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Funeral Assistance Policy

1 Definitions

“Huu-ay-aht citizens” – as defined under the “Huu-ay-aht Citizenship and Treaty Enrolment Act 2011”

Application

2 This policy applies to:

2.1 All Huu-ay-aht citizens,

2.2 A legal representative of the deceased HFN Citizen can make an application to HFN for assistance

Purpose

3 The purpose of the Funeral Assistance Policy is to provide assistance to HFN families with the costs of funeral expenses and arrangements for deceased HFN citizens.

Policy

4 Funding can only be accessed once all other financial avenues have been exhausted (social development, wills, life insurance).

The funeral costs and associated costs upon approval of the application will be paid directly to the Funeral Home providing the services.

4.1 Notes:

- HFN will be the last resort payer.
- Point of contact with citizens is the Director of Community Services & the Manager of Social Services.
- Manager of Social Services will work with families to advise them of all available sources of funding and that the funeral homes may accept a payment plan.
- There will be no reimbursement to citizens for funeral expenses.

4.2 Funeral Coverage: Typical services and expenditures which are eligible but not limited to for coverage would include:

- Funeral home services



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- Embalming
- Clothing for deceased
- Casket
- Urn
- Cremation
- Clergy or officiate (includes Traditional)
- Transportation of remains
- Transportation assistance for immediate family members- immediate family includes parents, grandparents, siblings.
- Accommodations will be for any of the immediate family with a limit of 2 days stay in hotels.
- Fuel expenditures – actual expenses or use of Patient Travel rates
- Medical certificate of death
- Registration of death
- Burial or cremation permit
- Internment
- Hall rentals/ catering services

5 Funeral Policy Limitations:

- Policy not applicable to non-Huu-ay-aht citizens.
- Disbursement not to exceed \$7,500 per deceased member.
- Funds will not be disbursed without required documentation, authorization and approval of the First Nation.
- Funds for this Policy are subject to allocations through the annual Operating Budget as approved by Executive Council
- This Policy supersedes all other such policies as administered by the First Nation as at the effective date and shall remain in effect until such time as notified by the First Nation.

5 Exemptions: New born babies of at least one Huu-ay-aht parent are eligible.

6 Appeals: Where there is a disagreement with policy, the final decision resides with the Executive Director



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Funeral Assistance Application

Name of Applicant: (Next of Kin or Legal Representative):

Address:

Telephone#:

Name of Deceased:

Documents to be attached:

_____ Notarial Copy of Will (if applicable)

_____ Original Copy of death certificate

Name, address and phone number of Funeral Director:

I declare that neither the deceased's estate nor any other responsible family member has the financial resources to adequately cover the costs of the funeral and burial costs of the deceased. I have applied to all other possible resources to assist with these costs.

Amount Requested: \$ _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

Reviewed by: _____ Date _____

Huu-ay-aht First Nation

Approved by: _____ Date _____