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### Request

Please advise what happens to a deceased person and any remains where their estate cannot pay for any funeral costs and the next of kin or relatives are not willing to either pay for nor even organise a funeral.

### Response

The question of what happens should the next of kin or relatives not be willing to either pay for or organise a funeral will depend on the particular circumstances and is a matter on which legal advice should be sought.

If the deceased is entitled under Jersey Law, the estate will receive the Death Grant and may be able to claim a special payment (see <https://www.gov.je/Benefits/DeathBereavement/Pages/index.aspx>); these payments are to help with the funeral costs. The Executor or Administrator should make funeral arrangements having regard to the deceased's wishes and the estate.

An Executor may be named in the deceased's Will of movable estate.

If there is no Will the duty may fall to a person known as the Administrator. Advice must be sought from the Judicial Greffe as to who should apply for Letters of Administration (see <https://www.gov.je/Government/NonexecLegal/JudicialGreffe/Sections/ProbateRegistry/Pages/index.aspx>)

Where there is no next of kin, the Parish in which the deceased lived may assist to ensure the remains are buried and that the estate is settled.

