

Indigent Burials by County

Compiled by the South Dakota Funeral Directors Association

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AURORA COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$1,500 for services including casket

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container: Invoice for cost of outside container (must provide invoice)

Cemetery and Interment: \$150 for opening & closing of grave (less social security & veteran benefits)

Transportation/Mileage: Mileage at .42 cents per mile. Over 50 miles, outside of SD with prior approval for county residents only – subject to law

Merchandise:

Other:

BEADLE COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$1,750.00

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container: \$550.00 if required

Cemetery and Interment: \$300 if equipment on site. \$400 within Beadle County if equipment not on site. \$200 for cremated remains.

Transportation/Mileage: .50 cents outside of county

Merchandise:

Other:

BENNETT COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$1,850 flat fee

Traditional Service: N/A

Cremation Service: \$1,200.00

Outside Container: N/A

Cemetery and Interment: N/A

Transportation/ Mileage: N/A

Merchandise: N/A

Other:

BON HOMME COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$1,400

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container: \$500

Cemetery and Interment: Opening and closing \$175; lot \$150

Transportation/Mileage: \$5.00 hours maximum @ \$15.91 per hour

Merchandise:

Other:

BROOKINGS COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$3,000 for a Funeral Service

Traditional Service: \$3,000

Cremation Service: \$3,000

Outside Container: N/A

Cemetery and Interment: N/A

Transportation: N/A

Merchandise: N/A

Other:

BROWN COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$1,800.00

Traditional Service: \$1,800.00

Cremation Service: \$1,800.00

Outside Container: \$500.00

Cemetery and Interment: \$500.00

Transportation/ Mileage: - 0 -

Merchandise: - 0 -

Other: N/A

BRULE COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials:

Traditional Service: \$2,956.00

Cremation Service: \$2,499.00

Outside Container: If cemetery requires it, at actual cost.

Cemetery and Interment: Lot at actual cost by invoice and opening and closing of grave at actual cost.

Transportation/ Mileage: .41 cents per mile

Merchandise: - 0 -

Other: \$1.00 per mile to haul bodies to crematorium or autopsy

BUFFALO COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$2,000.00

Traditional Service: - 0 -

Cremation Service: - 0 -

Outside Container: - 0 -

Cemetery and Interment: - 0 -

Transportation/ Mileage: - 0 -

Merchandise: - 0 -

Other: - 0 -

BUTTE COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials:

Traditional Service: \$1,000.00

Cremation Service: \$700.00

Outside Container: - 0 -

Cemetery and Interment: - 0 -

Transportation/ Mileage: - 0 -

Merchandise: - 0 -

Other: - 0 -

CAMPBELL COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$1,500.00

Traditional Service: - 0 -

Cremation Service: - 0 -

Outside Container: - 0 -

Cemetery and Interment: - 0 -

Transportation/ Mileage: - 0 -

Merchandise: - 0 -

Other: - 0

CHARLES MIX COUNTY

(NO REPLY FOR 2018)

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials:

Adult: \$2,000 includes grave opening and closure

Child: \$1,000 includes grave opening and closure

Traditional Service: - 0 -

Cremation Service: - 0 -

Outside Container: - 0 -

Cemetery and Interment: - 0 -

Transportation/ Mileage: Pay at funeral home rate

Merchandise: - 0 -

Other: - 0

CLARK COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials:

Traditional Service: \$3,000.00

Cremation Service: \$2,850.00 cremation with traditional visitation and funeral

\$2,150.00 cremation with memorial service only

Outside Container: - 0 -

Cemetery and Interment: - 0 -

Transportation/ Mileage: - 0 -

Merchandise: - 0 -

Other: - 0 -

CLAY COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$1,900.00 flat fee

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container: - 0 -

Cemetery and Interment: - 0 -

Transportation/ Mileage: - 0 -

Merchandise: - 0 -

Other: - 0 -

CODINGTON COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials:

Traditional Service: \$3,952.00

Cremation Service: \$2,575.00

Outside Container: Included in the cost of service

Cemetery and Interment: \$565.00

Transportation/ Mileage: Included in the cost of service

Merchandise: Included in the cost of service

Other: Included in the cost of service

CORSON COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$1,100.00 flat fee

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container: - 0 -

Cemetery and Interment: - 0 -

Transportation/ Mileage: - 0 -

Merchandise: - 0 -

Other: - 0 -

CUSTER COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$2,000 maximum for funeral and burial/cremation costs

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container: - 0 -

Cemetery and Interment: - 0 -

Transportation/ Mileage: - 0 -

Merchandise: - 0 -

Other: - 0 -

DAVISON COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$2,500.00 flat fee for traditional burial or cremation

Traditional Service: \$2,500.00 flat fee

Cremation Service: \$2,500.00 flat fee

Outside Container: - 0 -

Cemetery and Interment: - 0 -

Transportation/ Mileage: - 0 -

Merchandise: - 0 -

Other: - 0 -

DAY COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials:

Traditional Service: \$3,000.00

Cremation Service: \$2,000.00 including urn and services / \$1,500 without services

Outside Container: Invoice cost

Cemetery and Interment: - 0 -

Transportation/ Mileage: \$400.00

Merchandise: - 0 -

Other: Opening and closing of grave/burial lot \$550. Other services paid to other providers when death occurs out of area and other funeral homes have to do removal and prep services \$800.00

DEUEL COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$2,350 for adult or child

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container: All burials include vault

Cemetery and Interment: \$250 grave digging

Transportation/ Mileage: Mileage .37 cents per mile

Merchandise: - 0 -

Other: - 0 -

DEWEY COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: Not to exceed \$2,000.00

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage:

Merchandise:

Other:

DOUGLAS COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$1,500 for service, outside container and casket (less benefits i.e.: Veterans, Social Security, etc.)

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service: \$1,500.00 for cremation in lieu of burial plus mileage

Outside Container: Included

Cemetery and Interment: Cemetery space and grave digging actual cost

Transportation/Mileage: Established rate for mileage, outside of county

Merchandise:

Other: Marker, actual cost not to exceed \$200. Deceased indigent must have been a legal resident of Douglas County. Rates apply to resident indigent buried in Douglas or adjoining counties.

EDMUNDS COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials:

Traditional Service: \$2,000.00

Cremation Service: \$1,200.00

Outside Container: included in above

Cemetery and Interment: included in above

Transportation/ Mileage: included in above

Merchandise: included in above

Other: none

FALL RIVER COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$1,900.00 total cost

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage:

Merchandise:

Other:

FAULK COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: Adult and children with full service \$1,200.00. Infant to 3 years old with full service \$750.00. Baby still born to 2 months with full service \$225.00

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage:

Merchandise:

Other: These fees do not include grave liner nor opening and closing the grave.

GRANT COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials:

Traditional Service: \$3,100.00

Cremation Service:

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment: Cost of opening and closing grave

Transportation/ Mileage:

Merchandise:

Other:

GREGORY COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$2,250.00

Traditional Service: \$2,250.00

Cremation Service: up to \$2,250.00

Outside Container: N/A

Cemetery and Interment: N/A

Transportation/ Mileage: state mileage rate of .42 cents per mile

Merchandise: N/A

Other: N/A

HAAKON COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$1,880.00

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container: Actual cost

Cemetery and Interment: May be buried at no cost in portion of cemetery at Philip that is set aside for indigent burials.

Transportation/ Mileage: .75 cents per mile within 100 miles of Philip one-way

Merchandise:

Other:

HAMLIN COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials:

Adult: \$1,500 complete burial or cremation

Child: \$850 complete burial or cremation for child (up to age 5)

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage:

Merchandise:

Other:

HAND COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$2,000.00 plus \$250.00 maximum for burial fees

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage:

Merchandise:

Other: \$150 for storage, and coroner fee is set at \$58 as designated in SDCL 7-14-1.

HANSON COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials:

Traditional Service: Max payment of \$2,500.00

Cremation Service:

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage:

Merchandise:

Other:

HARDING COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$3,000

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage:

Merchandise:

Other:

HUGHES COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$2,000

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage: No

Merchandise: No

Other: Hughes County pays a flat \$2,000 for a burial to be used by the funeral home as needed. But we don't pay mileage.

HUTCHINSON COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$1,750.00 per county burial or cremation service

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage:

Merchandise:

Other:

HYDE COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$1,500.00 maximum fee

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage:

Merchandise:

Other:

JACKSON COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$2,300.00 maximum per burial

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage:

Merchandise:

Other:

JERAULD COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$1,600.00 for complete burial and vault

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage: \$0.75 per mile after 50 miles not to exceed 200 miles

Merchandise:

Other: Grave digging and oversize extra

JONES COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$1,500.00

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage:

Merchandise:

Other:

KINGSBURY COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$2,000

Traditional Service: N/A

Cremation Service: N/A

Outside Container: N/A

Cemetery and Interment: N/A

Transportation/ Mileage: N/A

Merchandise: N/A

Other: N/A

LAKE COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$2,650.00

Traditional Service: \$2,250 + \$400 max for open & close grave/liner/mileage

Cremation Service: \$1,500 + \$400 max for open & close grave/liner/mileage

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage:

Merchandise: None

Other: None

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials:

Traditional Service: \$2,210 standard funeral including casket, burial (including vault); \$1,760 standard funeral including casket, burial and no vault needed.

Cremation Service: \$1,170 cremation/funeral

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment: Opening and closing (standard funeral): \$300 Spearfish area, and \$400 Lead/Deadwood area. Opening and closing \$50 for cremation. Opening and closing Winter differential add \$50.

Transportation/Mileage: Reimbursed at State mileage rates

Merchandise:

Other: Before any reimbursement is made, the following criteria and guidelines must be met:

- 1) The county must receive notification of the death as soon as possible. The funeral director may do this by telephone to the Commissioners Assistant or the Chairperson of the Lawrence County Commissioners.
 - 2) All paperwork, including the application for assistance, must be completed by the nearest relative/representative or the funeral director. The county will then make a final determination of indigency or eligibility.
 - 3) The county shall not supplement any of these costs of the funeral service or be obligated for any more than set out above. When the decedent has a death benefit paid to a survivor, the charges to the county shall be adjusted by that amount. It is the survivor's responsibility to reimburse the funeral home for that amount.
 - 4) In determining eligibility for assistance, the ability of the surviving family members to pay the burial costs may be the determinant for county assistance rather than the indigency of the deceased.
 - 5) Each year a letter will be sent by the Commissioners Assistant notifying each funeral home in Lawrence County that such rates will be up for review.
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LINCOLN COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: At cost, up to \$2,500

Traditional Service: At cost, up to \$2,500

Cremation Service: At cost, up to \$2,500

Outside Container: must be included in cost

Cemetery and Interment: must be included in cost or at family's expense

Transportation/ Mileage: must be included in cost

Merchandise: at family's expense

Other: N/A

LYMAN COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$2,475.00 plus lot cost

Traditional Service: \$2,000 plus actual opening & closing cost (not to exceed \$475) and lot cost

Cremation Service: \$2,000 plus actual opening & closing cost and lot cost (not to exceed \$375) local mileage included

Outside Container: N/A

Cemetery and Interment: actual lot cost

Transportation/ Mileage: included

Merchandise: N/A

Other: N/A

MARSHALL COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$2,750 plus grave liner and opening and closing

Traditional Service: \$2,750

Cremation Service: \$2,000

Outside Container: invoice amount

Cemetery and Interment: invoice amount

Transportation/ Mileage: none

Merchandise: none

Other: none

McCOOK COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$2,000 flat rate

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage:

Merchandise:

Other:

McPHERSON COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials:

Traditional Service: Adult \$1,800 (flat fee) and Child \$1,000 (flat fee)

Cremation Service: \$900.00 (flat fee)

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage:

Merchandise:

Other:

MEADE COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$2,000 (traditional) and \$975 (cremation)

Traditional Service: \$1,500 + \$500 (vault) = \$2,000.00

Cremation Service: \$975.00

Outside Container: N/A

Cemetery and Interment: N/A

Transportation/ Mileage: N/A

Merchandise: N/A

Other: None

MELLETTTE COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$1,000

Traditional Service: \$1,000

Cremation Service: \$1,000

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage:

Merchandise:

Other:

MINER COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$2,250.00 maximum

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage:

Merchandise:

Other:

MINNEHAHA COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials:

Traditional Service: \$3,000

Cremation Service: \$2,000

Outside Container: included in allowance above

Cemetery and Interment: MC does not pay these as MC owns a County cemetery and individuals can be placed there in lieu of a personal plot.

Transportation/ Mileage: included in allowance above for transportation within MC. MC does not pay for transportation outside MC.

Merchandise: included in allowance above

Other: \$750 for child (under 5 feet) covers both cremation and traditional service.

MOODY COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials:

Traditional Service: \$2,850 maximum. The County burial provides for full service which includes: professional services/facilities and equipment, embalming and other preparation, funeral service and visitation, funeral coach and transfer to funeral home, casket (cloth) and grave liner.

Cremation Service: \$1,800 maximum (\$1,500 cremation process & \$300 for memorial service). Direct cremation includes: professional services/facilities and equipment, funeral coach, transfer to funeral home and to cemetery.

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment: cemetery lot and grave opening/closing at cost

Transportation/ Mileage: \$1.75 per mile (loaded) beyond 25 miles

Merchandise: None

Other: None

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY *(formerly Shannon County)*

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$1,000.00 total cost

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage:

Merchandise:

Other:

PENNINGTON COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: varies – see below

Traditional Service: \$1,700.00

Cremation Service: \$1,910.00

Outside Container: \$400.00

Cemetery and Interment: varies between cemeteries and traditional vs. cremation

Transportation/ Mileage: excess of 25 miles round trip from funeral home at a rate of \$1.00 per mile

Merchandise: N/A

Other: N/A

PERKINS COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$1,525.00

Traditional Service: \$1,525.00

Cremation Service: \$1,525.00

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage:

Merchandise:

Other:

POTTER COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials:

Traditional Service: \$1,250.00

Cremation Service:

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage:

Merchandise:

Other:

ROBERTS COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials:

Traditional Service: \$3,600 for services, casket and grave box paid to the funeral home

Cremation Service: If a cremation, we pay much less.

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment: \$500 for opening and closing of grave directly to grave digger

Transportation/ Mileage:

Merchandise:

Other:

SANBORN COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials:

Traditional Service: \$2,400.00

Cremation Service: \$2,400.00

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage: .75 cents per mile within state

Merchandise:

Other:

SHANNON COUNTY (*see Oglala Lakota County*)

SPINK COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials:

Traditional Service: \$1,750.00

Cremation Service: \$1,750.00

Outside Container: \$700.00

Cemetery and Interment: Included in the \$1,750.00

Transportation/ Mileage: .42 cents per mile

Merchandise:

Other:

STANLEY COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$1,000 until December 31, 2018 and then increase to \$2,000 in 2019

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage:

Merchandise:

Other: When the County has a request, we contact the funeral home and they take care of everything within the specified dollar amount.

SULLY COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials:

Traditional Service: \$3,000.00

Cremation Service: \$2,000.00

Outside Container: - 0 -

Cemetery and Interment: - 0 -

Transportation/ Mileage: - 0 -

Merchandise: - 0 -

Other: N/A

TODD COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$1,750.00

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage:

Merchandise:

Other:

TRIPP COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$1,750.00

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage:

Merchandise:

Other:

TURNER COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials:

Traditional Service: Adult Burial \$2,500.00, Child Burial 3-5 years of age \$1,400.00, 2 years of age & under \$900.00

Cremation Service: \$1,500

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment: \$300.00 maximum for opening & closing fees

Transportation/ Mileage: mileage for transportation of deceased to be reimbursed at the state rate if traveling outside the county & to reimburse funeral directors outside the county the county rate in which the burial takes place but not to exceed Turner County's burial fees.

Merchandise:

Other: Coroner fees \$100.00

UNION COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$2,000.00 flat fee

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container:

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage: \$2.00 per mile

Merchandise:

Other: sometimes we pay \$75.00 for a disaster bag for transport

WALWORTH COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$2,500 maximum dollar amount for merchandise & services rendered for county burial

Traditional Service:

Cremation Service:

Outside Container: at cost when required and applicable invoice is provided

Cemetery and Interment:

Transportation/ Mileage:

Merchandise:

Other:

YANKTON COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$1,250 flat fee

Traditional Service: No

Cremation Service: No

Outside Container: No

Cemetery and Interment: No

Transportation/ Mileage: No

Merchandise: No

Other: N/A

ZIEBACH COUNTY

Maximum dollar amount for indigent burials: \$2,000.00

Traditional Service: \$1,600.00

Cremation Service: \$1,600.00

Outside Container: No

Cemetery and Interment: No

Transportation/ Mileage: Mileage allowed, total not to exceed \$2,000 maximum amount.

Merchandise: No

Other: N/A

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