



For Your Information

Greetings.

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.

*FEMA will begin accepting applications for Funeral Assistance on **Monday, April 12, 2021**, through a dedicated call center.*

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*

If you or those you serve had COVID-19 funeral expenses, we encourage you to 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. FEMA is not able to duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from nongovernmental organizations, government agencies, or other sources.*

For more information, please

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

Sincerely,



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