**Funeral Resources**

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| **Assistance Available for** | **Link** | **Services Available** | **Cost** |
| Veterans | <https://www.usa.gov/veteran-burial-benefits> |  |  |
| All | [https://www.ba-fca.org](https://www.ba-fca.org/) | Access to discounts on funeral services. Scholarships available. | Lifetime membership $100 |
| Disaster related deaths |  | Assistance from FEMA may help you and members of your household affected by a disaster take care of necessary expenses and serious needs that cannot be met through insurance or other forms of assistance.  Financial assistance for expenses incurred due to a death or disinterment caused directly or indirectly by the disaster. Expenses include, but are not limited to, the cost of a casket or urn and funeral services. | Free. Apply for FEMA individual assistance |
| People on Social Security | <https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/survivors/ifyou.html> | If you need to report a death or apply for benefits, call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). You can speak to a Social Security representative between 8:00 am – 5:30 pm. Monday through Friday. You can also visit your [local Social Security office](https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp). An appointment is not required, but if you call ahead and schedule one, it may reduce the time you spend waiting to speak to someone.  A one-time lump-sum death payment of $255 can be paid to the surviving spouse if he or she was living with the deceased; or, if living apart, was receiving certain Social Security benefits on the deceased’s record.  If there is no surviving spouse, the payment is made to a child who is eligible for benefits on the deceased’s record in the month of death. |  |
| Crime Victims | California Victim Compensation Board  <https://victims.ca.gov> | 800-777-9229 State Crime Victims Compensation programs reimburse victims for crime-related expenses. Such expenses include medical costs, mental health counseling, funeral and burial costs and lost wages or loss of support. |  |
| Children | [http://childrensburial.org](http://childrensburial.org/) | Helps families who go through the unimaginable pain of losing a child. They provide donated burial plots and vaults and cover burial or cremation fees. |  |
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| Children | [http://www.finalfarewell.org](http://www.finalfarewell.org/) | Helps parents pay to bury their children. They provide financial assistance and emotional guidance to families in mourning. |  |
| Babies | [https://thetearsfoundation.org](https://thetearsfoundation.org/) | Helping pay for funerals for babies up to one year of age. They also cover funeral costs for fetuses after 20 weeks’ gestation. |  |
| All |  | Many churches are able to offer reduced burial fees for church members. They are also plugged in with other local organizations that can defray or even fully cover funeral costs. |  |
| All | [https://www.211bayarea.org](https://www.211bayarea.org/) | 211 acts as a helpline for information about essential community services. |  |
| Medicaid Recipients | Medicaid  <https://www.medicaidplanningassistance.org/irrevocable-funeral-trust/> | Medicaid does not pay out directly for funeral services, cremation, or burials. However, they do offer recipients the chance to set aside some of the money from their Medicaid payments to save up for funeral expenses down the line.  If your loved one collected Medicaid, it’s worth contacting them to see if there are any funds in place. |  |
| All |  | Your funeral director or coroner will be able to connect you with the proper county administrator who would know about local funds that are available to help pay for funeral expenses. |  |
| All | CADRE [cadre.scco@gmail.com](http://cadre.scco@gmail.com) | Local nonprofits may also have resources available. |  |