

Funeral Assistance

FUNERAL COST:

The Quechan Indian Tribe will pay the cost of a funeral up to a maximum amount of \$5,500.00 for one of three plans agreed upon by the Funeral Home and the Tribe. The three plans are available to the Tribe through a Yuma, Arizona funeral home for cremation on the Fort Yuma Quechan Reservation. Payment will be made directly to the funeral home.

Social Service funds may be used for burial assistance if the applicant meets the required criteria. Per Tribal Council's decision, \$2,500.00 of the \$5,500.00 shall be used from line item to assist with Burial Costs from Bureau of Indian Affairs depending on available funding and eligibility. If the BIA Burial Costs are utilized in the amount of \$2,500.00, the Quechan Tribe can only assist with \$3,000.00 from Funeral Costs as the amount should not exceed a total of \$5,500.00. Payment will be made directly to the funeral home.

The Tribe will pay up to the maximum amount of a plan in Yuma towards the cost of an out of state plan if necessary for Tribal Member. Payment will be made directly to the funeral home.

It will be the responsibility of the family of the deceased to pay any balance owed towards the plan of funeral services more than the maximum amount. The Tribe will not be responsible for payment or negotiating with the Funeral Home outside the approved plan costs.

FUNERAL ASSISTANCE:

To offer additional financial help of tribal cremation, the Tribe will allow up to \$1,000.00 per funeral, for funerals designated for 7 hours or less, i.e.: 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., and \$1,500.00 per funeral, for funerals designated for 12 hours or more, i.e. 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. This amount will be made payable to a designated immediate tribal family member. The \$1,000.00/\$1,500.00 can be used to purchase scarves, material for traditional dresses, traditional singers, red and black material (9 yards), bundles for the deceased, and any other funeral expenses that the family sees fit. The Tribe will provide cigarettes, water, kitchen utensils/facility and tissue at no cost to the family.

To reduce food cost, a food voucher will be made payable to a vendor providing services to the Quechan Tribe for the family in the amount of \$187.50 for funerals designated for 7 hours or less, i.e.: 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., and \$375.00, for funerals designated for 12 hours or more; i.e. 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. In following our traditions, the Quechan Tribe does encourage fasting, reducing salt, grease, etc.

FUNERAL ASSISTANCE/TRAVEL:

Applications submitted for local and out of town travel (**over a 50-mile radius**) to attend and/or participate in a funeral will be reviewed individually and maybe approved for a local maximum amount of seventy five dollars (\$75.00) and out of town for two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

- A list of 10 eligible applicants shall be provided to the Executive Secretary by the family during the time they will meet with the Vice-President regarding funeral arrangements. This list will determine who will receive local funeral assistance in the amount of \$75.00. This list does not include those traveling from out of town or the designated immediate tribal family members who will receive the monetary assistance in the amount of \$1,000.00/\$1,500.00. The designated immediate tribal family member who receives the \$1,000.00/\$1,500.00 financial help will not be eligible to receive additional assistance for out of town or local funeral assistance.

Applications submitted for *other tribal funerals* for out-of-town travel (**over a 50-mile radius**) to attend and/or to participate in a funeral will be reviewed individually and may be approved for a maximum amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). A Funeral Assistance Application must be completed by the individual requesting assistance for consideration. This assistance is to be used strictly for travel only. **Receipts will be required to be submitted to the finance office. Receipts must coordinate with the funeral date the applicant is attending. Failure to comply may result in immediate suspension from the Tribe for the remainder of the calendar year or until receipts can be returned, whichever occurs first.**

Applicant must:

1. Be an enrolled Quechan Tribal Member.
2. Be 18 years of age or older.
3. Out of town Funeral requests must be accompanied by a funeral notice with a date and address where funeral services are to be held.

MEMORIAL ASSISTANCE:

No monetary assistance will be given for a memorial service for deceased tribal members.

RESERVING HOTEL ROOMS AT QUECHAN CASINO RESORT

To offer additional support for out-of-town family members who are traveling to attend a funeral in the area, a maximum of 10 hotel rooms can be reserved at Quechan Casino &

Resort. The deposit and resort fees will be waived, and rooms are to be booked at the \$69.00 room rate with a late checkout of 2:00 p.m.

ALL GUESTS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO PAY FOR THEIR OWN ROOMS. The Tribe will not pay for or compensate any rooms reserved for funerals as it will be the individual's responsibility. The family may pay for the rooms on behalf of the guests if they choose. Hotel Reservations will be made depending on availability and will be made according to the following steps:

1. A list will be provided by the family to the Executive Secretary of the guests who will be checking in, and accessible handicapped services and rooms will be available if needed.
2. An email shall be generated and sent to the Administrative Executive Assistant to the CEO of Quechan Casino Resort with the list of names including the check-in date and check-out date for the reserved hotel rooms.
3. The Administrative Executive Assistant to the CEO of QCR will then check availability and secure rooms. An email will be sent to verify and provide confirmation numbers for the reserved hotel rooms.
4. If the expected guest is unable to check into the hotel room for any reason, they must contact the Executive Secretary so the room can be unsecured.

In the event that the Quechan Casino Resort has no rooms available, the Executive Secretary will locate another Hotel in the area and work with that hotel's sales department and/or General Manager to negotiate a Bereavement Rate for the family. The Tribe will not pay for or compensate any rooms reserved for funerals as it will be the individual's responsibility.