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Burials

The City of Portland's General Assistance Program will assume responsibility for paying the direct burial or cremation expenses up to the Ordinance maximums for Portland residents who have no money or assets to pay burial costs and/or no financially liable relatives. The City will pay only the reasonable calculation of a funeral director's direct cost, **less any and all contributions from any other source**. When necessary, the City will also pay for the cost of a burial plot, opening and closing of the grave, cement grave liner, or cremation costs. **Any financial resource that is available must be deducted from the maximum that the City will pay.**

Financial resources available for burial costs include (1) the estate of the deceased – including bank accounts and/or nursing home personal accounts, (2) legally liable relatives, and (3) burial benefits such as Veterans and Social Security Survivor benefits. Relatives who are liable for burial costs are parents, grandparents, siblings, children and grandchildren living in the state of Maine.

Deceased's Name: _____

The General Assistance Program will only pay for the basic costs of a burial or cremation. These costs include the following:

* Paid to the Funeral Director:			
Grave Side Service	\$1,125	Cremation	\$785
Cement Grave Liner	\$ 450	Burial Urn	\$ 50
Transportation	_____	Deduct Income/Assets	_____
Deduct Income/Assets	_____	TOTAL ALLOWED	<input type="text"/>
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***Funeral Director should invoice costs approved for direct burial to Social Services Division**

Paid to Cemetery: Plot at Cemetery _____ Grave Opening & Closing _____ *To be paid directly to cemetery*

The General Assistance Program does not allow for more elaborate funerals. Costs not covered by General Assistance include: flowers, memorial services, stone markers, and newspaper obituaries. Any income that is available for such items must be applied towards the basic cost of the burial or cremation first.

You must also reimburse the City for assistance provided in the event you have the ability to do so.

I have read the General Assistance requirements or it has been read to me, and I fully understand it.

Applicant

Date

Financial Eligibility Specialist

Date

