



## **BEAR RIVER FUNERAL ASSISTANCE POLICY**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

The Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria recognizes the financial needs of adult Tribal members in need of support for Tribal Member burials and/or memorial services.

### **II. DEFINITIONS**

Reserved

### **III. LEGAL OBLIGATION**

The tribal member who is requesting to utilize this policy must provide the following information:

- Verified, itemized invoices- Written proof of funeral home expenses shall be provided by the funeral home or other vendor providing services to the Bear River Benefits Department.
- Verification of enrollment for deceased Tribal Members (Not required for passing of infant who was eligible for enrollment). Born and Unborn Infants verification shall consist of Enrollment Departments' verification of tribal enrollment eligibility.
  - Proof of death through the provision of a death certificate, obituary or letter from the selected funeral home.
- Completed Tribal Benefits Application (in advance of the services/burial).

### **IV. LIMITS**

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

- Adult or Child Funeral – Up to \$8,500.00.
- Born Infant Funeral – Up to \$3,000.00 – example; brought into existence by birth.
- Unborn Infant Funeral – Up to \$2,000.00 – examples; stillborn/natural causes/medically necessary. Tribal Members who must access this policy under this covered line item are eligible to utilize these funds for travel expenses that are medically necessary.
- Head Stones for Tribal Members who have already passed prior to the enactment of this policy – Up to \$750.00

Additional limitations are as follows:

- Only one application for services shall be accepted per Tribal Member passing.
- Funeral expenses under the limits outlined herein may be applied to the costs of receptions associated with memorial services and funerals, including food and catering services. Costs associated with alcoholic beverages for such events shall not be permitted.

The benefit amounts are the maximum for all costs associated with services.

## **V. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

The Tribal Member requesting use of this policy must submit a request to the Bear River Benefits Department in advance of the services and/or burial. Payments will be made to a third party vendor. Funds will be disbursed to the funeral home or other applicable vendors for services provided and costs incurred (up to the maximum, described in Section IV. Limits).

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### **\*C\*E\*R\*T\*I\*F\*I\*C\*A\*T\*I\*O\*N\***

This is to certify that the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria Tribal Council duly assembled in Loleta, CA and adopted the foregoing document on October 28, 2025 by a vote of **6** For, **0** Against, **1** Abstentions and **1** Absent.

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