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FEMA providing COVID funeral assistance program

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A new program from the Federal Emergency Manage-
ment Agency is helping families cope with the pain and bur-
den caused by the pandemic by providing funer-

The COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Program was created under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Secur-
ity Act of 2020 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Individuals who paid for funeral expenses as a re-

sult of COVID-19 could receive financial assistance. The program typically includes the cost of

Funeral home services, burial or cremation, receiving and preparing the body, and transportation from

the place where the deceased resided to the location of the burial or cremation.

Individuals who incurred funeral expenses due to a death that occurred from Dec. 1, 2019, to Jan. 19, 2021, may apply for assistance. The deadline to apply is Sept. 30, 2022.

To apply for the program, individuals who paid for funeral expenses as a result of COVID-19 can apply directly to FEMA or use a program co-applicant service.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is helping families with COVID-19 related funeral expenses by providing them with assistance. The program has been particularly beneficial for families who have been impacted by the pandemic and are struggling to cover funeral expenses.

This program has helped many families cover their funeral expenses and provided financial relief during a difficult time.