

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Funeral Assistance

FEMA is providing financial assistance for COVID-19 related funeral expenses incurred on or after January 20, 2020.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many. At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters. We are dedicated to helping ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the virus.



To be eligible for COVID-19 Funeral Assistance, you must meet these conditions:

- The death must have occurred in the United States.
- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses on or after January 20, 2020.
- There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or qualified alien.
- The death certificate must attribute the death to COVID-19. If the death occurred between Jan. 20 and May 16, 2020, and the death certificate doesn't attribute the death to COVID-19, you may submit a signed statement from the medical official who certified the death certificate, or the local coroner or medical examiner, linking the cause of death to COVID-19.

Which expenses will qualify for reimbursement?

Examples of eligible expenses may include, but are not limited to:

- Transportation to identify the deceased individual
- The transfer of remains
- A burial plot or cremation niche
- A marker or headstone
- Clergy or officiant services
- The use of funeral home equipment or staff
- Cremation or interment costs

What information do I need to provide to FEMA?

Please have the following information before contacting FEMA to apply:

- Your name, Social Security number, date of birth, mailing address and contact phone numbers.
- Name, Social Security number and date of birth for each deceased individual.
- Location or address where the individual died.
- Documentation and receipts for funeral assistance received from other sources, including burial or funeral insurance, donations, other government programs or non-profit organizations.
- The name and information of up to one co-applicant, if anyone besides you incurred funeral expenses for the deceased individual(s).

HOW DO I APPLY FOR THIS ASSISTANCE?

Call FEMA's COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Helpline at 1-844-684-6333 (TTY: 800-462-7585) from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET, Monday – Friday and begin the application process. Multilingual services are available.

For the fastest service after you apply, submit documents online through DisasterAssistance.gov

Or, fax or mail documents to:
Fax: 855-261-3452

Mail: COVID-19 Funeral Assistance
P.O. Box 10001
Hyattsville, MD 20782

You can also visit us online at FEMA.gov/funeral-assistance/faq.

Information is provided in multiple languages.



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