

Energy Efficiency Rebates Available to PA Farmers

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

BANGOR - The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has created a new agricultural energy efficiency rebate program to help agricultural producers in the Commonwealth reduce energy consumption on their farms through the use of energy efficient technologies.

Commercial ag producers who conduct normal farming operations in Pennsylvania are eligible to apply. Rebates may be used for LED lighting, including fixtures and controls; efficient milk pumping equipment, including pumps, motors and controls such as variable frequency drives; and efficient ventilation equipment, including fans, motors and controls such as variable frequency drives.

Rebates will pay 50% of equipment costs, up to \$2,000 per technology category. Applicants may apply for both lighting and variable frequency drive rebates. Applications are being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis as funding remains available or through June 30.

Go here for additional information <http://links.pahousenews.com/>.



COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Available from FEMA

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BANGOR - Pennsylvanians who lost loved ones to COVID-19 and incurred funeral expenses as a result may be eligible for assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

FEMA's funeral assistance program will provide financial assistance for funeral expenses incurred after Jan. 20, 2020, for deaths related to COVID-19. To be eligible, the death must have occurred in the United States and the death certificate must attribute the death to COVID-19. Assistance is limited to a maximum financial amount of \$9,000 per funeral and a maximum of \$35,500 per application.

The program will provide reimbursement for expenses incurred for funeral services, including but not limited to transportation to identify the deceased individual, the transfer of remains, a burial plot or cremation niche, a marker or headstone, clergy or officiant services, the use of funeral home equipment or staff, and cremation or interment costs.

Eligible applicants can apply for the funeral assistance program by calling FEMA's COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Helpline at 1-844-684-6333 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Additional information is available here.



Amputee and Paralyzed Veterans Pension Program Available to Pennsylvania Veterans

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

BANGOR - During National Limb Loss and Limb Difference Awareness Month in April, the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) wants to ensure veterans across the commonwealth are aware of the agency's Amputee and Paralyzed Veterans Pension Program.

Eligible Pennsylvania veterans may qualify to receive a pension of \$150 per month. There are more than 2,000 veterans currently enrolled in the program.

Eligibility criteria:

- Served in the military honorably.
- Resident of Pennsylvania upon entering the military.
- Suffered a service-connected injury or incurred a disease resulting in the loss or loss of use of two or more extremities (arms/hands or legs/feet).
- At least a 40 percent disability rating compensation rating or higher in each limb as determined and certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Pennsylvania veterans should contact their County Veterans Affairs Director in the county they reside to apply. More information about the DMVA Amputee and Paralyzed Veterans Pension Program can be found at Pension Program.

Veterans may also contact my district office in Bangor at 610-588-8011 or my Nazareth office at 610-746-5090.

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