

# COVID-19

## Los Angeles County Department of Public Health FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Program

Passing of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 now makes it possible for families and individuals who incur funeral expenses due to COVID-19 in 2021 and beyond the ability to apply for funeral assistance.

### Eligibility:

Who Can Apply	Who Cannot Apply
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.</li><li>• The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed directly or indirectly to COVID-19.</li><li>• The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020.</li><li>• There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A minor child cannot apply on behalf of an adult who is not a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.</li><li>• There are several categories of aliens lawfully present in the U.S. who are not eligible for FEMA's Individual and Households Program assistance, including funeral assistance. These include, but are not limited to:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Temporary tourist visa holders</li><li>○ Foreign students</li><li>○ Temporary work visa holders</li><li>○ Habitual residents such as citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands</li></ul></li></ul>

### How to Apply:

- Applications begin on April 12, 2021. Applicants must apply over the phone by calling the COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Line Number: 844-684-6333 | TTY: 800-462-7585. No online applications will be accepted.
- Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time
- Funeral homes are not eligible to apply on the behalf of a family; the person applying must be an individual, not a business, who incurred the funeral expenses.
- Applicants who recently applied for FEMA assistance for home and/or personal property damage from a disaster and also had funeral expenses for a death attributed to COVID-19 after January 20, 2020, may apply for COVID-19 Funeral Assistance. A separate application will be required.

### Financial Assistance:

- Applicants may receive assistance for the funeral expenses of multiple deceased individuals.
- Assistance is limited to a maximum of \$9,000 per funeral and a maximum of \$35,500 per application per state, territory, or the District of Columbia.
- FEMA will generally only provide COVID-19 Funeral Assistance to one applicant per deceased individual. We recognize that multiple individuals may have contributed to funeral expenses for one deceased individual. FEMA will work with applicants in these situations and those who submit multiple receipts for funeral expenses when their name does not appear on the receipt.

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### Funeral Expenses Covered:

- COVID-19 Funeral Assistance will assist with expenses for funeral services and interment or cremation
- 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

### Deadline to Apply:

At this time, there is no deadline to apply for COVID-19 Funeral Assistance. FEMA will communicate a specific deadline once established. For more information [click here](#).

