

FAYETTE COUNTY GENERAL ASSISTANCE BURIAL POLICY

Legal Reference

This policy is enacted to implement the intent of Iowa Code, Chapter 252, and the Fayette County General Assistance Program.

Purpose

Fayette County will provide a "county funeral" for individuals with legal settlement in Fayette County who are determined "indigent" through the Fayette County General Assistance Office.

Assistance

Fayette County will pay the following for services to be rendered:

Rates

Regular - \$1,500.00

Cremation - \$1,000.00

Non-Resident Transient - \$1,000.00 (Includes open and close at Prairie View)

Transportation of deceased Fayette County resident to be returned to Fayette County from within the State of Iowa if they were temporarily (30 days or less) out of Fayette County for medical care/treatment. - \$ 100.00

Opening and Closing of Grave

Regular - \$350.00

Cremation - \$175.00

Infant - \$250.00

Eligibility

- If the deceased has a surviving spouse and/or adult children they are responsible for the expense of the burial not Fayette County.
- Parents of minor children are responsible for the burial of deceased minor child.
- Surviving spouses, adult children and parents of a deceased minor child may submit application to the Fayette County General Assistance office for consideration of a "county funeral".

All before mentioned adult surviving family member's (spouse/adult children/surviving parents of minor child) households must be at or below 75% of the current federal poverty guidelines AND the households must not have assets greater than described in the primary Fayette County General Assistance Program eligibility policy.

When there is no surviving spouse or adult children, or surviving parent of a minor child, the burial of deceased will be determined eligible for assistance if their representative affirms that they meet the conditions outlined in the Fayette County Burial Affidavit.

Reimbursement

Any reimbursements realized from Veterans Administration Death Benefits or monies from private sources including savings, life insurance, sale of property, bonds, general income, etc., shall be deducted from the assistance allowance provided by Fayette County unless said reimbursement falls under the Exception rule as stated below. The County will be responsible for collecting all reimbursements.

Exception to Policy

When special and/or unusual circumstances shall occur, the Director shall obtain approval of the Board of Supervisors, by majority, for approval of extra funds needed.

Appeal Process

Any applicant who is denied assistance shall be informed of that decision in person, by telephone, and/or by mail. He/she may appeal that decision in writing to the Director of the Fayette County General Assistance Office within five (5) working days. The Director shall conduct a 1st level appeal within ten (10) working days of the appeal request. The Director will issue a decision within five (5) working days of the appeal. Applicants not satisfied with the Director's decision may make an appeal to the Fayette County Board of Supervisors. Assistance in filing the appeal shall be provided to any applicant who has difficulty because of inability to read, write, or understand the appeal process.