

FEMA FUNERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES TO FILE CLAIMS FOR COVID-RELATED FUNERAL COSTS

FEMA is now processing applications for funeral assistance. FEMA will provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020. **The death must have occurred in the United States.** These special FEMA funds have a maximum financial assistance of \$9,000 per funeral. **Dial 1-844-684-6333 For COVID-19 Funeral Relief.**

FEMA will only award COVID-19 funeral assistance for a deceased individual on a single application. If multiple individuals contributed toward funeral expenses, they should register under a single application as applicant and co-applicant. The applicant or co-applicant must have incurred the funeral expenses. The deceased individual's documentation status is not considered as part of the reimbursement process, but the applicant(s) must be U.S. citizens, legal residents, asylees, refugees, or non-citizen nationals.

FEMA will only accept one claim per deceased individual so it is vitally important everyone who helped cover the funeral and cemetery expenses work together on one application and wait until all the expenses have been incurred.

Specifically, the applicant must provide the following documents:

- 1. A copy of the death certificate.** The death certificate must indicate the death "may have been caused by" or "was likely a result of" COVID-19 or COVID-19-like symptoms. Similar phrases that indicate a high likelihood of COVID-19 are also considered sufficient.
- 2. Proof of funeral expenses incurred.** Documentation (receipts, funeral home contract, etc.) must include the applicant's name as the responsible person for the expense, the deceased individual's name, the amount of funeral expenses, and that funeral expenses were incurred after January 20, 2020.

Eligible funeral expenses include but are not limited to:

- Transportation for up to two individuals to identify the deceased individual
- Transfer of remains
- Casket or urn
- Burial plot or cremation niche
- Marker or headstone
- Clergy or officiant services
- Arrangement of the funeral ceremony
- Use of funeral home equipment or staff
- Cremation or interment costs
- Costs associated with producing and certifying multiple death certificates
- Additional expenses mandated by any applicable local or state government laws or ordinances.

If applicants already received reimbursement for certain funeral expenses through government agencies, voluntary agencies, non-profits, burial or funeral insurance, they cannot resubmit those same expenses for reimbursement through this FEMA-administered program. **If you received any outside assistance, you must include documentation of this assistance in your application.** If you received financial assistance through the deceased's life insurance policy, you may still apply for reimbursement.

For fastest service after you have called to apply, submit documentation online through disasterassistance.gov, or by fax 855-261-3452. Documents may also be mailed to: COVID-19 Funeral Assistance, POB 10001, Hyattsville, MD 20782. Applicants can also visit FEMA.gov/funeral-assistance/faq. Information is provided in several languages both by telephone and the website.

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