

Navigating Your COVID-19 FEMA Funeral Benefits



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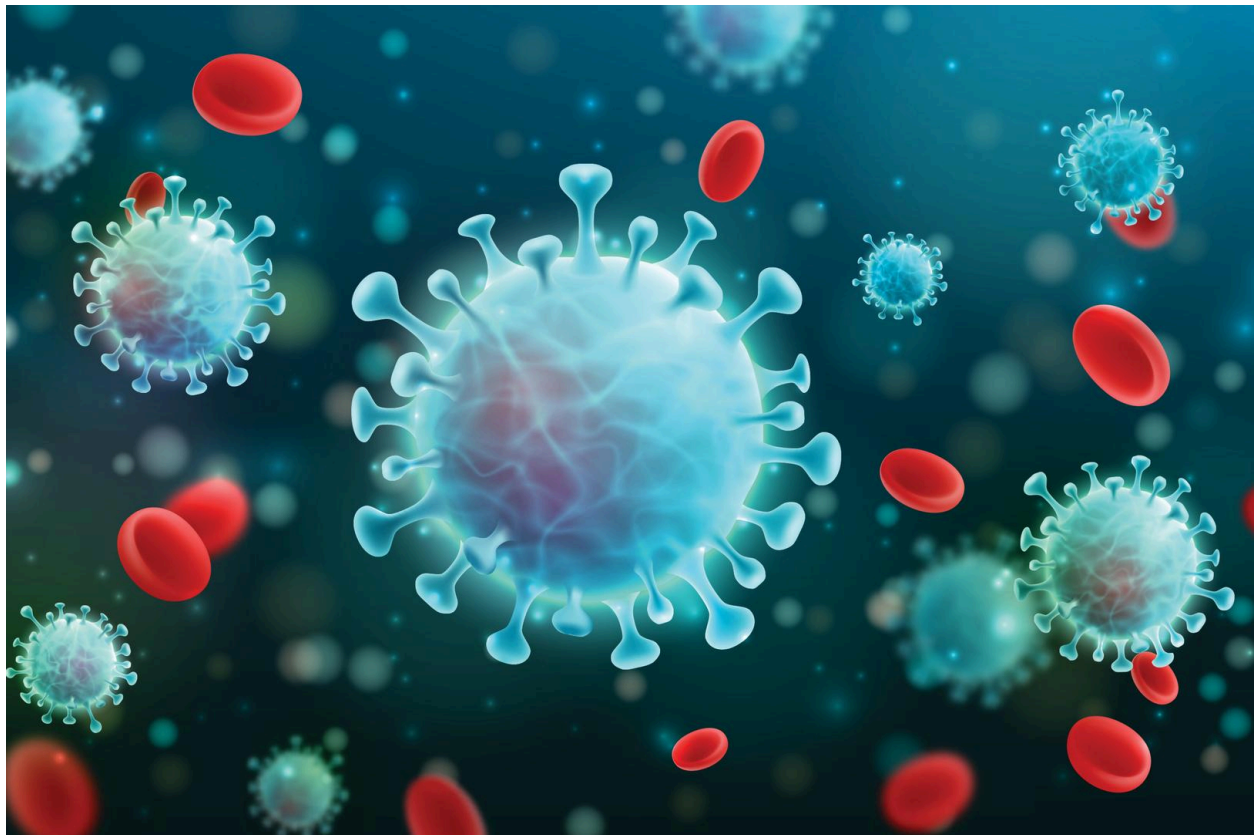
If your loved one died from COVID-19, you might qualify for FEMA reimbursement for their funeral, interment, or cremation costs.

Beginning April 2021, FEMA offers reimbursement up to \$9,000 for funeral, interment, or cremation expenses resulting from COVID-19-related deaths, recognizing it as a disaster and aiming to alleviate financial strain on families.

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

FEMA's reimbursement qualifications include:

- Death occurring after January 20, 2020, due to COVID-19 in the U.S. or U.S. territories.
- Applicant eligibility for U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals, or qualified aliens.
- Exclusion of duplicate benefits from other sources for funeral expenses.
- Ability to apply for multiple deceased individuals under one application.
- Requirement for multiple contributors to submit jointly as applicant and co-applicant.
- Limitations of \$9,000 per funeral and \$35,000 per application.



What documentation is needed?

You must provide FEMA with specific information, including your contact details, social security number, and details about the deceased, such as their social security number, place of death, and any funeral or burial insurance policies. Additionally, online submission of paperwork is mandatory.

Required paperwork includes:

- Official death certificate confirming the death in the U.S. due to COVID-19.
- Funeral expense documents: receipts, contracts, or agreements containing applicant and deceased individual's names, total expenses, and dates incurred.
- Documentation of any prior funeral expense reimbursements received.



What funeral expenses are eligible for reimbursement?

Several expenses are eligible for reimbursement. The list below provides a sample of common ones. Contact your funeral home for clarification on eligible expenses.

- Transportation for up to 2 people for identification of 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 for obtaining copies of the death certificate
- Other acceptable expenses related to the funeral, interment, or cremation.

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 intend to hold a future memorial service or haven't bought items like a monument yet, meet with your funeral home promptly to begin paperwork. Submit agreements, contracts, or receipts for reimbursement. If you've already been reimbursed, you can appeal to include future expenses.

How do I get started?

Funeral homes are aware of FEMA reimbursement funds and will assist you in the reimbursement process.

Regardless of whether we were your original funeral home, we're here to assist you in obtaining your FEMA reimbursement funds.

Call us today to begin claiming your COVID-19 FEMA funeral reimbursement benefits.

FEMA Contact Information

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