

This document lists some help and assistance available in funding a funeral. **Please note that this list is non exhaustive, is guidance only and services and assistance can change at any time.**

The money Advice Service has a very useful web page explaining different areas of financial assistance, please visit:

<https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en/articles/help-paying-for-a-funeral>

As well as reaching out to any of the relevant services below, it would also be worth discussing any concerns you have with your intended funeral director to discuss finance options.

Organisation	Description	Contact information
Government Support		
Government 'Funeral Expenses Payment'	You could get a Funeral Expenses Payment (also called a Funeral Payment) if you get certain benefits and need help to pay for a funeral you're arranging.	https://www.gov.uk/funeral-payments Monday to Friday 8am-6pm: Telephone: 0800 169 0140 Textphone: 0800 169 0286 Relay UK (if you cannot hear or speak on the phone): 18001 then 0800 169 0140 Application forms can be downloaded from the following link to be filled in and returned by post: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/funeral-payment-claim-form
Government 'Bereavement Payment'	You may be able to get a £2,000 Bereavement Payment if your spouse or civil partner died before 6 April 2017. This is a one-off, tax-free, lump-sum payment. You may also be eligible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widowed Parent's Allowance - if you're bringing up children • Bereavement Allowance You don't have to apply more than once - you'll be considered for all bereavement benefits when you apply for one.	https://www.gov.uk/bereavement-payment
Government 'Bereavement Service helpline'	An adviser will help you claim any other bereavement benefits you might be entitled to	Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 3.30pm: Telephone: 0800 731 0469 Welsh language: 0800 731 0453 Textphone: 0800 731 0464 Welsh language textphone: 0800 731 0456

		Relay UK (if you cannot hear or speak on the phone): 18001 then 0800 731 0469
Government 'Children's Funeral Fund'	The Children's Funeral Fund for England can help to pay for some of the costs of a funeral for a child under 18 or a baby stillborn after the 24th week of pregnancy.	https://www.gov.uk/child-funeral-costs
Faith Groups If you are or your loved one were a member of a faith group, they may be able to offer you support and assistance with funding a funeral. Contact your local faith leader to discuss options.		
Quaker Social Action: 'Down to Earth'	Helpline to offer free and confidential advice	0208 983 5055 or email downtoearth@qsa.org.uk More information: https://quakersocialaction.org.uk/we-can-help/helping-funerals/down-earth/uk-funeral-costs-helpline
Funeral directors Payment plans		
Funeral directors	Payment plans	Please discuss options with your chosen funeral director, or discuss payment options with different directors to see what your options are. Some may offer payment plans and payments by instalments.
Crowd funding These days, more and more families are getting help with funeral costs through online crowdfunding – setting up online profiles that friends and family members can visit to donate money towards the funeral. One service that is available is: Beyond Life, who offer free online obituaries designed for crowdfunding funerals: it takes just a few minutes to set up a tribute page that people can visit to share memories and contribute funds. The pages are also easy to send around via email and social media		
		https://beyond.life/obituaries
Benevolent funds and Charities There are thousands of Benevolent funds in the UK providing a variety of services, support and grants for those working or formally working in many different sectors. A selection of them are listed below. If you work, or have worked in an occupation not listed below, an internet search of your occupation and the words 'benevolent fund', eg. 'Care worker benevolent fund' should find you a relevant source of information.		
The Care worker's Charity	Support for current and former care workers	https://www.thecareworkerscharity.org.uk/
Friends of the elderly	Grants available on application, must be referred by an agency such as citizens advice, local health or social care, community groups or charities etc.	https://www.fote.org.uk/our-charity-work/grants-2/

The National Benevolent Charity	During the Coronavirus Crisis we may be able to give Emergency Funding for people whose income has been significantly reduced as a direct result of the virus	https://natben.org.uk/
Junius S. Morgan Benevolent Fund	The Junius S. Morgan Benevolent Fund is one of many benevolent funds for nurses. It assists registered nurses and healthcare assistants who have practised in the UK for a minimum of five years.	http://www.juniusmorgan.org.uk/
The Electrical Industries Charity	The Electrical Industries Charity supports the families of people who work, or have worked, in jobs connected with the electrical, electronic and energy industries, whether in retail, manufacturing or wider industry.	http://www.electricalcharity.org/
The RAF Benevolent Fund	Support for serving members, veterans and their dependents	https://www.rafbf.org/
War pension veterans uk	Funeral expenses are paid as a set amount to help pay for the funeral of a War Pensioner or veteran whose death was due to service before 6 April 2005	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/funeral-expenses-for-war-pensioners-and-veterans
The Soldiers Charity	British Army's national charity	https://www.soldierscharity.org/
The Retail Trust	The Retail Trust supports people who work in a wealth of customer-facing environments, from shops, online stores and distribution centres, to call centres, banks and property agencies	http://www.retailtrust.org.uk/
The Drinks Trust (formerly known as The Benevolent')	The Benevolent is a charity which extends its support to anyone who works in the alcoholic drinks industry, from manufacturing, distribution and marketing, to working in a pub, bar or off-license	https://www.drinkstrust.org.uk/
Grocery Aid	National Grocers Benevolent Fund helps look after anyone who works or worked in the grocery industry from the factory floor to the shop counter	https://www.groceryaid.org.uk/
The Charity for Civic Servants		https://www.foryoubyyou.org.uk/info-and-resources/bereavement/funeral-expenses