



Burial Expense Assistance

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There are government programs that will pay a portion of the funeral expense of eligible individuals. Those programs include: the Social Security Administration (SSA), the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS), and the Veteran's Administration (VA).

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

<http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/10008.html>

Anyone receiving Social Security is entitled to a lump sum death benefit of \$255. The benefit is paid only if there is a surviving spouse or surviving children under the age of 18.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

<https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Services/Community-and-Social-Work>

DSS will pay up to \$1,350, less any assets in the deceased's estate, toward burial or cremation expenses of any individual with very limited means in Connecticut. There is no restriction; however, assets may offset all or part of the benefit.

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

For information on who is eligible, how much the VA pays, and how to apply, visit:

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/claims-special-burial.asp>

TO FIND PROVIDERS IN CONNECTICUT'S COMMUNITY RESOURCES DATABASE:

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