

If your loved one passed away due to COVID-19 or a directly related illness(es), you MAY be eligible for funeral reimbursements through FEMA. Per FEMA, it takes approximately 45 days from the receipt of the application and all requested documents to make a decision on eligibility. The following information was noted from the FEMA website:

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance | FEMA.gov

You can apply for funeral reimbursement 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, on or after January 20, 2020;
- the death was attributed to COVID-19; and
- you are responsible for the eligible funeral expenses.

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
- transportation for up to two people to identify the person who died

- transfer of remains
- casket or urn
- burial plot
- marker or headstone
- clergy
- funeral ceremony
- funeral home equipment or staff

You will need the following to apply:

- the Death Certificate showing that the death was directly related to COVID-19
- an ITEMIZED receipt/invoice/contract from the funeral home dated on or after January 20, 2020, showing that:
 - the invoice was paid in full
 - you are the party who paid for some or all of the expenses
- the name, social security number, and date of birth of the person who died

- your name, address, telephone number, social security number, and date of birth
- the address where the individual died
- information on any burial or funeral insurance policies held by the deceased
- information on any other funeral assistance funds that you have applied for or received
- your direct deposit information (if you choose to have any awarded benefits direct-deposited into your bank account)

To apply for reimbursement, call:

1-844-684-6333

Monday – Friday

9:00 am - 9:00 pm (Eastern Time)

<u>After</u> you have applied by telephone (1-844-684-6333), you will be directed to create an online account at DisasterAssistance.gov.

Once you have created an online account, you will be able to provide the requested documents by:

- uploading the documents to your online account,
- faxing the documents to 1-855-261-3452, or
- mailing the documents to P.O. Box 10001, Hyattsville, MD 20782.