## Federal Probation and Pretrial Officers Association Benevolence Fund

The Federal Probation and Pretrial Officers Association (FPPOA) established this memorial fund as a way to honor Federal Probation and Pretrial Officers and to offer assistance to their families who suffer a loss of their loved one. The FPPOA Benevolence Fund was organized with the sole purpose of helping the families of sworn officers of U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services by providing financial relief in the event of an officer's death. Due to the unforeseen expenses resulting from the untimely loss of a law enforcement loved one, the FPPOA benevolence fund was designed to help subsidize these expenses. It is our opinion that this financial assistance is the most needed way of helping the family members during the shocking first days following the death of an officer. The fund is overseen by a board of directors.

## **Benefits**

As a Federal Probation or Pretrial Services Officer, your beneficiary will be entitled to up to \$1,000 that is tax exempt in the event of a death. The payment is made as expeditiously as possible and there are no forms or death certificates needed at the issuance of the payment.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

Immediate family members, a husband or wife, child, brother, sister, parent, in-law, grandparents, or grandchildren of an active full-time Federal Probation or Pretrial Services Officer who was employed for a minimum of one (1) year. The Chief of the respective district of the deceased officer should email one or more members of the FPPOA board to serve as official notification of death and to verify eligibility.

## **Award Limit**

Awards will not exceed \$1,000 per recipient. Awards are based on availability. Given the limited amount of funds, all requests cannot be approved even though there may be a clear need for assistance. This fund may be insufficient in the case of widespread disasters, community crises, or war/terrorism.

The Benevolence Fund was voted on and established by the FPPOA Board in August of 2019 and went into effect on February 24, 2020.