

FEMA Funeral Assistance Application Checklist

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

Please have the following information before contacting FEMA to apply:

Applicant and Co-Applicant (if applicable)

<input type="text"/>	Social Security Number
<input type="text"/>	Date of Birth
<input type="text"/>	Current mailing address
<input type="text"/>	Contact telephone number
<input type="text"/>	Email address

Deceased Individual

<input type="text"/>	Social Security Number
<input type="text"/>	Date of birth
<input type="text"/>	Location or address where deceased passed away
<input type="text"/>	Death Certificate

Financial Information

<input type="text"/>	Gross household income
<input type="text"/>	Burial or funeral insurance policy
<input type="text"/>	Proof of funds received from other sources
<input type="text"/>	Routing and account number for direct deposit

FEMA Funeral Assistance Helpline
(844) 684-6333
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Eastern
Monday - Friday

Funeral Expenses

- Funeral expenses in the form of receipts must show Applicant's name as the person responsible for the expense;
- The deceased individual's name
- The amount of funeral expenses, and,
- The date funeral expenses were incurred.
- If someone other than the Applicant or Co-Applicant contributed to the funeral expenses, you may provide those receipts for consideration.
- COVID-19 Funeral Assistance will assist with expenses for funeral services and interment or cremation.
- Any receipts for expenses that are not related to funeral services will not be determined eligible expenses.
- **Life insurance proceeds are not considered a duplication of Funeral Assistance benefits.**

To be eligible for funeral assistance, you must meet these conditions:

- 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 or caused by 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.

Death Certificate

The death certificate must indicate the death was caused by, "may have been caused by" or "was likely a result of" COVID-19 or COVID-19 symptoms. Similar phrases that indicate a high likelihood of COVID-19 are considered sufficient attribution.

Proof of Funds from Other Sources

- The applicant must provide FEMA with proof of funds received from other sources specifically used for funeral costs, such as donations, CARES Act grants or assistance from voluntary organizations.
- COVID-19 Funeral Assistance may not duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance or financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, government programs or agencies, or other sources.
- COVID-19 Funeral Assistance will be reduced by the amount of other assistance the applicant received for the same expenses.

Eligible Expenses, included but 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

Ineligible Expenses

- Obituaries
- Flowers
- Printed materials such as banners, programs, register books
- Catering services, including food
- Transporting applicant or others to site(s) of funeral services, interment or reinterment
- Gratuities