

County Funding Provided for Pauper Funerals and Indigent Medication Assistance for Life Threatening Illness

County	Pauper Funeral Funding	Program Comments	Indigent Medication Assistance Funding
Aiken	\$2,750 annual budget	Funds are allocated to coroners office for pauper burials. Use and guidelines for funds are up to the coroner.	Funding not provided by county
Beaufort	Funding not provided by county		Funding not provided by county
Berkeley	Funding not provided by county		Funding not provided by county
Charleston	Funding not provided by county		Funding not provided by county
Colleton	Funding not provided by county		Funding not provided by county
Dorchester	\$400-\$500 per indigent cremation	Cremation cost is paid by the county if no one claims the body or the family can't afford funeral expense. Cremated remains are stored at the coroners office.	Funding not provided by county
Florence	\$200 per indigent burial	An affidavit is required from the funeral home, which is signed by councilperson. Total FY06 budget is \$6,000.	Funding not provided by county
Greenwood	Funding not provided by county		Funding not provided by county
Laurens	\$150 per indigent burial	The funeral home is requested to provide verification of the deceased's indigent status. County sometimes provides burial space at no charge on a tract of county-owned land set aside for this purpose. The County Administrator is responsible for administering	Funding not provided by county
Orangeburg	\$125 per indigent burial	A copy of the death certificate from DSS verifying indigent status is used as qualifier for payment assistance. On average, county receives 3-4 requests per year. Payments are made directly to the funeral home.	Funding not provided by county
York	\$200 per indigent funeral. \$1,000 per unclaimed body cremation	County sometimes pays DSS \$200 for pauper funerals. From time to time, county has unclaimed bodies and the Coroner's office requests \$1,000 for cremation expense.	Funding not provided by county

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