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FEMA Accepting Applications for Funeral Assistance Program

HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO – Beginning on **April 12, 2021**, FEMA will accept applications for the Funeral Assistance Program. Financial assistance will be provided for funeral expenses incurred after **Jan. 20, 2020** for COVID-19 related deaths.

To apply, call the **COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Line Number** at:

844-684-6333

800-462-7585 (TTY)

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Central Time

To be eligible for funeral assistance, applicants must meet the following 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 qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020.
- There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.

Applicants are encouraged to keep and gather the following documentation:

- **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** (receipts, funeral home contract, etc.) that includes 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 is not able to duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, government agencies, or other sources.

Those eligible for funeral assistance will receive a check by mail, or funds by direct deposit, depending on which option was chosen in the application.

More information regarding this assistance can be found at:

<https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>

For questions, contact FEMA Office of External Affairs:

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- Intergovernmental Affairs at (202) 646-3444 or at FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov
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