



# Department of Homeland Security

## Division of Financial Assistance Policy & Oversight (FAPO)

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# Financial Assistance Policy and Oversight

- **FAPO Mission**
  - To ensure financial assistance integrity, accountability, and controls in the award and administration processes, and quality and timeliness of related data to ensure integrity in the stewardship of federal funds.
- **FAPO Goals**
  - Educate the DHS financial assistance workforce (People).
  - Streamline DHS-wide financial assistance business models to support OCFO decisions (Decision Support).
  - Provide policy guidance, oversight, and technical assistance to DHS Components (Stewardship/Deliberate Resourcing).
- **FAPO Branches**
  - Information Management and Reporting
  - Oversight
  - Policy and Training
  - Strategic Planning



## Current Initiatives

### FAPO's major initiatives include:

- Managing DATA Act Reporting
- Implementing DHS Grant Measures
- Reviewing DHS Notices of Funding Opportunity
- Performing oversight reviews of DHS financial assistance programs.
- Representing DHS on the following government-wide initiatives:
  - Financial Assistance Committee for E-government (FACE)
  - Presidential Management Agenda (PMA) CAP Goal #8.
  - Quality Service Management Office (QSMO.)
    - OMB and GSA have directed the creation of the QSMO for selected mission support functions with release of OMB Memo M-19-16 Centralized Mission Support Capabilities for the Federal Government.



# Unique Entity Identifier

- DHS is on track to meet the transition deadline by April 2022.
- If your university (agency) is registered in SAM.gov today, your Unique Entity ID (UEI) has already been assigned and is viewable in SAM.gov. This includes inactive registrations.
- The UEI is currently located below the DUNS Number on your entity registration record. Remember, you must be signed in to your SAM.gov account to view entity records.
- How to find your UEI.
  - Log in to SAM.gov.
  - Go to your Workspace and select the numbered bubble above “Active” in the Entity Management widget.
  - You should then see your record(s) appear, and the UEI number(s) appear on the left side of each record.



- Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC) [www.pandemicoversight.gov](http://www.pandemicoversight.gov)
  - Established as a Committee of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) by the CARES Act.
  - PRAC mission is to promote transparency and support independent oversight of the funds provided by the CARES and ARP Act and other related pandemic relief legislation, now totaling more than \$5 trillion, and provide oversight of those funds and the coronavirus response.
  - Last week, the PRAC released cumulative COVID relief fund data for March 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. The data is available only on the [Coronavirus Relief Fund](#) page.



# American Rescue Plan

- Within the scope of the ARP, approximately \$50 billion in DHS financial assistance awards were only appropriated to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and impacted the following programs:
  - Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Grants.
  - Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG).
  - Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants.
  - Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG).
  - Individual Assistance (IA) related to Funeral Assistance Payments.
- Some of these programs will provide funding to states.
- To date, FEMA has awarded **\$53,630,208,353** in COVID funding mainly for individual assistance.



# CARES and ARP

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA is providing financial assistance for COVID-19 related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020.

## **COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Line Number**

Applications began on **April 12, 2021**  
**844-684-6333** | TTY: **800-462-7585**

### **Hours of Operation:**

Monday - Friday  
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time

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



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