

# COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Helps Ease Financial Stress for Families

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**ST. CROIX, U.S. Virgin Islands** – 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 coronavirus disease.

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.

Those who had funeral expenses due to the coronavirus can apply for FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance by calling 844-684-6333 (TTY: 800-462-7585) from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday. Multilingual services are available.

After the initial call, FEMA will send the applicant a Request for Information (RFI) which outlines all the documentation needed to process the COVID-19 Funeral Assistance application. For further information, applicants can also visit the frequently asked questions section in FEMA's website at [Funeral Assistance FAQ | FEMA.gov](#).

To date, FEMA has received 17 applications for funeral expenses due to COVID-19 and has disbursed \$44,066 for this assistance in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

FEMA will continue to partner with the government of the Virgin Islands and together we will ensure the equitable delivery of programs as it remains a top priority.



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