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Memorial Grant Program for First Responders



The Memorial Grant Program for First Responders recognizes the service and sacrifice of responders in keeping Canadians safe. Through the program, families of first responders who die as a result of their duties can receive a one-time lump sum, tax-free direct maximum payment of \$300,000.

What are the eligibility criteria for the Memorial Grant?

- The date of death must be on or after **April 1, 2018**.
- The deceased first responder must have been employed or formally engaged to carry out the duties of a **police officer**, **firefighter** or a **paramedic**. This includes all volunteers, auxiliary and reservists.
- The death of the first responder must have been attributable to, and resulting from, the performance of official duties in the following circumstances:
 - a **fatal injury** while actively engaged in the duties of a first responder in Canada;
 - an **occupational illness** primarily resulting from employment as a first responder; or
 - a **psychological impairment** or occupational stress injury (e.g., post-traumatic stress injuries) resulting in suicide.

Who is eligible?

Families of first responders who die as a result of their duties are eligible, based upon the following order of priority:

- the spouse or common law partner; or
- if there is no surviving spouse or common law partner, a surviving child or children divided in equal amounts; or
- if there is no surviving child, a surviving parent or parents divided in equal amounts; or
- if there is no surviving parent, surviving brothers and sisters divided in equal amounts; or
- if there are no surviving brothers and sisters, the deceased's estate.

How to apply for the Memorial Grant?

Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton Consulting Inc. has been contracted by Public Safety Canada to administer the Memorial Grant Program application process.

For detailed information, visit www.memorialgrant.ca.

To reach a trained specialist, please contact:

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Should you have any questions, please feel free to email Public Safety Canada:

ps.memorialgrant-subventioncommemorative.sp@canada.ca or

contact Service Canada toll free at 1-800-622-6232 or TTY at 1-800-926-9105.

What types of information or documents need to be submitted as part of the application?

The Memorial Grant Program is tailored to recognize and respond to the needs of grieving families, with an emphasis on a sensitive, client-service approach. While individual circumstances may vary, most applications will require:

- an application form that identifies the first responder, the applicant and the relationship between them;
- an attestation from the employer organization confirming the duties of the first responder;
- any medical records or reports necessary to confirm the injury/illness and cause of death of the first responder;
- a certified copy of the death certificate; and
- any other documents to support the application, as necessary.

“Your government and your country can't ever thank you enough for what you do in your professional lives, but we hope that you will see the new Memorial Grant as a reflection of respect and appreciation for the bravery, the service, and the sacrifice of all public safety officers.”

- *The Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, during his remarks at the Canadian Police Association Legislative Meeting on April 16, 2018*