

Burial Assistance Programs

Indigent Burial & Cremation Program

858-694-3500

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/papg/contact-us>

The Public Administrator also serves as the County's Indigent Burial Officer. The Indigent Burial Program pays for the disposition of bodies of deceased County residents whose estate cannot provide for a burial.

To qualify for Indigent Burial, the deceased must meet the following criteria:

1. They have no estate from which to pay the cost of a funeral
2. They have no family who can afford providing the service
3. They are not eligible for burial assistance from the Social Security Administration or Veterans Administration.

San Diego Memorial Society

858-391-1267

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San Diego Memorial Society is a 501 (c) 4 nonprofit organization incorporated in 1958. We are a nonprofit organization that assists our members with obtaining simple, dignified, inexpensive cremation or burial arrangements. We do this by working with participating mortuaries to provide services to our members at low pre-established prices.

The Society does not sell insurance or "prepaid burial plans." It is not a mortuary or a for-profit business. Its orientation is focused on consumer protection and it is led by a volunteer, unpaid Board of Directors elected by the membership.

The Society makes arrangements regarding inexpensive cremation and inexpensive burial plans with participating mortuaries to provide for basic services at low, fully transparent prices. For a modest one-time nonrefundable lifetime membership fee of \$50 and you can join now. Membership is open to all.

If you or your loved ones are looking for inexpensive cremation or inexpensive burial plans please consider becoming a member. You'll save money and help others find our services in the future.

Social Security Administration

800-772-1213

Individuals who are currently receiving Social Security payments from the federal government are entitled to a lump sum death benefit of \$255. This financial assistance is only paid out if there is a surviving child or spouse, and the child needs to be 18 years of age or younger.

The Unforgettables Foundation

909-335-1600

For many families, the anguish and heartbreak of a child's death is accompanied by the additional burden of financial incapacity. The simple truth is that many families are unable to afford a dignified, respectful burial for their beloved child.

The Unforgettables Foundation provides financial assistance to those families with limited resources to help offset the costs of final arrangements.

Currently, the Foundation's help is granted to families throughout Riverside, San Bernardino and Orange Counties with plans to expand. Requests for aid come from hospitals, social service agencies, and families themselves. Since the creation of the Foundation in 2001, over 5000 families have been assisted in more than 80 cities in Southern California.

San Diego County District Attorney - Victim Services Division

(619) 531-3915

The Victim Assistance Program offers comprehensive services to victims of all types of crimes. Victim Advocates assist victims from all walks of life and experiences, regardless of age, background, and/or immigration status. All services are free of charge. An advocate can assist you even if a suspect is not identified or if criminal charges have not been filed. The Program was created by the passage of Section 13835 et seq. of the California State Penal Code, which mandates local comprehensive centers for victim and witness assistance throughout California. In the County of San Diego, this assistance is administered through the District Attorney's Office.

What losses are eligible for State Board claims payments?

- Medical and medically-related expenses for a victim, including dental expenses
- Funeral and burial expenses for deaths by criminal acts up to \$7,500
- Relocation expenses up to \$2,000 per household
- Outpatient mental health treatment or counseling
- For direct victims, income losses for up to 5 years following the date of a crime
- Up to 30-days of income losses for a parent or legal guardian of a minor victim who has been hospitalized or has died as a result of the crime
- Support losses for legal dependents of a deceased crime victim
- Home security systems or improvements up to \$1,000 if the crime occurred in the victim's home
- Crime scene cleanup for up to \$1,000 as a result of a crime inside a residence or vehicle

Public Administrator

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Description

Is charged with investigating and administering the estates of person who die with no will, or without an appropriate person willing or able to act as an administrator. Duties include protecting the decedent's property from waste, lost or theft, making appropriate funeral and burial arrangements, conducting thorough investigations, to discover all of the decedent's assets, collecting all dues owed to the estate, ensuring all estate benefits are applied for and received, paying the decedent's bill and taxes, ensuring the estate is administered according to the decedent's wishes, locating persons entitled to inherit from the estate and ensuring these individuals receive their inheritance and maintaining a fully documented audit trail to make certain that each and every asset is accounted for and distributed appropriately.

Eligibility

Family, friend or agency seeking public estate management services for a county resident who died without someone willing or able to handle their affairs.