



## Burial Assistance Program

<b>Program Purpose</b>	<p>The burial assistance program provides payments to providers for burial and cremation services of low-income Coloradans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burial benefits are used to cover reasonable and necessary costs for burial services.</li> <li>• The maximum 2024 Burial grant is \$1500.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A person must have been receiving public assistance and/or medical assistance at the time of death.</li> <li>• Public assistance for the purposes of the burial benefit is Colorado Works (CW), Medicaid, and/or Adult Financial (AF) programs. AF programs include:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Old Age Pension (OAP)</li> <li>○ Aid to the Needy Disabled State Only (AND-SO) or</li> <li>○ AND Colorado Supplement (AND-CS)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The total cost of the burial or cremation services cannot exceed \$2500.</li> <li>• The person’s assets and assistance from the family members are considered.</li> <li>• Payment for the burial or cremation services is made directly to the provider(s) of the service.</li> </ul>
<b>County Role</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determines eligibility and processes applications for the program.</li> <li>• Enters and tracks cases in the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS).</li> </ul>
<b>State Role</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishes statewide program policy in consultation with the State Board of Human Services and provides county departments with technical assistance, training, and consultation.</li> <li>• Regional Representatives monitor the program which assists in determining if training or process evaluation may be needed.</li> </ul>
<b>Funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The burial assistance program is funded through the Old Age Pension Burial Reimbursement appropriation of \$105,015 cash funds and Aid to the Needy Disabled Burial Reimbursement appropriation of \$508,000.</li> </ul>

