

# 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



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<b>AMERICAN SAMOA</b>	4	\$0	0
<b>ARIZONA</b>	3,648	\$2,652,357	483
<b>ARKANSAS</b>	2,079	\$2,711,798	416
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	23,627	\$25,840,240	3,861
<b>COLORADO</b>	1,585	\$1,240,511	212
<b>COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS</b>	3	\$4,344	1
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	2,724	\$4,825,250	670
<b>DELAWARE</b>	658	\$831,673	128
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>	435	\$623,395	87
<b>FLORIDA</b>	12,312	\$14,959,365	2,582
<b>GEORGIA</b>	8,176	\$9,074,164	1,286



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<b>GUAM</b>	8	\$20,436	3
<b>HAWAII</b>	213	\$160,563	26
<b>IDAHO</b>	431	\$474,678	84
<b>ILLINOIS</b>	9,126	\$13,574,040	1,959
<b>INDIANA</b>	3,768	\$3,708,440	517
<b>IOWA</b>	1,993	\$3,043,548	406
<b>KANSAS</b>	1,815	\$2,526,574	367
<b>KENTUCKY</b>	2,903	\$3,035,654	418
<b>LOUISIANA</b>	4,067	\$4,538,441	647
<b>MAINE</b>	255	\$199,706	42
<b>MARYLAND</b>	4,321	\$5,525,551	791



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<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>	4,494	\$5,361,035	757
<b>MICHIGAN</b>	7,331	\$7,927,704	1,265
<b>MINNESOTA</b>	2,063	\$2,623,577	376
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	3,571	\$3,490,917	493
<b>MISSOURI</b>	3,714	\$3,981,271	579
<b>MONTANA</b>	370	\$203,848	42
<b>NEBRASKA</b>	925	\$1,662,347	227
<b>NEVADA</b>	1,855	\$1,511,385	270
<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	511	\$590,704	95
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>	9,482	\$13,037,554	1,825
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>	1,192	\$860,054	157



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<b>NEW YORK</b>	20,431	\$31,103,630	4,347
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	6,388	\$10,265,947	1,536
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>	543	\$576,291	75
<b>OHIO</b>	7,464	\$13,634,662	2,095
<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	3,073	\$4,293,985	626
<b>OREGON</b>	628	\$779,900	155
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	10,046	\$14,414,099	2,174
<b>PUERTO RICO</b>	909	\$110,189	29
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	962	\$1,957,193	275
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	4,521	\$4,990,636	692
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>	567	\$939,870	122



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<b>TENNESSEE</b>	5,383	\$5,868,190	819
<b>TEXAS</b>	19,643	\$29,403,331	4,385
<b>UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS</b>	19	\$21,549	3
<b>UTAH</b>	813	\$1,207,861	174
<b>VERMONT</b>	110	\$140,721	24
<b>VIRGINIA</b>	4,751	\$6,014,766	887
<b>WASHINGTON</b>	1,384	\$1,264,586	218
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>	1,112	\$1,118,971	151
<b>WISCONSIN</b>	3,593	\$3,205,225	459
<b>WYOMING</b>	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).



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