

FEMA Monthly Update of State-Specific Funeral Assistance Information

FEMA has provided over \$2.3 billion to over 351,000 people to assist with COVID-19 related funeral costs for deaths occurring on or after Jan. 20, 2020. This assistance helped pay for the funerals of more than 369,000 people who died from COVID-19.

FEMA’s COVID-19 Funeral Assistance has recently achieved it’s one year anniversary and has some notable achievements. The Funeral Assistance webpage [COVID-19 Funeral Assistance | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/COVID-19-Funeral-Assistance) has had over 8.2 million views and been translated into 13 languages. Informational graphics were translated into 29 languages. Thousands of letters, personal calls and auto-caller communications have been made to applicants to assist them. The average award is about \$6,500 and the eligibility rate is about 97%.

Eligibility determinations are not driven by state/location; instead, they are based on when the applicant submits all required documentation.

“Applications” in the below chart reflect the number of individuals who called to begin the assistance process.

Please find-state-specific information below:

State/Territory	Applications	Amount Approved	Number of Awards
Alabama	11,340	\$54,507,202.97	7,991
Alaska	444	\$1,352,830.38	268
American Samoa	17	\$33,801.77	Less than 10
Arizona	8,878	\$29,563,514.85	5,967
Arkansas	5,299	\$22,891,367.97	3,623
California	41,882	\$188,215,608.58	29,321
Colorado	4,783	\$17,523,024.89	3,201
Connecticut	4,815	\$24,337,419.97	3,554
Delaware	1,528	\$6,625,685.43	1,050
District Of Columbia	756	\$3,372,868.41	501
Florida	33,147	\$136,211,653.29	24,183



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Georgia	20,182	\$98,345,548.56	14,287
Guam	31	\$135,055.19	19
Hawaii	687	\$2,341,509.50	407
Idaho	1,792	\$6,587,621.47	1,172
Illinois	19,624	\$96,136,153.91	14,015
Indiana	10,321	\$49,097,175.58	7,055
Iowa	4,236	\$21,177,533.50	2,962
Kansas	4,504	\$20,547,283.39	3,171
Kentucky	9,123	\$45,628,516.57	6,317
Louisiana	8,462	\$40,083,277.89	5,817
Maine	1,059	\$3,370,311.93	626
Maryland	8,573	\$41,135,067.29	6,123
Massachusetts	9,157	\$43,144,865.47	6,269
Michigan	17,642	\$76,766,420.10	12,468
Minnesota	5,347	\$25,379,238.82	3,713
Mississippi	7,496	\$33,553,702.17	4,965
Missouri	10,164	\$45,629,008.34	7,284
Montana	1,260	\$4,487,641.63	891
Nebraska	2,247	\$10,535,851.17	1,528
Nevada	4,374	\$15,293,360.32	2,826
New Hampshire	1,302	\$5,304,945.80	882
New Jersey	16,156	\$82,010,382.00	11,898
New Mexico	3,166	\$10,443,924.71	1,975
New York	35,201	\$179,287,766.47	26,156
North Carolina	16,680	\$79,249,600.94	12,117
North Dakota	1,138	\$6,136,738.88	826
Northern Mariana Islands	31	\$59,378.99	10
Ohio	21,560	\$101,251,456.74	15,619

Oklahoma	7,848	\$34,870,244.51	5,521
Oregon	2,405	\$6,764,504.24	1,465
Pennsylvania	23,362	\$113,187,003.99	17,153
Puerto Rico	2,199	\$5,218,317.01	1,371
Rhode Island	1,637	\$8,037,094.60	1,176
South Carolina	11,186	\$53,721,711.89	7,927
South Dakota	1,115	\$5,667,989.74	788
Tennessee	14,129	\$67,666,788.01	9,976
Texas	45,287	\$217,042,015.21	33,387
U.S. Virgin Islands	77	\$319,671.06	51
Utah	2,329	\$10,734,214.70	1,564
Vermont	274	\$1,113,255.96	199
Virginia	11,529	\$53,216,320.79	8,033
Washington	4,304	\$14,505,646.10	2,685
West Virginia	3,796	\$17,411,878.35	2,549
Wisconsin	8,292	\$38,113,075.40	5,754
Wyoming	776	\$2,923,341.45	532

**Funeral assistance data can/will change daily; the information reflects data as of 8 a.m. EDT Monday, May 2, 2022.*

Applicants may apply by calling 844-684-6333 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. EDT, Monday through Friday. Multilingual services are available. Please note, phone calls from FEMA may come from an unidentified number. Applicants who use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, should give FEMA the number for that service.

Additional information about [COVID-19 funeral assistance](#), including [frequently asked questions](#), is available on [FEMA.gov](#).

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