

Burial costs may be paid to a funeral home when:

- a. payment will only be made for an indigent person who had established legal settlement in Henry County, gained by continuously residing in any county in this state for a period of one year with the exceptions described, Chapter 252.16 Iowa Code, additionally any person who arrives in Henry County to live in a staff supported residential or acute care setting or academic residential setting does not gain legal settlement in the county; and
- b. the deceased person would have been eligible to receive assistance under the provisions of this ordinance in the month of death; or
- c. application for burial assistance shall be made prior to formalizing any arrangements with the funeral home. If an arrangement with the funeral home is reached and signed before general assistance is secured and the costs of those services exceeds the allowable amounts, the application for benefits will be denied; and
- d. payment for out of state funerals will not be provided; and
- e. application for burial assistance may be made by a funeral home director in the absence of any other responsible party; and
- f. all of the deceased assets must be applied toward burial expenses, if there is no surviving spouse, including cash on hand and funds in checking and savings accounts, or savings certificates; and
- g. eligibility for burial benefits will exist when the deceased person's estate does not have at least \$2,000 which can be applied toward the funeral expense; or
- h. death benefits may be available from employment, railroad retirement, pension plans, VA benefits, life insurance policy, prepaid burial agreements or social security. The family of the deceased must apply for these benefits and apply them to the burial; and
- i. no more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) will be paid by Henry County per burial and the county shall not provide for partial burial costs if arrangements exceed the established limit; and
- j. costs towards which the \$2000 maybe applied shall include;
 1. preparation and embalming of the body
 2. services of funeral director and staff
 3. use of facilities and equipment
 4. casket and grave liner
 5. opening and closing of the grave
 6. transportation from place of death to internment within Henry County
 7. cremation and urn
- k. in applications for county burial, the financial ability of responsible relatives to provide for the burial will be considered. Responsible relatives are parents, grandparents, children and grandchildren of the deceased; and
- l. ineligibility for county burial will result if there is one responsible relative whose income is at or in excess of 300% of the federal poverty level or if there are two or more responsible relatives whose income is at or in excess of 200% of the federal poverty level; and
- m. \$250.00 will be available for the burial or cremation of those deceased persons deemed non-resident transients.