

11.12 Burial Assistance

1. Burial assistance may be paid to a funeral home for the benefit of any deceased Linn County resident whose monthly household income is determined to be at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (\$931.00).
2. Application for assistance shall be made in the same manner as application for any other type of assistance under the provisions of this ordinance and shall be made within sixty (60) days from the date of death. Application may be made by the funeral home director in the absence of any other responsible party.
3. The amount of assistance to be allowed and the terms by which funeral homes may accept assistance shall be determined by the Linn County Board of Supervisors by resolution, however assistance for indigent transient burials shall be limited to the amount stated in Iowa Code Section 252.27.

i. **Iowa Code 252.27:** Subject to section 142.1, assistance may consist of the burial of nonresident indigent transients and the payment of the reasonable cost of burial, not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars.

- a. The Linn County General Assistance Office currently pays up to \$1000.00 for burial or cremation services to community funeral homes.
- b. Any resources the deceased individual has remaining in their bank account or other counted as a monetary resource will be applied towards the \$1000.00 assistance granted by the General Assistance Office.
- c. In the event cremation is provided, family members shall reserve the right to pay for an upgrade in an urn purchased for the deceased individual's remains.