

Funeral Grant

A FUNERAL GRANT MAY HELP WITH SOME OF THE FUNERAL COSTS OF SOMEONE WHO HAS DIED.

Who can get a Funeral Grant

You may get a Funeral Grant if you are:

- the partner, spouse, child, parent or guardian of the deceased person
- arranging the funeral of someone with no partner, spouse or child.

The Funeral Grant is income and asset tested. The test depends on whether the deceased has a surviving partner or dependant child, or if the deceased is a child.

The deceased person must normally have lived in New Zealand.

What the grant covers

We can help with necessary costs such as:

- professional services for preparing the body for cremation or burial, eg embalming
- the cost of a casket
- newspaper notice costs
- hearse fees
- compulsory fees for buying a burial plot
- cremation fees.

There are some costs we can't help with, so please talk to us about your individual circumstances.

How to apply

You will need to complete an application and provide:

- proof of death, eg a death certificate. If you don't have one, please tell us as we may be able to get this information
- proof of funeral expenses
- proof of assets as at the date of death, eg bank statements for all accounts
- proof of income – if you are the partner or parent of the person who has died
- identification for yourself.

Contact us to talk about your circumstances. We'll explain more about how to apply and arrange a meeting with you.

For more information

If you have any questions, contact us on **0800 552 002** (for Senior clients) or **0800 559 009** (for Working Age clients) or visit our websites www.workandincome.govt.nz or www.seniors.msd.govt.nz