time.