

FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Nears \$280 Million

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WASHINGTON -- FEMA has provided more than \$278 million to over 41,000 people for COVID-19-related funeral costs reimbursements.

The national average for an award is \$6,756, as nearly 2,500 FEMA employees continue working with applicants to manually review every application, determining eligibility each week.

“Applications” in the below chart reflect the number of individuals who called to begin the process for assistance. Once an individual applies, FEMA sends a letter outlining the required documentation needed to process their application. The process to determine eligibility starts after an applicant submits all required documentation. FEMA developed a process to ensure applicants have ample time to collect and submit required documents for assistance. While some jurisdictions provide or amend death certificates in four to six weeks, others may take longer. FEMA will make calls and send additional letters reminding applicants of the required documents.

Please find below state-specific information:

State/Territory	Applications	Amount Approved	Number of Awards
ALABAMA	4,974	\$6,113,924	859
ALASKA	100	\$60,834	10
AMERICAN SAMOA	4	\$0	0



ARIZONA	3,648	\$2,652,357	483
ARKANSAS	2,079	\$2,711,798	416
CALIFORNIA	23,627	\$25,840,240	3,861
COLORADO	1,585	\$1,240,511	212
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS	3	\$4,344	1
CONNECTICUT	2,724	\$4,825,250	670
DELAWARE	658	\$831,673	128
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	435	\$623,395	87
FLORIDA	12,312	\$14,959,365	2,582
GEORGIA	8,176	\$9,074,164	1,286
GUAM	8	\$20,436	3
HAWAII	213	\$160,563	26
IDAHO	431	\$474,678	84
ILLINOIS	9,126	\$13,574,040	1,959



INDIANA	3,768	\$3,708,440	517
IOWA	1,993	\$3,043,548	406
KANSAS	1,815	\$2,526,574	367
KENTUCKY	2,903	\$3,035,654	418
LOUISIANA	4,067	\$4,538,441	647
MAINE	255	\$199,706	42
MARYLAND	4,321	\$5,525,551	791
MASSACHUSETTS	4,494	\$5,361,035	757
MICHIGAN	7,331	\$7,927,704	1,265
MINNESOTA	2,063	\$2,623,577	376
MISSISSIPPI	3,571	\$3,490,917	493
MISSOURI	3,714	\$3,981,271	579
MONTANA	370	\$203,848	42
NEBRASKA	925	\$1,662,347	227



NEVADA	1,855	\$1,511,385	270
NEW HAMPSHIRE	511	\$590,704	95
NEW JERSEY	9,482	\$13,037,554	1,825
NEW MEXICO	1,192	\$860,054	157
NEW YORK	20,431	\$31,103,630	4,347
NORTH CAROLINA	6,388	\$10,265,947	1,536
NORTH DAKOTA	543	\$576,291	75
OHIO	7,464	\$13,634,662	2,095
OKLAHOMA	3,073	\$4,293,985	626
OREGON	628	\$779,900	155
PENNSYLVANIA	10,046	\$14,414,099	2,174
PUERTO RICO	909	\$110,189	29
RHODE ISLAND	962	\$1,957,193	275
SOUTH CAROLINA	4,521	\$4,990,636	692



SOUTH DAKOTA	567	\$939,870	122
TENNESSEE	5,383	\$5,868,190	819
TEXAS	19,643	\$29,403,331	4,385
UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS	19	\$21,549	3
UTAH	813	\$1,207,861	174
VERMONT	110	\$140,721	24
VIRGINIA	4,751	\$6,014,766	887
WASHINGTON	1,384	\$1,264,586	218
WEST VIRGINIA	1,112	\$1,118,971	151
WISCONSIN	3,593	\$3,205,225	459
WYOMING	187	\$352.133	60

** Funeral assistance data can/will change daily; the information reflects data as of 8 a.m. ET today.*

Applicants may apply by calling 844-684-6333 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday. Multilingual services are available. Applicants who use a relay service, such as a videophone, InnoCaption or CapTel, should provide FEMA with the specific number assigned to them for that service so that agency representatives are able to



contact them. Please note, phone calls from FEMA may come from an unidentified number. Those calling the COVID-19 funeral assistance helpline wait less than seven seconds before being routed to a live agent after listening to a recorded message. And once the applicant submits all required documentation, FEMA is able to make an eligibility determination in less than 30 days.

Additional information about COVID-19 funeral assistance, including frequently asked questions, is available on [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov).

