

## FUNERAL DONATION POLICY

This policy was approved by the Red Cliff Tribal Council at their June 24, 2003 Council meeting and revised at the December 7, 2020 Council Meeting.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to have guidelines for donations to assist Tribal Members/Employees with the cost of funerals.

### **Amount**

The amount to be donated to qualified Tribal Members/Employees may be an amount approved by Executive Council up to \$500.00. It is the responsibility of the family of the deceased to show there is a need and to provide the proper documentation, to include written request or an email **directly from the family** to Front Desk Receptionist, [Julie.gordon@redcliff-nsn.gov](mailto:Julie.gordon@redcliff-nsn.gov). An obituary, or a bill from the funeral home showing a balance owed, etc.

At no time will any other assistance be given, to include, but is not limited to; food, rooms, gas, bills, etc.

### **Qualifications**

To qualify for a funeral donation the following must occur.

- The deceased must be a member of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. Or
- The deceased is not a Tribal Member but is an employee of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, which includes Legendary Waters and the Red Cliff Housing Authority.
- The deceased must be living on or near the Red Cliff Reservation. Exception is for Tribal Employees.
- If the deceased is a Tribal Member who is not living on or near the Red Cliff Reservation, a funeral donation may be made at the discretion of Executive Council.
- If the deceased is a non-Tribal Member living on or near the Red Cliff Reservation, a funeral donation may be made at the discretion of Executive Council.

Once the request is made, it will be approved or denied by Executive Council, if approved payment will then be sent directly to the funeral home. Each request is handled on a case by case basis and based on available funds. This is not an entitlement and is at the discretion of Executive Council.