



*Navigating
Your COVID-19
FEMA Funeral
Benefits*



If your loved one passed away from coronavirus (COVID-19) you may be eligible for a reimbursement of your funeral, interment or cremation expenses from FEMA.

Starting in early April 2021, FEMA will begin providing reimbursement of up to \$9,000 for funeral, interment or cremation expenses incurred due to a death from COVID-19. FEMA considers COVID-19 to be a disaster and is therefore providing funds to help ease some of the financial burden on families during this time.

How do I know if I qualify to apply for funds?

FEMA has listed the qualifications necessary to be able to apply for reimbursement.

- The death must have occurred after January 20, 2020.
- The death must be related to the coronavirus (COVID-19).
- The death must have occurred in the U.S., including U.S. territories.
- The applicant must be a “U.S. citizen, non-citizen national or qualified alien.”
- You must not have received duplicate benefits from another agency or source specifically used for funeral costs.
- An applicant may apply for multiple deceased individuals.
- If multiple people contributed to the funeral expenses, they should submit one application as an applicant and co-applicant.
- Assistance is limited to a maximum of \$9,000 per funeral and \$35,000 per application.

What documentation is needed?

You will be required to give specific information to FEMA such as your contact information & social security number and information about the deceased including their social security number, location where they passed away, and funeral or burial insurance policies. You will also be required to submit paperwork online. This paperwork includes:

- Official death certificate. This must show that the death occurred in the U.S. due to COVID-19.
- Funeral expense documents. These include receipts, funeral home contracts, or agreements that include the applicant's name, the name of the deceased individual, the total expense(s) and the dates the expense(s) were (or will be) incurred.
- Documentation of any other reimbursement you received for funeral expenses.

What funeral expenses are eligible for reimbursement?

There are a number of expenses that are eligible for reimbursement. The list below is just a sample of some of the most common ones. Contact your funeral home if you have questions about which expenses are eligible.

- Transportation for up to 2 people to identify the deceased
- Transfer of remains
- Casket or urn
- Burial plot or cremation niche
- Marker or headstone
- Clergy or officiant fees
- Arrangement of the funeral service
- Use of funeral home equipment and staff
- Cremation or interment costs
- Costs related to obtaining copies of the death certificate
- Other expenses related to the funeral, interment or cremation as deemed acceptable





What if I haven't had the funeral service yet, or if I incur more expenses after my reimbursement has already been made?

If you plan to hold a memorial service in the future or have not yet purchased items such as a monument or any other funeral service/merchandise, you should plan to meet with your funeral home as soon as possible to start the necessary paperwork. Then, submit those agreements, contracts, or receipts for reimbursement. If reimbursement has already been made, you may appeal to include future expenses.

How do I get started?

Funeral homes have been made aware of the FEMA reimbursement funds and will help walk you through the process of getting your reimbursement.

Even if we were not the funeral home you used originally, we are more than happy to help you with obtaining your FEMA reimbursement funds.

Give us a call today to get started claiming your COVID-19 FEMA funeral reimbursement benefits.

Call today or go online to our website and request an appointment. We are standing ready to assist you with this process.

FEMA Contact Information

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