

Paying for a loved one's funeral

If a family member has recently passed away, here are some places to contact to get help with their funeral costs.

Services Australia

If you've lost a partner who received a Centrelink benefit, you may be able to access a bereavement payment. Contact Services Australia's Indigenous Call Centre on **1800 136 380**.

Superannuation funds

Check if the person who passed away had insurance as part of their superannuation. Look at any superannuation paperwork for who to call. If there is no paperwork, call the ATO's Indigenous Helpline on **13 10 30**.

If the person who passed away was dependent on you, you may be able to access your superannuation early to cover the costs of their funeral. Talk to your super fund.

Department of Veteran's Affairs

Veterans or former members of the Australian Defence Force may be able to get help with funeral costs. Call an Indigenous Veterans' Liaison Officer on **1300 551 918**.

Organisations that can help with funeral costs

Contact your local Aboriginal Corporation or Native Title Body Corporate to see if they can help you to pay for the funeral.

These state and territory agencies have funeral assistance grants.

| | Organisation | Contact | Type of help |
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| New South Wales | NSW Aboriginal Land Council | (02) 9689 4444 1800 647 487 (toll free) | Community benefits scheme offering grants for funerals. |
| | Wonnarua Nation Aboriginal Corporation | Phone: 02 6571 8595 Mobile: 0412 593 020 | Grants for funeral costs for Wannarua people. |
| | Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation | (02) 4211 0601 | Emergency relief program for Aboriginal residents in the Illawarra. |
| | Transport NSW | 1300 361 787 | Aboriginal Funeral Support 'Sorry Business' fund can help with transport to attend funerals within NSW. |
| Queensland | Coroners Court of Queensland | (07) 3239 6193 | Assistance for Qld residents who can't cover funeral costs. |
| | Port Curtis Coral Coast (PCCC) Trust | (07) 4167 0037 | Members of the four PCCC tribes can apply for funeral assistance. |
| | Clermont Aboriginal Community Development Fund | clermont.acdf@glencore.com.au | Wangan and Jagalingou people can apply for funeral assistance. |

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| Western Australia | Department of Communities | 1800 176 888 | Funding through the bereavement assistance program. |
| | Gumala Aboriginal Corporation | (08) 9188 4500 | Banjima, Yinhawangka and Nyiyaparli people can apply for funeral assistance. |
| | Banjima Native Title Aboriginal Corporation | (08) 9216 9888 | Banjima people can apply for funeral assistance. |
| | Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation | (08) 9144 4112 | Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation members can apply for funeral assistance by filling out the application form on the website. |
| | Kuruma Marthudunera Aboriginal Corporation | (08) 9185 5005 | Rode River Kuruma community members can apply for funeral assistance. |
| | Yinhawangka Aboriginal Corporation | (08) 9189 5110 | People on the Register of Yinhawangka beneficiaries can apply for funeral assistance. |
| Northern Territory | Central Land Council (CLC) | (08) 8951 6211 | Aboriginal people in the CLC region can apply for funeral assistance. |
| | Northern Land Council (NLC) | (08) 8920 5100 | Aboriginal people in the NLC region can apply for funeral and ceremony assistance. |
| | Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island Enterprises | (08) 8987 4500 | Funding is available for funerals held in and off the archipelago. |
| Victoria | The Victorian Aboriginal Funeral Service | (03) 9480 7777 | Community based culturally strong funeral services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in Victoria. |
| | The Stolen Generation Funeral Fund | 1800 747 732 | Funding through the Victorian Stolen Generations Reparations Interim Funeral Fund. |
| South Australia | Funeral AssistanceSA | 1300 762 577 | Financial assistance for funerals of South Australians on pensions, benefits, and low incomes. |
| | Far West Coast Aboriginal Community Charitable Trust | (08) 8625 3340 | Far West Coast members can apply for funeral assistance. |
| Tasmania | Magistrates Court of Tasmania | 1300 663 773 | Publicly funded cremation without a service when the family cannot pay for burial or cremation. |
| Australian Capital Territory | ACT Revenue Office | (02) 6207 0028 | Assistance for ACT residents who can't cover funeral costs. |