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Victims' kin to get 40M by Nov. 22

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Families of uniformed personnel who died in the Sept. 11 terror attack will each get checks of up to \$100,000 before Thanksgiving, Mayor Giuliani announced yesterday.

The money marks an immediate disbursement of about \$40 million of the \$85 million raised for the Twin Towers Fund Giuliani launched after the terror attacks on the World Trade Center.

"Certainly, each family that has children will be getting a check for at least \$100,000," Giuliani said. "And that will happen before the holidays, hopefully by Thanksgiving, so that people see that money is immediately going to them."

The remaining \$45 million will be distributed later, after "complex questions" about how best to apportion it are resolved, Giuliani added.

The money will go to families of NYPD cops, firefighters, Port Authority police and other uniformed personnel killed in the terror attack.

Mindful of criticism leveled at some charities for not being quick enough to distribute money to intended recipients, Giuliani said: "We're very sensitive of that; we want to make sure the money gets in the right hands."

"Every penny" donated to the Twin Towers Fund will go to those [for whom it is] intended, and money will be raised separately to pay the fund's administrative costs, he added.

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