

Lost a loved one

Need information on grief and loss

Don't know how you will pay for a respectful burial

Have Needs?

Metro Social Services

Has Help with

Burial/cremation services

Indigent Burial Services

Preparation and Casket provided by the funeral home establishments, including cremation if the applicant prefers.

Transport of the deceased person within Davidson County;

Gravesite in a cemetery either owned by the Metropolitan Government or plots purchased as needed by Metropolitan Government if interment is required;

Opening and closing of grave at a cemetery owned by the Metropolitan Government or plots purchased by the Metropolitan Government;

Adult-size concrete vault for deceased adults; Special combination casket/outside container for deceased infants;

Grave marker bearing the name and year of birth and death of deceased.

Cremation Services providing the applicant can provide proof of relationship to decedent

Burial in a Veterans Cemetery if the deceased person qualifies for interment therein by having served in the military and received an honorable discharge with verification.

Metro Social Services coordinates and funds the burial/cremation of deceased persons who did not leave sufficient resources to cover the cost of their burial expenses.

Applications for burial/cremation assistance must be made by the family member closest in relation to the deceased. If not available, other family members, friends, or agency representatives may apply for burial assistance for the deceased. All applications for burial/cremation services must be made during the hours of operation by appointment only Monday-Friday 8:00-3:30 p.m. For an appointment call 862-6458.

INFORMATION ABOUT PROGRAM SERVICES

Eligibility Requirements

The deceased must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:
Was a resident* of Davidson County and who died in Davidson County without means to provide for burial; services

Does not exceed the monthly allowable income as stated in the most current Federal Poverty Income Guidelines – 100% Poverty Level; Did not leave sufficient assets, or a life insurance policy sufficient to cover the cost of burial expenses; Did not die in a state or federal institution or in state or federal custody.

*A resident is defined as someone who is currently living in Davidson County or someone who dies in Nashville or Davidson County.