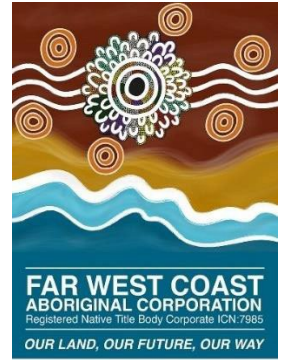


Funeral Policy and Application form



PURPOSE

The aim of the funeral assistance is to assist with an immediate family member's funeral cost.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- FWCAC registered member OR FWC members Immediate Family
- Aboriginal people currently living in the Native Title Determination area for at least 10 years. (or their immediate family)
- Any person who is the primary carer of a FWCAC eligible child under the age of 18 years.

WHAT TYPES OF MATTERS MAY BE FUNDED

Part A: Funeral

A limit of \$3,500 funding is available for a funeral for the following:

- Direct Funeral & Burial Costs (e.g funeral director fees, printing of service/eulogy, venue hire for the service)
- Wake/catering/Venue Hire expenses. (Service/goods being provided within 24 hrs of the funeral date)
- Flowers for the funeral service
- Travel and accommodation expenses for immediate family to attend the funeral:
 - a) Travel assistance is from the person's usual place of residence to the location of the funeral. Travel cannot be used more than once for the same destination per person.
 - b) Accommodation is for a maximum of 2 nights per person and is to be booked for nights adjacent to the funeral date. (i.e within 48hrs of the funeral date).
 - c) All assistance for travel (return) must be requested and approved prior to the date of the funeral.

An additional discretionary amount of up to \$500 may be available to cover travel & accommodation expenses for the immediate family in order to comply with a direction of authorities. (Example: travel for next of kin to identify the body, or temporary accommodation if the place of death requires investigation & immediate family members are required to temporarily relocate).

Part B (Traditional Sorry camps)

This funding is only available to an applicant who is being funded by FWCAC for funeral assistance (Under Part A) for a deceased person, and is capped at \$400. It is to fund food & drinks only for the immediate family of the deceased to carry out Traditional sorry business at Yalata, OakValley and APY Lands.

This is only available when FWCAC is funding a Funeral application from the same family representative (who will be the person representing the family who FWCAC will consult with).

WHAT TYPES OF MATTERS WILL NOT BE FUNDED?

- An application received from a person applying on behalf of a FWC eligible child, and the applicant is not the primary carer of that child.
- More than 1 application per funeral.
- No further expenses of any type will be considered at the conclusion of the funeral
- Non-funeral or General living expenses
- Capital items
- Hire vehicles, taxis, and Uber services.
- Vehicle hire, registration, insurance, repairs and maintenance or vehicle mileage allowance for travel
- Alcohol, gambling or tobacco products.
- Direct payment of cash and/or bank deposits to individuals.
- Reimbursement of costs already paid by or on behalf of the applicant.

MANDATORY CRITERIA

In assessing applications, the Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation requires applicants to meet all of the mandatory criteria:

- The immediate family of the deceased can nominate a representative to act on their behalf who will be the contact person for all enquiries and all funeral support payments. This person will also be the contact point for family members who contact the FWCAC office seeking assistance. Unless there is a Will/Power of Attorney recognised and provided to the FWCAC will need to receive written confirmation from the immediate family members of the agreed contact person(s).
- **An immediate family members is defined as:** A spouse or former spouse, de facto partner or former de facto partner, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling *of the deceased*, or a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild or sibling *of a deceased's spouse or deceased's de facto partner*, and cultural adoptions.
- Any conflict between family members relating to the authorised family representative will result in the application placed on hold until the conflict is resolved and the FWCAC is notified of the delegated person.
- This application is restricted to applicants residing in South Australia only.
- The deceased person and the funeral service must be held in South Australia.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applications for funding must:

- Be in writing and in the approved application form as provided by the Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation.
- Nominate the amount of funding assistance required.
- Be submitted to the mailbox or email address on the application form
- Address the mandatory criteria outlined in the policy.

POLICY GUIDELINES

- Where other agencies have specialised responsibilities to provide funding, FWCAC staff may redirect members to those agencies for assistance.
- Applications will be subject to the policy and funding criteria at the time the application is lodged.
- The FWCAC board sets an annual budget per policy once the expenditure has exceeded its annual allocation, funding assistance may be declined.
- FWC funding is a contribution toward the cost, not necessarily the whole cost.
- All travel arrangements will be made by FWC staff using the most cost effective arrangements for FWCAC
- Payment is made to suppliers only

FUNERAL APPLICATION FORM



1. Applicant

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth

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Residential /Postal Address

Ph:

Email:

Are you a registered member of the Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation (please circle)?

Yes / No – Please list your parents/grandparents (below)

Please list below any or other Native Title Groups you are associated or registered with?

2. Deceased Person

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth

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Residential Address

Date of Death

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What is your relationship to the deceased?

Is the deceased a registered member of the Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation (please circle)?

Yes / No – Please list parents / grandparents (below)

Please list below any or other Native Title Groups the deceased is associated or registered with?

3. What would you like help with?

Please describe what you would like assistance with

4. Supporting Documents

Please attach supporting documents such as quotes, letters from funeral director to help the FWC assess your application.

Description of expenses	Name of supplier (who is being paid?)	Date Required	Amount required
Funeral Director Fees			\$
Flowers			\$
Printing / Stationery			\$
Travel & accommodation			\$

5. Your contribution?

Are you able to contribute toward this? **Yes / No** If yes, how much? \$_____

6. Other Funding

Please list below the amount of any other funding or assistance from other organisations

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7. How will this funding assistance help you?

8. Applicant's Declaration

- I acknowledge that staff from the FWCAC will make enquiries about this application
- I understand that incomplete applications will not be considered.
- I authorise FWCAC staff to make enquiries to any other agency or organisation to assist with my application for funding.

Signed

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Date

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Please return the completed application form to:

Post: Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation
PO Box 596
CEDUNA SA 5690

FWCAC -
62 Poynton Street
CEDUNA SA 5690

Email: administration@fwcac.org.au

Phone: (08) 8625 3340