



MHSS FUNERAL POLICY

Basic Funeral Expenses:

Ahousaht members may be entitled to financial assistance from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) to assist with funeral expenses. A supplement may be provided to pay necessary funeral costs. Ahousaht members can access these funds through application to AANDC with assistance from Ahousaht Administration. These funds are intended to provide **basic funeral services**. Amounts are limited by AANDC eligibility requirements and policy. Ahousaht members should meet with Ahousaht Social Development staff for further information.

Ahousaht members who are on disability, CPP or social assistance may also be able to access additional funding. For further information you may ask the funeral home or contact Ahousaht administration.

Additional Items and Services Expenses:

Pa?uukt funds will be provided for deceased Ahousaht members (registered), the family or representative for the deceased must provide a copy of the Funeral Services Billing (SA 108) form that is completed by the Funeral Home and provided to Ahousaht Social Development. The additional items noted on the SA 108 form will be paid up to a maximum of \$1600.00, and remitted directly to the Funeral Home upon receipt of an invoice. The SA108 Form must be sent to the MHSS General Manager.

In circumstances where an SA108 Form is not completed an invoice from the Funeral Home must be provided to MHSS with details of payments from other parties and any outstanding amount owing. The maximum payment from MHSS will be \$1600.00.

Pa?uukt funds will only be used for direct funeral expenses. Funding will not be provided for an Ahousaht representative to attend the funeral or the family, or for any travel or other related expenses.

MHSS will provide a letter to the family advising of funds given to the Funeral Home.

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