



# About the Program

## Maricopa County Funeral Assistance. Receive up to \$1,200 to help with burial or cremation services.

Maricopa County Funeral Assistance provides help for grieving families who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and have recently lost a loved one. Through the program, families can qualify for up to \$1,200 to be applied to burial or cremation services at a participating licensed funeral home. Losing a loved one is especially difficult for Maricopa County residents who are also dealing with the financial burdens of COVID-19-related furloughs, work layoffs, reductions in pay, unemployment and other personal hardships. The program helps cover the costs of burial or cremation services during these difficult times.

## What does the \$1,200 funeral assistance cover?

Funds from Maricopa County Funeral Assistance will be applied to the costs of burying, cremation or alternative burial services, including logistics and paperwork, transportation, licenses and fees and death certificates. Funeral services must be provided by a participating licensed funeral home. The \$1,200 will be deducted from the total cost of funeral services for the deceased. The family or personal representative for the deceased will be responsible for any costs above and beyond the \$1,200.

## Who can qualify for the Funeral Assistance Program?

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused enormous financial strain on individuals and families throughout Maricopa County. Anyone who has been impacted either directly or indirectly by the pandemic can qualify for Maricopa County Funeral Assistance. Pandemic-related issues include unemployment, work furloughs, pay cuts and family members who have died from COVID-19. The deceased does not need to have contracted COVID-19 for families and/or personal representatives to qualify for assistance. Applicants will need to demonstrate their own financial need. The application process is quick and easy to ensure the greatest number of people are helped.

## Who is managing Maricopa County Funeral Assistance Program?

Maricopa County Funeral Assistance is a collaboration between Maricopa County and Valley of the Sun United Way to assist families impacted by the pandemic. The program offers a simple, streamlined and affordable way for families to bury loved ones with dignity. Maricopa County provides the funding and guidelines for the program while United Way works directly with participating licensed funeral homes and families in need and distributes the funding.

## How to register for Maricopa County Funeral Assistance

Individuals, families and personal representatives of the deceased should register an account and complete an online application, including required documentation, by visiting [www.funeralassistanceprogram.org](http://www.funeralassistanceprogram.org). United Way will process and validate the information and, for approved applicants, distribute funds to the participating licensed funeral home of the applicant's choice.

If you need assistance completing an application, contact Valley of the Sun United Way by calling (602) 240-6384 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday (except holidays).

## Applicants will be asked to provide one of the following:

Documentation demonstrating the applicant has qualified for the Arizona Healthcare Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) or any of the Arizona Department of Economic Security (AZDES) services, or Social Security Disability income (SSI) or enrollment/eligibility for any local, state, or federal social safety net program as a result of COVID-19.

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Proof that applicant's household falls below 300% of the United States Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2020, as calculated using the tool below and by sharing documentation of financial hardship, such as:

- Paystubs prior to March 30, 2020 and current paystubs to show financial loss due to COVID-19
- Terminated Employment
- Furloughed Employee
- Reduce Work Hours by the Applicant's Employer
- Business Closure
- Reduced Work Hours by the Applicant to care for dependent children or disabled/vulnerable adult household member who is unable to care for themselves
- Reduced Work Hours by the Applicant due to COVID-19 illness (self or household member) requiring Applicant to self-quarantine, as ordered by a Healthcare Professional
- Loss of Income due to a rescinded job offer due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

300% OF 2020 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	
PERSONS IN FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD	300% POVERTY GUIDELINE
1	\$38,280
2	\$51,720
3	\$65,160
4	\$78,600
5	\$92,040
6	\$105,480
7	\$118,920
8	\$132,360

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*(For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$13,440 for each additional person)*

**In addition, Applicants will be asked to provide one or more of the following for proof of Maricopa county residency:**

Copy of a Driver's License or utility bill or Voter ID card demonstrating that you or the deceased resided in Maricopa County at the time of the decedent's death.

**What to provide from your funeral home:**

Statement of Services, Contract, or other equivalent documentation from a licensed Mortuary and Funeral Home in Maricopa County documenting final disposition type and supporting services/supplies to include but not limited to: transportation (in county), urn, casket, final disposition, death certificate, and/or associated service fees. (Note: Valley of the Sun United Way can provide a list of participating Funeral Homes upon request by calling (602) 240-6384)