FEMA COVID-19 Funeral assistance still available

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San Juan, Puerto Rico – FEMA urges those who paid for funeral expenses due to the coronavirus to call FEMA and apply for assistance TODAY. To date, more than 2,471 applicants in Puerto Rico, have already registered.

"In Puerto Rico, FEMA has already approved over \$6.8 million to help families with funeral expenses, but there are families that may be eligible to receive this assistance. We are encouraging every person who covered funeral expenses to call today and apply", said Idamis De Jesus, Individual Assistance lead of FEMA Caribbean Area Office in PR.

Call 1-844-684-6333 to apply for FEMA COVID-19 funeral assistance. FEMA is only accepting applications via phone call. The phoneline is available from 9:00 a m. to 9:00 n m. EDT. Monday through

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Once registered, 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: <u>FEMA.gov/funeral-assistance/faq</u>.

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

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