



Bereavement Policy & Procedures

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**TK'EMLUPS te SECWEPÉMC
BEREAVEMENT POLICY & PRODECURES**

1. PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Bereavement policy is to establish guidelines for Tk'emlups te Secwepémc (TTES) members to access funds and services in the event of a recent death.

2. MISSION:

The Tk'emlups te Secwepémc (TTES) has established an annual budget to provide assistance to band member families when dealing with the loss of a Tk'emlups te Secwepémc member. TTES is committed to providing fair and equitable guidelines for all band members to access Bereavement funding. Chief and Council will approve an annual Bereavement budget to be administered by the Social Development Department and will not consider any further individual or group requests.

3. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA TTES MEMBER:

1. The people requesting funding must be a TTES band member and have a ten digit TTES Registry number beginning with 688.
2. The family/family representative must contact the Social Development Department to access funding and/or services. **No Monies will be released until a family and/or the designated representative have met with Social Development to establish a clear understanding of the tasks involved.**
3. A copy of the Death Certificate must be provided to the TTES Band Membership Worker within 31 days, for the purposes of registration of death with the Government of Canada.
4. For out of town funerals eligibility is restricted to most immediate and fictive family members only.
5. Eligibility is limited to the current fiscal year beginning April 1st and ending March 31st of the following calendar year and no retroactive payments will be made to a previous fiscal year.

4. FUNDING ALLOCATION (MAXIMUMS):

1. Funeral Home \$4500.00
2. Chapel Viewing \$325.00
3. Falcann Toilet Rental (To be delivered the morning the deceased's body comes home) \$300.00
4. Feast Food & Paper Products \$1000.00
5. Tent Rental (To be delivered the morning the deceased's body comes home) \$600.00



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OUT OF TOWN FUNERAL TteS MEMBER (MAXIMUMS):

1. Two hotels rooms whose usage is to be determined by the family spokesperson (price based on seasonal government rates).
2. Gas allowance is \$65.00 per tank of fuel; tank allotment to be determined by distance to and from funeral.
3. Miscellaneous coverage of \$300.00 for a minimum of 4 people.

ELIGIBILITY FOR FORMER TteS MEMBERS:

1. Non TteS members must have written permission from Chief and Council to bury the deceased in TteS cemetery.
2. Family of the deceased is responsible for all costs not mentioned below.

FUNDING ALLOCATIONS NON TteS (MAXIMUMS):

1. Feast Food \$800.00
2. Paper Products \$200.00
3. Falcann Toilet Rental \$300.00
4. Use of the TteS tent

5. AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments to these regulations may be made by the Social Development Department on an annual basis;
2. All amendments must be bolded and highlighted;
3. All amendments must be reviewed by Finance; and,
4. All Amendments must receive one (1) reading in Council.

Traditional funeral protocol and assistance with understanding it are available upon request in Social Development.