

## **Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021**

In December 2020 the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 was signed into law as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021. This legislation allows FEMA to provide funeral assistance for anyone with eligible funeral expenses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funeral assistance is financial assistance for individuals who have incurred expenses for the funeral of a person whose death is attributed directly or indirectly to COVID-19.

\* Funeral assistance may not duplicate benefits received from burial insurance or financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, government programs or agencies, or other sources.

\* FEMA is evaluating implementation mechanisms in order to deliver the aid as quickly as possible.

FEMA is working to implement funeral assistance as soon as possible. Please monitor FEMA.gov and the news for any updated information.

If you have not done already, you may contact any of the organizations below for assistance.

United Way by dialing 2-1-1 or visiting [www.211.org](http://www.211.org) <http://www.211.org/> ,

They will be able to let you know about state and local organizations in your area that can provide assistance for various needs such as rental assistance, food, shelter, utility bills, etc. They can also provide Services Providers, COVID-19 info, Crisis and Emergency information.

Crisis Counseling at 1-800-985-5990 or text HOME to 741-741 (available 24/7)

Provides help and support for any distress that you or someone you care about may be feeling. Sometimes it helps just to have someone to listen, but sometimes they may be able to provide additional resources.

If you have any further questions or need additional clarification, please contact the FEMA Helpline at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). If you use a TTY, call 800-462-7585. If you use 711 or VRS, please call 1-800-621-3362.

Sincerely,

Federal Emergency Management Agency