

Social Security help

You may be able to obtain help from the social fund to contribute towards the cost of the funeral. In most cases it is unlikely that the amount paid by the social fund will cover the total cost of the funeral.

If you are responsible for arranging the funeral and you or your partner are receiving:

1. Income Support
2. Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
3. Income related Employment and Support Allowance
4. Pension Credit
5. Housing Benefit
6. Child Tax Credit
7. Working Tax Credit where a disability or severe disability element is included in the award

A claim must be made within 6 months of the funeral. A claim can be made before the funeral if an invoice or signed contract has been obtained from the Funeral Director (not an estimate).

To Claim:

Call the Bereavement Service Helpline:

Telephone: 0800 7310469

Textphone: 0800 7310464

NGT text relay (if you cannot hear or speak on the phone): 18001 then 0800 7310469

Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm.

For more information visit:

www.gov.uk/funeral-payments