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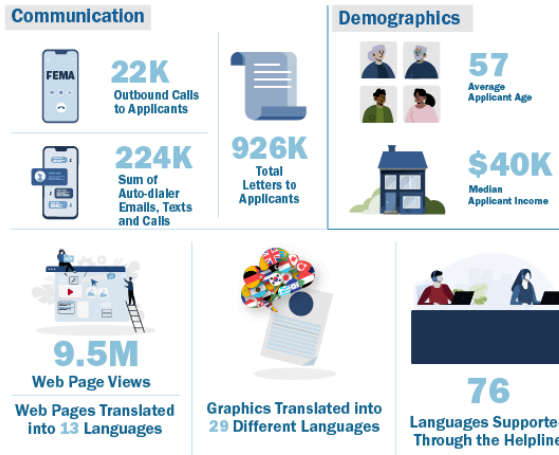
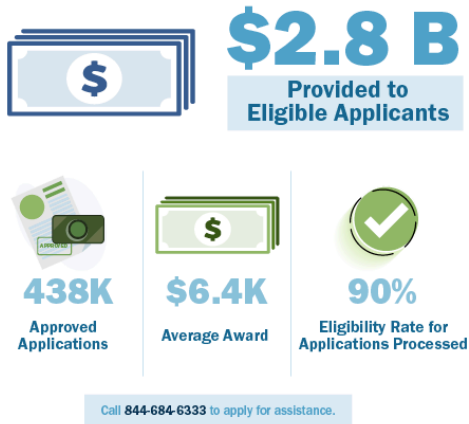


The COVID-19 incident period ended on May 11, 2023. FEMA will continue to provide funeral assistance until Sept. 30, 2025, to those who have lost loved ones due to this pandemic.

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## COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Milestones

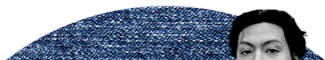
June 26, 2022 - October 28, 2022



FEMA has given \$2.8 billion to eligible applicants for COVID-19 Funeral Assistance.

If you are covering the cost of a COVID-19 funeral, FEMA may be able to help.

You may qualify for up to \$9,000 per funeral for expenses.





## Have Questions?

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Monday-Friday

9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time

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## Who is Eligible?

FEMA may provide COVID-19 Funeral Assistance to you if:

- you are a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified non-citizen.
- the death occurred in the United States, including U.S. territories and the District of Columbia;
- the death was attributed to COVID-19; and
- you are responsible for the eligible funeral expenses incurred on or after January 20, 2020

## What is Covered?

FEMA may approve COVID-19 Funeral Assistance for expenses such as:

- funeral services
- cremation
- interment
- costs associated with producing death certificates
- costs due to local or state government laws or ordinances
- marker or headstone
- clergy
- funeral ceremony
- funeral home equipment or staff
- transportation for up to two people to identify the person who died
- transfer of remains
- casket or urn
- burial plot

To learn more and start an application, call **844-684-6333**.

## What is Required?

You must provide FEMA a copy of an official death certificate that shows the death occurred in the United States, including U.S. territories and the District of Columbia, occurred after January 20, 2020, and was attributed to COVID-19.

If the death certificate was issued between January 20 and May 16, 2020, it must either 1) attribute the death directly or indirectly to COVID-19 or 2) be accompanied by a signed statement from the original certifier of the death certificate, or the local medical examiner or coroner from the jurisdiction in which the death occurred, listing COVID-19 as a cause or contributing cause of death. This signed statement must provide an additional explanation or causal pathway, linking the cause of death listed on the death certificate to COVID-19.

You must provide FEMA with a signed funeral home contract, invoice, receipts, or other documentation that includes:

- your name, showing you are responsible for some or all of the expense
- the name of the person who died
- itemized expenses
- proof that the expenses were incurred on or after January 20, 2020

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## How Does it Work?

1. To apply, call 844-684-6333 toll-free between 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday-Friday. FEMA representatives will take your application, and multilingual services are available. COVID-19 Funeral Assistance applications must be completed with a FEMA representative; you cannot apply online. It will take about 20 minutes to apply, and you must provide:
  - Your Social Security number and date of birth
  - The Social Security number and date of birth of the person who died
  - Your current mailing address and telephone number
  - The address where the individual died
  - If the person who died had burial or funeral insurance policies
  - If you received other funeral assistance (such as donations, CARES Act grants, state/territory assistance, or assistance from voluntary organizations)
  - If you want eligible funds delivered by direct deposit, the routing and account number of your checking or savings account.
2. After you apply, FEMA will provide you an application number, and you may create an account on [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/historic/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance).
3. You must submit supporting documents (e.g., funeral home contracts, receipts, invoices, death certificate) by:
  - **Upload** to your [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.fema.gov/disaster/historic/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance) account
  - **Fax** to 855-261-3452
  - **Mail** to: P.O. Box 10001, Hyattsville, MD 20782.
4. Once FEMA receives all required documents, it takes approximately 45 days to make an eligibility decision.
5. If FEMA approves your application for COVID-19 Funeral Assistance, funds will be deposited to your bank account or sent by mail in the form of a Department of the Treasury check, depending on which option you choose during your application. Funds usually

arrive within a few days of approval, and you will receive a notification letter.

## Funeral Assistance State-by-State Totals

As of Jan. 1, 2024, there were more than 488,338 applications totaling more than \$3.15 billion for 499,096 decedents. Applications can include the funeral expenses for more than one decedent in a state.

State / Territory	Applications	Amount Approved	Number of Awards
Alabama	13,151	\$73,207,620.03	10,827
Alaska	542	\$2,011,809.38	417
American Samoa	33	\$91,658.81	16
Arizona	10,432	\$41,505,987.40	8,427
Arkansas	6,213	\$31,955,588.72	5,141
California	48,654	\$248,707,041.68	39,193
Colorado	5,775	\$25,434,467.28	4,709
Connecticut	5,868	\$33,788,194.75	4,940
Delaware	1,884	\$9,921,536.83	1,551
District Of Columbia	878	\$4,450,291.35	664
Florida	38,626	\$176,585,026.66	31,789
Georgia	23,736	\$132,946,208.31	19,452
Guam	37	\$162,532.19	23
Hawaii	909	\$4,007,577.90	691
Idaho	2,169	\$10,015,877.32	1,832
Illinois	23,455	\$133,917,894.73	19,485
Indiana	12,306	\$70,899,105.92	10,313
Iowa	5,070	\$30,363,040.36	4,276
Kansas	5,392	\$29,583,498.81	4,551
Kentucky	11,494	\$68,614,238.84	9,553
Louisiana	9,752	\$53,562,934.11	7,793
Maine	1,443	\$6,300,762.66	1,175
Marshall Islands	Less than 10	\$7,148.71	Less than 10
Maryland	10,294	\$57,313,095.93	8,540
Massachusetts	11,203	\$64,300,650.42	9,412
Michigan	21,615	\$112,250,775.54	18,216
Minnesota	6,604	\$38,021,552.26	5,627
Mississippi	8,809	\$48,138,187.75	7,107

State / Territory	Applications	Amount Approved	Number of Awards
Missouri	12,102	\$63,659,249.26	10,255
Montana	1,505	\$6,407,992.72	1,266
Nebraska	2,701	\$15,615,488.56	2,278
Nevada	5,141	\$21,499,033.23	4,111
New Hampshire	1,637	\$8,019,815.87	1,345
New Jersey	19,174	\$110,802,361.54	16,017
New Mexico	3,877	\$16,338,504.74	3,093
New York	41,714	\$235,786,433.28	34,292
North Carolina	20,006	\$108,150,686.19	16,661
North Dakota	1,346	\$8,504,447.18	1,148
Northern Mariana Islands	37	\$119,411.99	22
Ohio	26,007	\$143,335,330.60	22,159
Oklahoma	9,369	\$48,633,645.89	7,817
Oregon	3,090	\$10,936,581.65	2,493
Pennsylvania	28,529	\$160,792,727.11	24,296
Puerto Rico	3,319	\$10,460,736.60	2,609
Rhode Island	1,895	\$10,927,763.72	1,600
South Carolina	13,323	\$74,075,290.07	11,049
South Dakota	1,348	\$8,039,003.99	1,134
Tennessee	16,898	\$94,713,202.70	14,148
Texas	51,997	\$276,444,264.67	42,820
US Virgin Islands	102	\$499,934.82	78
Utah	2,739	\$15,249,053.22	2,266
Vermont	402	\$1,854,945.94	339
Virginia	14,178	\$78,112,711.31	11,853
Washington	5,352	\$22,369,417.54	4,267
West Virginia	4,899	\$27,736,885.20	4,102
Wisconsin	9,771	\$54,777,954.71	8,312
Wyoming	933	\$4,279,025.79	786

## Questions?



You can get answers to many additional questions on the [Funeral Assistance FAQ pages](#).

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## Additional Resources

The resources below are for community-based organizations to share information about COVID-19 Funeral Assistance with their community members. These files may be downloaded and shared on public-facing communications channels.



[COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Webinar: May 26](#)



[COVID 19 Funeral Assistance Webinar: October 6](#)



[COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Outreach Toolkit](#)



[COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Outreach Toolkit Messaging Copy](#)



[COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Outreach Toolkit Community Engagement Materials](#)



[Providing Financial Assistance for COVID-19-Related Funeral Expenses \(ASL Video\)](#)

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