

Funeral Payment Assistance - Resources

Funeral Payment Assistance Programs

1. Canada Pension Plan Benefits

These benefits are available for deceased individuals who contributed to the Canada Pension Plan.

The Death Benefit

A one-time payment to the estate, up to a maximum of \$2,500.

Information: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/publicpensions/cpp/cpp-death-benefit.html>

- Paper application:
<https://catalogue.servicecanada.gc.ca/content/EForms/en/Detail.html?Form=ISP1200>
- Or Apply
online: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/my-account.html>

The Survivor's Pension and Children's Benefit

Monthly benefits for an eligible surviving spouse, common-law partner, or dependent children.

Information: <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/publicpensions/cpp/cpp-survivor-pension.html>

- Paper
application: <https://catalogue.servicecanada.gc.ca/content/EForms/en/Detail.html?Form=ISP1300>

2. Alberta Provincial Support Programs

Alberta Funeral Benefits

For low-income individuals, Income Support, or AISH clients where the estate or responsible survivors cannot afford to pay (visit website for eligibility requirements) Information and

application: <https://www.alberta.ca/funeral-benefits>

Phone: 780-638-4443 (Edmonton Contact Centre)

3. Veterans Assistance

Last Post Fund / Veterans Affairs

Funding for funeral, burial, and grave-marking expenses for eligible veterans.

Website: <https://www.lastpostfund.ca/>

Application form: <https://www.lastpostfund.ca/wp-content/forms/EN/index.html>

General inquiries: 1-800-465-7113

4. Deaths Due to Specific Causes

Work-Related Death

The Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) provides benefits for funeral expenses and survivor support. Contact the deceased's employer for details.

Information: <https://www.wcb.ab.ca/claims/benefits-during-your-claim/fatality-and-survivor-benefits.html>

Phone: 1-866-922-9221

Motor Vehicle Accident

Contact the deceased's automobile insurance provider directly.

Victims of Crime

The Victims of Crime Financial Benefits Program provides assistance in cases of homicide.

Information: <https://www.alberta.ca/funeral-expense-and-grief-counselling-support>

Phone: 780-427-7217

Important Notes

- Apply as soon as possible; time limits exist for some benefits.
- The Statement of Death from the funeral home is required for most applications.
- The executor or next-of-kin typically needs to apply.
- Benefits are not automatic; you must submit an application.

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For specific advice regarding your situation, please contact the relevant program directly.