[For use when adopting updated appendices only without amending the body of an existing GA ordinance]

MUNICIPALITY OF Durham GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE

Pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 4305(1), the municipal office	rs of the Municipality of
Oucham , after notice and hearing	ng, hereby amend the municipal General
Assistance Ordinance by repealing and replacing app	endices A through G of the existing
ordinance with the attached appendices A through G,	which shall be in effect from October 1,
202 <u>5</u> through September 30, 202 <u>6</u> . This amendme	ent will be filed with the Maine Department o
Health & Human Services (DHHS) pursuant to 22 M.F	R.S. § 4305(4), and a copy of the ordinance
and amended appendices shall be available for public	inspection at the municipal office along
with a copy of the 22 M.R.S. chapter 1161.	
Signed this 14th day of October, 202	5, by the municipal officers:
(Print Name)	(Signature)
Joshua Klein-Golden	77
(Print Name)	(Signature)
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(Print Name)	(Signature)
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(Print Name)	(Signature)
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General Assistance Maximums Reference Sheet - Lewiston/Auburn MSA

SFY 2026: Oct 1, 2025 - Sept 30, 2026

	OVERA	LL MAXIMU	MS (A)	
	Perso	ns in House	hold	
1	2	3	4	5
\$988	\$1,093	\$1,395	\$1,829	\$2,030
	Hous	ehold of 6 =	\$2,105	

	HOUS	ING MAXIM	UMS (C)	
	Un	Unheated		ated
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	\$196	\$844	\$225	\$967
1	\$212	\$911	\$249	\$1,070
2	\$271	\$1,164	\$318	\$1,368
3	\$361	\$1,551	\$418	\$1,798
4	\$394	\$1,695	\$464	\$1,994
Reco	overy Resi	dence	\$186.75	\$802.50
	26+ room	S	\$130.73	\$561.75

FOO	D MAXIMU	MS (B)
Persons	ersons Weekly	
1	\$69.30	\$298
2	\$126.98	\$546
3	\$182.56	\$785
4	\$231.16	\$994
5	\$275.12	\$1,183
6	\$330.47	\$1,421
7	\$365.35	\$1,571
8	\$416.05	\$1,789

Note: For each additional person add \$218 per month.

		ELEC.	TRIC (D)
Witho	ithout electric heat/hot water		
# in HH	Weekly	Monthly	# in i
1	\$19.95	\$85,50	1
2	\$22.52	\$96.50	2
3	\$24.97	\$107.00	3
4	\$27.53	\$118.00	4
5	\$29.88	\$128.50	5
6	\$32.55	\$139.50	6
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For each additional person, add \$10.50/mo

NOTE: For an electrically heated dwelling also see
"Heating Fuel" maximums below. But remember, an
applicant is not automatically entitled to the
"maximums" established applicants must demonstrate
need. 1) Electricity Maximums for Households Without
Electric Hot Water: The maximum amounts allowed for
utilities, for lights, cooking and other electric uses
excluding electric hot water and heat:

WITH	d electric heat/h	ot water
# in HH	Weekly	Monthly
1	\$29.63	\$127.00
2	\$34.07	\$146.00
3	\$39.67	\$170.00
4	\$46.32	\$198.50
5	\$55.65	\$238.50
6	\$58.68	\$251.50

For each additional person, add \$14.50/mo

 Electricity Maximums for Households with Electrically Heated Hot Water: The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, hot water, for lights, cooking and other electric uses excluding heat:

HEATING FUEL (E)		
Month	Gallons	
January	225	
February	225	
March	125	
April	125	
May	50	
June - August	0	
September	50	
October	100	
November	200	
December	200	

NOTE: When the dwelling unit is heated electrically, the maximum amount allowed for heating purposes will be calculated by multiplying the number of gallons of fuel allowed for that month by the current price per gallon. When fuels such as wood, coal and/or natural gas are used for heating purposes, they will be budgeted at actual rates, if they are reasonable. No eligible applicant shall be considered to need more than 7 tons of coal per year, 8 cords of wood per year, 126,000 cubic feet of natural gas per year, or 1000 gallons of propane.

	FUNERAL MAXIMUMS (H)	
Burial	\$1,620	
Additional	costs that may be allowed:	
* A cremat	tion lot in the least expensive section of the	e
cemtary.		
* Urn, not	to exceed \$55.	

* Transportation costs at a reasonable rate per mile.

Cremation \$1,125

Additional costs that may be allowed:

- * Wholesale cost of cement liner, if required.
- * Opening and closing of gravesite.
- * A lot in the least expensive section of the cemetary unless they can provide a lot in a municipally owned cemetary.

	IAL CARE & HC SUPPLIES (F	
# in HH	Weekly	Monthly
1-2	\$10.50	\$45.00
3-4	\$11.60	\$50.00
5-6	\$12.80	\$55.00
7-8	\$14.00	\$60.00

For each additional person add \$1.25/wk or \$1 per month

Mileage Rate (G)	\$.54 per mile
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SUPPLEMENTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 5 (F)				
# of Children	Weekly	Monthly		
1	\$12.80	\$55.00		
2	\$17.40	\$75.00		
3	\$23.30	\$100.00		
4	\$27.90	\$120.00		

When an applicant can verify expenditures for the following Items, a special supplement will be budgeted as necessary for households with children under 5 years of age for items such as cloth or disposable diapers, laundry powder, oil, & shampoo, up to the following amounts:

GA Hotline: 1-800-442-6003, option 2 then 1

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2025-2026 GA Housing Maximums Recovery Residences

The following Recovery Residence maximums are in effect from 10/1/2025- 9/30/2026

Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas	25 Beds or less		26+ Beds	
Area	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
Aroostook County	\$147.00	\$633.00	\$102.90	\$443.10
Franklin County	\$158.25	\$681.75	\$110.78	\$477.23
Hancock County	\$195.00	\$838.50	\$136.50	\$586.95
Kennebec County	\$168.75	\$726.00	\$118.13	\$508.20
Knox County	\$168.00	\$723.00	\$117.60	\$506.10
Lincoln County	\$207.75	\$892.50	\$145.43	\$624.75
Oxford County	\$160.50	\$689.25	\$112.35	\$482.48
Piscataquis County	\$159.75	\$687.00	\$111.83	\$480.90
Somerset County	\$171.00	\$734.25	\$119.70	\$513.98
Waldo County	\$192.00	\$825.00	\$134.40	\$577.50
Washington County	\$148.50	\$639.00	\$103.95	\$447.30

Metropolitan FMR Areas	25 Bed	s or less	26+ Beds	
Area	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
Bangor HMFA	\$210.00	\$901.50	\$147.00	\$631.05
Cumberland Cty. HMFA	\$251.25	\$1,080.00	\$175.88	\$756.00
Lewiston/Auburn MSA	\$186.75	\$802.50	\$130.73	\$561.75
Penobscot Cty. HMFA	\$165.00	\$708.75	\$115.50	\$496.13
Portland HMFA	\$296.25	\$1,273.50	\$207.38	\$891.45
Sagadahoc Cty. HMFA	\$219.75	\$946.50	\$153.83	\$662.55
York Cty. HMFA	\$247.50	\$1,065.00	\$173.25	\$745.50
York/Kittery/S. Berwick HMFA	\$289.50	\$1,243.50	\$202.65	\$870.45

These rates were calculated according to CMR 10-144, Ch. 323, Section V which requires:

- A. Recovery Residences are 75% of 1 BR heated rate.
- B. Recovery Residences with 26 or more BR are 70% of the <26 RR rate(A).

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2025-2026 GA Overall Maximums

Metropolitan Areas

Persons in Household

	Per	sons in Ho	ousenoia		200
COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
Bangor HMFA: Bangor, Brewer, Eddington, Glenburn, Hampden, Hermon, Holden, Kenduskeag, Milford, Old Town, Orono, Orrington, Penobscot Indian Island Reservation, Veazie	1,137	1,225	1,566	2,008	2,401
Cumberland County HMFA: Baldwin, Bridgton, Brunswick, Harpswell, Harrison, Naples, New Gloucester, Pownal, Sebago	1,317	1,463	1,920	2,410	2,934
Lewiston/Auburn MSA: Auburn, Durham, Greene, Leeds, Lewiston, Lisbon, Livermore, Livermore Falls, Mechanic Falls, Minot, Poland, Sabattus, Turner, Wales	988	1,093	1,395	1,829	2,030
Penobscot County HMFA: Alton, Argyle UT, Bradford, Bradley, Burlington, Carmel, Carroll plantation, Charleston, Chester, Clifton, Corinna, Corinth, Dexter, Dixmont, Drew plantation, East Central Penobscot UT, East Millinocket, Edinburg, Enfield, Etna, Exeter, Garland, Greenbush, Howland, Hudson, Kingman UT, Lagrange, Lakeville, Lee, Levant, Lincoln, Lowell town, Mattawamkeag, Maxfield, Medway, Millinocket, Mount Chase, Newburgh Newport, North Penobscot UT, Passadumkeag, Patten, Plymouth, Prentiss UT, Seboeis plantation, Springfield, Stacyville, Stetson, Twombly UT, Webster plantation, Whitney UT, Winn, Woodville	923	968	1,271	1,601	1,895
Portland HMFA: Cape Elizabeth, Casco, Chebeague Island, Cumberland, Falmouth, Freeport, Frye Island, Gorham, Gray, Long Island, North Yarmouth, Portland, Raymond, Scarborough, South Portland, Standish, Westbrook, Windham, Yarmouth; Buxton, Hollis, Limington, Old Orchard Beach	1,517	1,721	2,212	2,798	3,429
Sagadahoc HMFA: Arrowsic, Bath, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Georgetown, Perkins UT, Phippsburg, Richmond, Topsham, West Bath, Woolwich	1,141	1,285	1,579	2,212	2,651

COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
York County HMFA: Acton, Alfred, Arundel, Biddeford, Cornish, Dayton, Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Lebanon, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, North Berwick, Ogunquit, Parsonsfield, Saco, Sanford, Shapleigh, Waterboro, Wells	1,278	1,443	1,778	2,347	2,586
York/Kittery/S.Berwick HMFA: Berwick, Eliot, Kittery, South Berwick, York	1,487	1,681	2,168	2,807	3,641

^{*}Note: Add \$75 for each additional person.

Non-Metropolitan Areas

Persons in Household

COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5*
Aroostook County	803	871	1,085	1,486	1,569
Franklin County	842	936	1,228	1,621	1,816
Hancock County	1,139	1,140	1,349	1,787	1,791
Kennebec County	985	991	1,276	1,599	1,913
Knox County	972	987	1,200	1,597	1,780
Lincoln County	1,190	1,213	1,375	1,807	2,217
Oxford County	937	942	1,223	1,623	2,024
Piscataquis County	848	943	1,236	1,489	1,738
Somerset County	932	1,002	1,177	1,532	1,661
Waldo County	1,117	1,123	1,347	1,734	2,284
Washington County	871	875	1,136	1,582	1,695

^{*} Please Note: Add \$75 for each additional person.

Appendix B Effective: 10/01/25 to 09/30/26

2025-2026 Food Maximums

Please Note: The maximum amounts allowed for food are established in accordance with the U.S.D.A. Thrifty Food Plan. As of October 1, 2025, those amounts are:

Number in Household	Weekly Maximum	Monthly Maximum
1	69.30	298.00
2	126.98	546.00
3	182.56	785.00
4	231.16	994.00
5	275.12	1,183.00
6	330.47	1,421.00
7	365.35	1,571.00
8	416.05	1,789.00

Note: For each additional person add \$218 per month.

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2025-2026 GA Housing Maximums (Heated & Unheated Rents)

NOTE: NOT ALL MUNICIPALITIES SHOULD ADOPT THESE SUGGESTED HOUSING MAXIMUMS! ONLY consider adopting the following numbers if these figures are consistent with local rent values. If not, a market survey should be conducted, and the figures altered accordingly. The results of any such survey must be presented to DHHS prior to adoption. Or, no housing maximums should be adopted and eligibility should be analyzed in terms of the Overall Maximum—Appendix A. (See Instruction Memo for further guidance.)

Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

Aroostook County	Unhe	ated	He	ated
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	149	640	181	779
	155	667	196	844
2	192	826	245	1,054
3	273	1,174	338	1,451
4	278	1,196	356	1,529
Franklin County	Unheated		He	ated
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	158	679	190	818
	170	732	211	909
2	225	969	278	1,197
3	304	1,309	369	1,586
4	336	1,443	413	1,776
Hancock County	Unhe	heated Heated		ated
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	231	995	260	1,118
	231	995	260	1,118
2	260	1,118	307	1,322
3	351	1,509	408	1,756
4	351	1,509	408	1,756
Kennebec County	Unhe	ated	Hea	ited
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	196	841	224	964
1	196	841	225	968
2	243	1,045	291	1,249
3	307	1,321	365	1,568
4	367	1,578	437	1,877

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Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

Knox County	Unhe	ated	He	ated
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	192	828	221	951
1	192	828	224	964
2	225	969	273	1,173
3	307	1,319	364	1,566
4	336	1,445	406	1,744
Lincoln County	Unhe	ated	He	ated
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	243	1,046	272	1,169
	243	1,046	277	1,190
2	266	1,144	314	1,348
3	356	1,529	413	1,776
4	438	1,882	507	2,181
Oxford County	Unheated		Heated	
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	184	793	213	916
	184	793	214	919
2	231	992	278	1,196
3	313	1,345	370	1,592
4	393	1,689	462	1,988
Piscataquis County	Unhe	ated	Hea	ited
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	159	685	192	824
	172	739	213	916
2	227	977	280	1,205
3	274	1,177	338	1,454
4	317	1,365	395	1,698
Somerset County	Unhea	ated	Hea	ited
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	183	788	212	911
	191	820	228	979
2	220	946	267	1,150
3	292	1,254	349	1,501
4	308	1,326	378	1,625

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Non-Metropolitan FMR Areas

Waldo County	Unhe	ated	He	ated
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	226	973	255	1,096
	226	973	256	1,100
2	260	1,116	307	1,320
3	339	1,456	396	1,703
4	453	1,949	523	2,248
Washington County	Unhe	ated	He	ated
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	169	727	198	850
i	169	727	198	852
2	210	905	258	1,109
3	303	1,305	361	1,551
4	316	1,360	386	1,659

Metropolitan FMR Areas

Bangor HMFA	Unhe	ated	Hea	ited
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	231	993	260	1,116
	243	1,043	280	1,202
2	310	1,335	358	1,539
3	402	1,730	460	1,977
4	481	2,066	550	2,365
Cumberland Cty. HMFA	<u>Unheated</u>		Hea	<u>ited</u>
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	273	1,173	301	1,296
	298	1,281	335	1,440
2	393	1,689	440	1,893
3	496	2,132	553	2,379
4	604	2,599	674	2,898
Lewiston/Auburn MSA	Unhe	ated	Hea	ted
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0	196	844	225	967
	212	911	249	1,070
2	271	1,164	318	1,368
3	361	1,551	418	1,798
4	394	1,695	464	1,994

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Metropolitan FMR Areas

Penobscot Cty. HMFA	Unh	eated	He	<u>Heated</u>		
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly		
0	181	779	210	902		
	183	786	220	945		
2	242	1,040	289	1,244		
3	308	1,323	365	1,570		
4	363	1,560	432	1,859		
Portland HMFA	Unh	eated	He	ated		
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly		
0	319	1,373	348	1,496		
	358	1,539	395	1,698		
2	461	1,981	508	2,185		
3	586	2,520	644	2,767		
4	720	3,094	789	3,393		
Sagadahoc Cty. HMFA	Unheated		He	ated		
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly		
0	232	997	261	1,120		
	256	1,103	293	1,262		
2	313	1,348	361	1,552		
3	450	1,934	507	2,181		
4	539	2,316	608	2,615		
York Cty. HMFA	Unh	eated	Heated			
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly		
0	264	1,134	292	1,257		
	293	1,261	330	1,420		
2	360	1,547	407	1,751		
3	481	2,069	539	2,316		
4	524	2,251	593	2,550		
York/Kittery/S. Berwick HMFA	Unho	eated	Hea	ited		
Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly		
0	312	1,343	341	1,466		
	349	1,499	386	1,658		
2	450	1,937	498	2,141		
3	588	2,529	646	2,776		
4	769	3,306	838	3,605		

2025-2026 GA MAXIMUMS SUMMARY SHEET

Note: The overall maximums found in Appendices A, B, C, D, E, and F are effective from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026.

APPENDIX A - OVERALL MAXIMUMS

County			Persons in	Household		
	1	2	3	4	5	6
NOTE: For each add	Alexander de la companya de la comp	- 11 076	mestivaceo musta un			

APPENDIX B - FOOD MAXIMUMS

Number in Household	Weekly Maximum	Monthly Maximum
1	\$ 69.30	\$ 298.00
2	126.98	546.00
3	182.56	785.00
4	231.16	994.00
5	275.12	1,183.00
6	330.47	1,421.00
7	365.35	1,517.00
8	416.05	1,789.00

APPENDIX C - HOUSING MAXIMUMS

	<u>Unh</u>	nheated <u>Heated</u>		<u>ated</u>
Number of Bedrooms	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly
0				
1				
2				
3				
4				

APPENDIX D - UTILITIES

ELECTRIC

NOTE: For an electrically heated dwelling also see "Heating Fuel" maximums below. But remember, an applicant is *not automatically* entitled to the "maximums" established—applicants must demonstrate need.

1) Electricity Maximums for Households <u>Without</u> Electric Hot Water: The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, for lights, cooking and other electric uses excluding electric hot water and heat:

Number in Household	<u>Weekly</u>	Monthly
1	\$19.95	\$ 85.50
2	\$22.52	\$ 96.50
3	\$24.97	\$107.00
4	\$27.53	\$118.00
5	\$29.88	\$128.50
6	\$32.55	\$139.50
DTE: For each additional person	add \$10.50 per month.	(1464) 700 (284) 770 (440)

2) Electricity Maximums for Households <u>With</u> Electrically Heated Hot Water: The maximum amounts allowed for utilities, hot water, for lights, cooking and other electric uses excluding heat:

Number in Household	Weekly	Monthly
1	\$29.63	\$127.00
2	\$34.07	\$146.00
3	\$39.67	\$170.00
4	\$46.32	\$198.50
- 5	\$55.65	\$238.50
6	\$58.68	\$251.50
NOTE: For each additional person	add \$14.50 per month.	X

NOTE: For electrically heated households, the maximum amount allowed for electrical utilities per month shall be the sum of the appropriate maximum amount under this subsection and the appropriate maximum for heating fuel as provided below.

APPENDIX E - HEATING FUEL

<u>Month</u>	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Month</u>	Gallons
September	50	January	225
October	100	February	225
November	200	March	125
December	200	April	125
An is the production of the pr	2000 CGCD-200A	May	50

NOTE: When the dwelling unit is heated electrically, the maximum amount allowed for heating purposes will be calculated by multiplying the number of gallons of fuel allowed for that month by the current price per gallon. When fuels such as wood, coal and/or natural gas are used for heating purposes, they will be budgeted at actual rates, if they are reasonable. No eligible applicant shall be considered to need more than 7 tons of coal per year, 8 cords of wood per year, 126,000 cubic feet of natural gas per year, or 1000 gallons of propane.

APPENDIX F - PERSONAL CARE & HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES

Weekly Amount	Monthly Amount
\$10.50	\$45.00
\$11.60	\$50.00
\$12.80	\$55.00
\$14.00	\$60.00
	\$10.50 \$11.60 \$12.80

SUPPLEMENT FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 5

When an applicant can verify expenditures for the following items, a special supplement will be budgeted as necessary for households with children under 5 years of age for items such as cloth or disposable diapers, laundry powder, oil, shampoo, and ointment up to the following amounts:

Number of Children	Weekly Amount	Monthly Amount
1	\$12.80	\$55.00
2	\$17.40	\$75.00
3	\$23.30	\$100.00
4	\$27.90	\$120.00

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2025-2026 Mileage Rate

This municipality adopts the State of Maine travel expense reimbursement rate as set by the Office of the State Comptroller. The current rate for approved employment and necessary medical travel etc. is 54 cents (54ϕ) per mile.

Please refer to the Office of the State Controller for changes to this rate at 626-8420 or visit https://www.maine.gov/osc/travel/mileage-other-info.

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Funeral Maximums

Burial Maximums

The maximum amount of general assistance granted for the purpose of burial is <u>\$1,620</u>. The municipality's obligation to provide funds for burial purposes is limited to a reasonable calculation of the funeral director's direct costs, not to exceed the maximum amounts of assistance described in this section. Allowable burial expenses are limited to:

- removal of the body from a local residence or institution
- a secured death certificate or obituary
- embalming
- a minimum casket
- a reasonable cost for necessary transportation
- other reasonable and necessary specified direct costs, as itemized by the funeral director and approved by the municipal administrator.

Additional costs may be allowed by the GA administrator, where there is an actual cost, for:

- the wholesale cost of a cement liner if the cemetery by-laws require one:
- the opening and closing of the grave site; and
- a lot in the least expensive section of the cemetery. If the municipality
 is able to provide a cemetery lot in a municipally owned cemetery or
 in a cemetery under municipal control, the cost of the cemetery lot in
 any other cemetery will not be paid by the municipality.

Cremation Maximums

The maximum amount of assistance granted for a cremation shall be \$1,125.

The municipality's obligation to provide funds for cremation purposes is limited to a reasonable calculation of the funeral director's direct costs, not to exceed the maximum amounts of assistance described in this section. Allowable cremation expenses are limited to:

- removal and transportation of the body from a local residence or institution
- professional fees
- · crematorium fees
- · a secured death certificate or obituary

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 other reasonable and necessary specified direct costs, as itemized by the funeral director and approved by the municipal administrator.

Additional costs may be allowed by the GA administrator where there is an actual cost, for:

- a cremation lot in the least expensive section of the cemetery
- a reasonable cost for a burial urn not to exceed \$55
- transportation costs borne by the funeral director at a reasonable rate per mile for transporting the remains to and from the cremation facility.