



### **BEAR RIVER FUNERAL ASSISTANCE POLICY**

The purpose of this policy is to outline the rules associated with support for Tribal Member Burials and/or Memorial Services. Funeral Assistance is to assist families of a deceased enrolled members of the Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria in paying funeral expenses.

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

Funeral Assistance payments shall only be made payable to third party vendors requested by the individual responsible for making the funeral arrangements. The program will disburse funds to the funeral home or other applicable vendors for services provided and costs incurred (up to the maximum, described below) upon submission of the following:

- Verified, itemized invoices
- Verification of enrollment
- A certified copy of the death certificate

A Service Request Form for assistance must be filed with Bear River Social Services in advance of the Services and/or burial.

#### **LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE-BENEFIT:**

Financial assistance for deceased Bear River Tribal Members are as follows:

- Adult or Child Funeral - up to \$7,500.00
- Born Infant funeral - up to \$2,500.00 - brought into existence by birth.
- Unborn Infant funeral - up to \$1,500.00 - examples: stillborn/natural causes.
- Head Stones for Members already passed prior to enactment of this policy and practice - up to \$500.00.

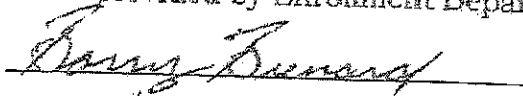
The benefit levels are the maximum for all costs associated with the Services.

**LIMITATIONS:**

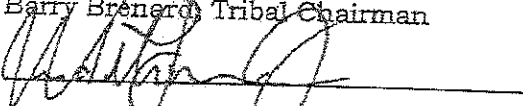
- Only one individual shall be eligible to submit an application and shall be the individual responsible for making the funeral arrangements. The responsible individual shall be responsible for the funeral home costs over and above the benefit amounts.
- Funeral benefit resources under the limits outlined herein may be applied to the costs of receptions associated with memorial services and funerals, including food and catering services; however, costs associated with alcoholic beverages for such events are not allowed under the Funeral Assistance Policy.

**VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- Proof of death through the provision of a death certificate, obituary or letter from the selected funeral home.
- Written proof of funeral home expenses shall be provided by the funeral home or other vendor providing services to the Bear River Finance Department.
- Born Infant and Unborn Infant verification of tribal eligibility must be provided by Enrollment Department



Barry Brenard, Tribal Chairman



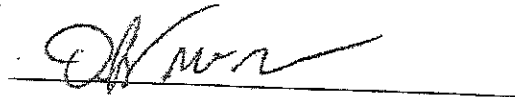
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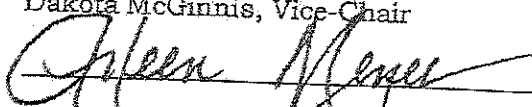
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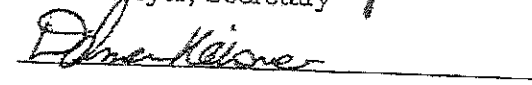
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