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A blue banner with the Los Angeles County seal in the background. The seal features a figure holding a scale and a sword, surrounded by the text 'COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES' and 'CALIFORNIA'. Overlaid on the seal is the text 'Los Angeles County COVID-19 Emergency Operations Center' in white, bold, sans-serif font.

# Los Angeles County COVID-19 Emergency Operations Center

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

March 25, 2021

## **LA County Residents Can Soon Access Funeral Expense Relief from FEMA**

Beginning in early April, Los Angeles County residents will be able to apply for financial help for funeral expenses through FEMA's COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Program.

To be eligible for funeral assistance, LA County residents must meet all of these FEMA established conditions:

- The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.
- The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.
- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or a qualified non-citizen who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020.

There are no residential or legal status requirements pertaining to the deceased person.

If you had COVID-19 funeral expenses, we encourage you to prepare to apply for FEMA funeral relief by gathering documentation that will be needed, such as:

- An official death certificate that attributes the death directly or indirectly to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.

- Funeral expenses documents such as receipts and funeral home contracts that include the applicant's name, the deceased person's name, the amount of funeral expenses, and the dates the funeral expenses happened.
- Proof of funds received from other sources specifically for use toward funeral costs. FEMA will not duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, government agencies, or other sources.

Applicants may apply for multiple deceased individuals. If multiple persons helped pay for funeral expenses for one individual, they should apply under a single application as applicant and co-applicants. **FEMA's financial assistance is limited to a maximum amount of \$9,000 per funeral and a maximum of \$35,500 per application.**

In the coming weeks, FEMA will be establishing a toll-free telephone number to assist applicants with their submissions, but in the meantime, the County of Los Angeles encourages eligible applicants to visit [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov) for additional information.

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