

FEMA Region 2 Launches Funeral Assistance Outreach

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NEW YORK – The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming and unforeseen grief to many families. To that end, FEMA is helping to ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the virus.

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA is providing financial assistance for COVID-19 related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020.

“The COVID-19 pandemic created a financial burden that unexpectedly left many to bear. Although we cannot change what has happened, we remain dedicated to helping people before, during, and after disasters,” said FEMA DR-4480-NY Branch Director Lai Sun Yee. “FEMA Region 2 stands alongside New Yorkers to help those who were impacted navigate through the funeral assistance application process.”

In-person FEMA specialists will help those communities who were hit hardest by the virus through a targeted outreach plan, which includes program education and registration assistance. Support Specialist teams will be available at locations within New York City’s five boroughs. FEMA mobile teams will establish mobile/pop-up sites as needed.

Location information and hours

For pop-up locations day and times please check the FEMA Region 2 Twitter page: [@femaregion2](https://twitter.com/femaregion2).

Targeted communities were identified based on the analysis of local and federal data. FEMA reviewed COVID-19 death statistics from the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and overlaid it with internal Funeral Assistance Program data to identify communities which were largely impacted and



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yielded low registrations.

The agency also included socioeconomic factors at the zip code level to ensure those communities with the greatest needs were identified.

FEMA will continue to partner with the state of New York and together we will ensure the equitable delivery of programs as it remains a top priority.

For more information, visit: www.fema.gov/disaster/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance

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