

Fact Sheet: FEMA's COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Program

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What is the Program?

- Authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act, the program is designed to ease some of the financial burden caused by the pandemic, reimbursing residents for funeral services, cremations, headstones, ceremonies, and other funeral costs related to COVID-19.
- To date, FEMA has distributed over \$5.5 million in aid across nearly 1,100 New Mexicans, averaging more than \$5,000 in aid per NM registrant
- Just **35%** of potentially eligible New Mexicans have registered, which is consistent across NM's largest counties: Bernalillo (35%), Doña Ana (39%), Santa Fe (37%), Sandoval (31%).

Who is Eligible?

- For deaths that occurred after May 16, 2020, the death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.
- For deaths that occurred from January 20 to May 16, 2020, any death certificate that does not attribute the cause of death to COVID-19 must be accompanied by a signed statement listing COVID-19 as a cause or contributing cause of death.
- Assistance is available to US citizens, non-citizen nationals, and qualified aliens.

How to Apply?

- Call the dedicated toll-free phone number below to register with help from FEMA representatives. Multilingual services are available. Online applications are not available.
 - **844-684-6333** | TTY: **800-462-7585** (open Mon-Fri from 9am to 9pm ET).
 - Video explaining program and application instructions: [ASL #FEMA: Providing Financial Assistance for COVID-19 Related Funeral Expenses - YouTube](#).

Additional Resources

- Frequently Asked Questions available [here](#), including:
 - Can I apply for COVID-19 Funeral Assistance even though I've already applied for a recent disaster event? --> **Yes**.
 - Are pre-planned and pre-paid funerals eligible for COVID-19 Funeral Assistance if the individual died from COVID-19? --> **No**.
 - Can I apply for assistance with funeral expenses for a death that occurred outside the United States? --> **No**.
 - Is life insurance considered a duplication of benefit? What if I used life insurance to pay for funeral expenses? --> **FEMA does not consider life insurance proceeds, death gratuities, or other forms of assistance not specifically intended to defray funeral costs as a duplication of benefit.**
- Program information by language: [中文](#) | [Español](#) | [Kreyòl Ayisyen](#) | [한국어](#) | [Tiếng Việt](#) | [Français](#) | [عربي](#) | [हिन्दी](#) | [Português](#) | [Русский](#) | [Tagalog](#) | [Bengali](#)

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