



WARREN COUNTY GENERAL ASSISTANCE

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INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUNERAL/CREMATION FUNDING

Please provide us with the following for **everyone in the deceased persons household**:

- ❑ **Proof of Income** for the last 30 days (Pay stubs, Social Security Statements, employer's written statement, Works Comp Statements, Child Support, Foster Care Income, FIP, Veterans Benefits, etc.).
- ❑ Documentation of how you have spent your money in the past 30 days (from date of application). **Last 30 days of transactions**, all checking/savings/online bank accounts for anyone in the household.
- ❑ If you are a Veteran, you must have a **letter from the Veteran's Affairs office** stating you are not eligible for benefits through them. Their address is 105 West First Avenue, Indianola, IA 50125. Phone: 515-961-1045.

***We must have all required information before we are able to assist. If you provide false information to receive benefits, you will not be eligible for assistance from our office for three (3) years from the date of application.**

***Please note that Warren County General Assistance is no longer accepting documents via email. In person signatures are needed for application to be approved.**

Qualifications for General Assistance Funeral/Cremation Funding

- ❑ Income Eligibility Criteria:
 - 125% Gross Income = \$1,519 One Person Household (\$535 each additional family member). Subject to change at the direction of the Warren County Board of Supervisors
- ❑ For Funeral/Cremation Assistance:
 - Must have been a resident in Warren County prior to being placed in hospice or care facility.
 - Funeral expenses shall be paid at the maximum amount designated by the Board of Supervisors for County residents. Payment will be made directly to the funeral service provider. Any resource available to the estate (other than sentimental property with a nominal value) including but not limited to donations, gifts, non-organizational memorials, life insurance, bank accounts, personal allowance accounts, cash on hand, real estate, and veteran's benefits, will be deducted from the amount paid by the County. The amount shall be \$750 for a nonresident, indigent transient. Assistance shall not exceed the actual cost and may be utilized towards burial or cremation. No other payment shall be received above the County Assistance for the funeral expenses of the applicant, except for the minimum amount required for burial. The above limitations may be modified by the Board of Supervisors on a case by case basis.

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