

Office of Emergency Services (OES) Monterey County

Monterey County Funeral & Burial Assistance

Monterey County, Board of Supervisor Referral No. 2021.04

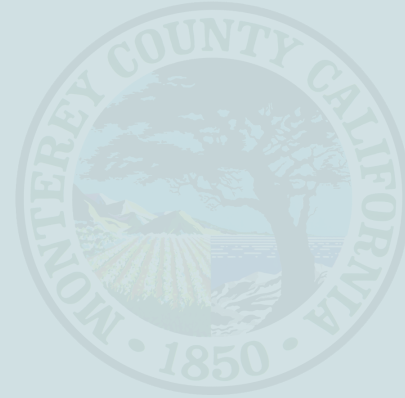
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OVERVIEW: FEMA'S PROGRAM



FEMA's Covid-19 Funeral Assistance Program Webpage in English: <https://www.fema.gov/es/disasters/coronavirus/funeral-assistance>

Página web del Programa de Asistencia Funeraria COVID-19 de FEMA en español: <https://www.fema.gov/es/disasters/coronavirus/funeral-assistance>

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- STARTED APRIL 12, 2021
- TOLL-FREE/LIVE SUPPORT
- OPERATORS AVAILABLE:
 - M-F, 6 AM - 6 PM PT
- MULTI-LANGUAGE & TTY

FEMA FUNERAL ASSISTANCE LINE: 844-684-6333
TTY: 800-462-7585

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- APPLICANT (must be the person incurring the expenses):
 - 1. U.S. citizen
 - 2. non-citizen national
 - 3. qualified alien
- Death occurred in the US
 - COVID-19 attributed on the death certificate
- There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.
- FEMA currently covers Covid-19 related deaths after 1/20/2020. A final coverage date for deaths and the program end has not been announced.



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Once you have applied and are given an application number, you may provide supporting documentation to FEMA a few ways:

- Upload to your [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov) account
- Fax documents: **855-261-3452**.
- Mail documents: **P.O. BOX 10001, Hyattsville, MD 20782**



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COVERED EXPENSES:

- Transportation for up to two individuals to identify the deceased individual
- Transfer of remains/Repatriation (when the death has occurred in the US)
- Casket or urn
- Burial plot or cremation niche
- Costs associated with producing and certifying multiple death certificates
- Additional expenses mandated by any applicable local or state government laws or ordinances
- Arrangement of the funeral ceremony
- Use of funeral home equipment or staff
- Cremation or interment costs
- Marker or headstone
- Clergy or officiant services

FEMA Covid-19: [Funeral Assistance FAQ \(Frequently Asked Questions\)](https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeralassistance/faq)

FEMA Covid-19: [Preguntas frecuentes sobre Asistencia para gastos fúnebres en español](https://www.fema.gov/es/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeralassistance/faq)

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SEEKING BoS DIRECTION ON THE FOLLOWING POSSIBLE OPTIONS FOR MONTEREY COUNTY FUNERAL AND BURIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM





OPTION

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The FEMA program can stand alone, and the County will assist it by providing information and support navigating FEMA's program

**County
COSTS**

\$0 Operating costs



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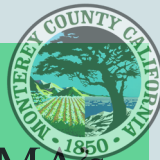
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- a. provides information and support navigating FEMA's program
- b. provides the same benefits with the same eligibility criteria as FEMA's program
- c. covers a specified period after FEMA's program ends

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10 applicants: \$90,000
100 applicants: \$900,000
~16(average/mo.): ~\$144,000

** An estimated average of ~16 Covid deaths/month. The estimate average/monthly decedents was calculated from the 348 total deaths to date, divided by 12 (roughly the period from the first reported Covid death in the county, March 21st, 2020 to-date April 16th, 2021).*



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The County can develop its own program that:

- a. provides information and support navigating FEMA's program
- b. provides the same benefits with the same eligibility criteria as FEMA's program
- c. covers a specified period after FEMA's program ends
- d. extends the eligibility criteria and benefits to include undocumented residents that covers the same period as FEMA's program and the County's program

County COSTS

10 applicants: \$90,000

100 applicants: \$900,000

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Option 2 or 3 but reduce the maximum benefit to:

- a. \$6000
- b. \$4000
- c. \$2000

County COSTS

	10 applicants	100 applicants	~16/mo. applicants
a. \$6000/applicant	\$60,000	\$600,000	\$96,000
b. \$4000/applicant	\$40,000	\$400,000	\$64,000
c. \$2000/applicant	\$20,000	\$200,000	\$32,000

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QUESTIONS & THANK YOU

