

FEMA has just announced COVID-19 Funeral Assistance.

<https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>

April 1, 2021: Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA will provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020.

Who is Eligible?

- The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.
- The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.
- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses 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.

How to Apply?

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Line Number

Applications begin on **April 12, 2021**

844-684-6333 | TTY: **800-462-7585**

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday

8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Central Time

No Online applications will be accepted.

Suggested Documentation Needed

If you had COVID-19 funeral expenses, please keep and gather documentation. Types of information should include:

- **An official death certificate** that attributes the death directly or indirectly to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.
- **Funeral expenses documents** (receipts, funeral home contract, etc.) that includes the applicant's name, the deceased person's name, the amount of funeral expenses, and the dates the funeral expenses happened.
- **Proof of funds received from other sources** specifically for use toward funeral costs. We are not able to duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, government agencies, or other sources.

How Funds are Received?

- If you are eligible for funeral assistance you will receive a check by mail, or funds by direct deposit, depending on which option you choose when you apply for assistance.

Benefits Division is ready to assist where we can, but the call is between the family and FEMA. It is suggested to log onto the FEMA website and refer to that information. This message does not constitute a complete source of information.