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Financial Resources***DOTreas - CARES Act: FY20 Coronavirus Relief Fund*****Total Funding:** \$149,965,000,000**Allocated:** \$142,000,000,000**Dept/Agency/Org:** (USTRE) Department of the Treasury**Description:** \$150 billion to States, Territories, and Tribal governments for expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 health emergency and related revenue declines, allocated by population proportions, min. \$1.25 billion for states with relatively small populations.**Website:** [DOTreas - CARES Act: FY20 Coronavirus Relief Fund](#)**Eligibility:** Local, State, Territory, Tribe **Notes:** States, Territories, and Tribal governments, and Local governments with over 500 thousand population.Intended Beneficiary: SLTT

Funeral Wise: Getting State Assistance for a Funeral or Burial**Dept/Agency/Org:** (NGO) Non-Governmental Organizations**Description:** Funeralwise.com has compiled a list of programs by state for helping those who cannot afford a funeral or burial.**Website:** [Funeral Wise: Getting State Assistance for a Funeral or Burial](#)**Eligibility:** Individuals, Local, Nonprofit **Notes:** Eligibility options are specific to each State, please review requirements by individual state. Intended beneficiaries: Individuals, Families, Households.In many cases, Federal assistance supersedes local aid. Local programs may also take into consideration the amount received from other programs in determining eligibility.

Final Farewell (providing funerals for children)**Description:** Final Farewell helps families provide an affordable funeral for a loved child. They provide financial assistance, advice and guidance. They help families from all religions and backgrounds afford a decent burial and a proper good-bye.**Website:** [Final Farewell \(providing funerals for children\)](#)**Eligibility:** Households, Individuals, Nonprofit

National Funeral Directors & Morticians Association, Inc.**Dept/Agency/Org:** (NGO) Non-Governmental Organizations**Description:** The National Funeral Directors & Morticians Association, Inc. maintains a list of State Associations that support funeral directors and their communities.**Website:** [National Funeral Directors & Morticians Association, Inc.](#)**Eligibility:** Nonprofit, Small Business **Notes:** Program requirements vary by state but primarily give funds to funeral directors to support their community needs for funeral and burial expenses.

National Funeral Directors Association

Dept/Agency/Org: (NGO) Non-Governmental Organizations

Description: National Funeral Directors Association compiled COVID-19 informational resources related to support for funeral directors and related businesses, protocols for funerals and burials, and a wide-range of mental health (work/life balance and grief) support.

Website: [National Funeral Directors Association](#)

Eligibility: Nonprofit, Small Business **Notes:** Programs outlined are primarily to support Funeral Directors and their families and related businesses.

Funeral Service Foundation: The COVID-19 Crisis Response Fund

Dept/Agency/Org: (NGO) Non-Governmental Organizations

Description: The COVID-19 Crisis Response Fund has two pillars of support: emergency assistance and grief support. Designed to be flexible, the fund will provide grants for immediate needs within funeral service including emergency response.

Website: [Funeral Service Foundation: The COVID-19 Crisis Response Fund](#)

Eligibility: Nonprofit, Small Business **Notes:** The Fund will consider proposals from US 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations and Canadian registered charities. Non-exempt organizations, such as US or Canadian funeral homes or funeral service-related businesses, can apply for funding when working in conjunction with an exempt organization which agrees to serve as the fiscal agent for the grant, such as a state association. Exceptions to the fiscal agent rule may apply based on the emergency nature of the grant. Please note: The costs associated with burials, memorialization, cremations, etc. are not eligible for funding.

VA - Burial Benefits: Partial Reimbursement of Expenses (for funerals and burials)

Dept/Agency/Org: (USVA) Department of Veterans Affairs

Description: VA burial allowances are flat-rate dollar amounts paid for burial and funeral costs for Veterans who qualify. VA may also grant benefits for claims it receives for plot, interment, or transportation allowances. Certain conditions apply.

Website: [VA - Burial Benefits: Partial Reimbursement of Expenses \(for funerals and burials\)](#)

Eligibility: Individuals, State **Notes:** To qualify for benefits, a Veteran must have been discharged other than dishonorably, and must meet at least one of the conditions below: died from a service-related disability; was receiving VA pension or compensation; was entitled to VA pension or compensation, but took their full military retirement or disability pay; died while in a VA hospital or under care of a non-VA facility under VA contract; died while in a VA-approved state nursing home; had a claim pending prior to their date of death and are entitled to compensation or pension; died while traveling to or from a specific place for examination, treatment, or care, under proper authorization and at VA expense.

DHS/FEMA - Individuals and Households Program: Other Needs Assistance (IHP-ONA)

Dept/Agency/Org: (USDHS) Department of Homeland Security (FEMA specific) - Federal Emergency Management Agency

Description: Provides money, up to the program maximum, for necessary expenses and serious needs, not housing related, that can't be met through other means.

Website: [DHS/FEMA - Individuals and Households Program: Other Needs Assistance \(IHP-ONA\)](#)

Eligibility: Households, Individuals

DOI/BIA - Direct Assistance

Department/Agency/Organization: (USDO I) Department of the Interior - Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education

Description: This program provides assistance to American Indians and Alaska Natives who have no access to Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), do not meet eligibility criteria for TANF, or have exceeded the lifetime limit for TANF services. The services under this section are designed to be secondary in nature. The five types of direct assistance offered include:

General Assistance: Provides financial assistance payments to eligible Indians for essential needs of food, clothing, shelter, and utilities.

Child Assistance: Provides financial assistance payments on behalf of an Indian child requiring placement in a foster home, private, or tribal group day care homes, or in residential settings designed to provide special care. In addition, assistance includes services to a child in need of adoption or guardianship.

Non-Medical Institutional or Custodial Care of Adults: Provides monthly financial assistance on behalf of an Indian adult requiring non-medical personal care and supervision due to advanced age, infirmity, physical condition or mental impairment.

Burial Assistance: This program provides funds to assist with the burial expenses of deceased indigent Indians whose estates do not have sufficient resources to meet funeral expenses.

Emergency Assistance: This assistance is provided directly to individuals whose homes suffered from personal property damage or their homes were destroyed by fire, flood, or other calamities. It is used for the essential needs of food, shelter, and utilities when other resources are not available.

Website: <https://www.bia.gov/bia/ois/dhs/financial-assistance>

Eligibility: Individuals, Nonprofit, Tribe

Notes: Each program has its own eligibility requirements.

Each program has its own restrictions.

VA - Burial Benefits: Veteran and Dependent Burial in VA National Cemeteries

Department/Agency/Organization: (USVA) Department of Veterans Affairs

Description: Burial benefits include, at no cost to the family: a gravesite in any of our open cemeteries with available space; opening and closing of the grave; perpetual care; a government headstone or marker; a burial flag; a Presidential Memorial Certificate.

Website: <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/get-assistance/forms-of-assistance/4715>

Eligibility: Individuals

Notes: Deceased Veterans discharged under honorable conditions and any member of the U.S. Armed Forces who died on active duty may be eligible for burial in a national cemetery.

Service must have been one of the following: they served as an enlisted person after Sept 7, 1980, or as an officer after Oct 16, 1981, for a minimum of 24 consecutive months; or they completed their service under special circumstances, like death on active.

Please note that not every state has a VA national cemetery.

Veterans whose only active duty service was for training while in the National Guard or Reserves are not eligible, unless there are special circumstances, like death while on duty or as a result of training.

Funeral Service Foundation

Department/Agency/Organization: (NGO) Non-Governmental Organizations

Description: Grants are available to those within funeral service as well as those organizations who work in concert with the goals of funeral service primarily in the areas of grief and bereavement support, and children's issues.

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

Eligibility: Nonprofit

Notes: Grant applications will be accepted from organizations that are recognized by the IRS as tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or similar exempt organizations. Non-exempt organizations can apply for funding when working in conjunction with an exempt organization which agrees to serve as the fiscal agent for the grant. Non-exempt organizations can also apply solely. Grants will only be made to individuals who qualify through FSF scholarship programs.

New Jersey State Funeral Directors Association: Funeral and Burial Funds

Description: Assisting with access to funds for funeral and burials for New Jersey residents.

Website: [New Jersey State Funeral Directors Association: Funeral and Burial Funds](#)

Eligibility: Individuals