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
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.
• 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.go.
  – 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

  - 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.
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.
- 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.

(Source – USAspending)

**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](https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance#apply)
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