

Accessing and Understanding FEMA Resources

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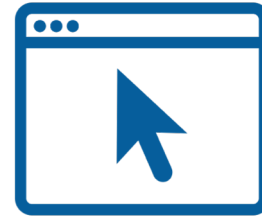
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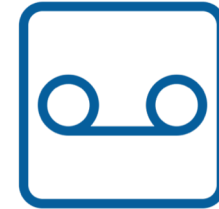
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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PA) GRANT PROGRAM

- The PA Program provides reimbursement to state and local governments and certain private non-profit organizations (PNP's) for emergency protective measures that are the legal responsibility of an eligible applicant.
- This program is under the authority of FEMA who determines regulations (44 CFR) and policy (Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide) based on the law (Stafford Act).
- Recipients (state, territorial and tribal governments) administer the grant based on the FEMA law, regulation and policy



COVID-19 INCIDENT OVERVIEW

- **Major Presidential Disaster Declaration**
 - Declaration Date: March 31, 2020 (DR-4507)
 - Incident Period: January 20, 2020 and continuing
 - Designated program: FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program (Category B – Emergency Protective Measures only)
 - Designated area: All 88 Ohio counties
 - Federal share is 75%; non-federal share 25%



FOUR BUILDING BLOCKS OF ELIGIBILITY





ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- **State and local governments**
- **Schools and Universities (Public and Private)**
- **Certain private non-profit organizations (PNPs)**
 - Although there are several PNPs eligible to apply direct to FEMA under the Public Assistance Program, under the COVID-19 declaration, there is a limited number of PNPs that can apply direct to FEMA
 - Those PNPs that can apply direct to FEMA are limited to universities/schools, medical providers (hospitals and nursing homes)
 - The reason for this will be explained shortly



ELIGIBLE FACILITIES

Eligible Facilities

- Owned and operated by an eligible applicant
- Damaged as a result of a declared disaster

Under this disaster declaration – Eligible facilities do not apply for the COVID-19 declaration because there is no physical damage to facilities



ELIGIBLE WORK

Eligible Work

- Be required as a result of the declared incident
- Be located in a designated area
- Be the legal responsibility of an eligible applicant



CATEGORIES OF WORK

Category A – Debris Removal

Category B – Emergency Measures

Category C – Roads and Bridges

Category D – Water Control Facilities

Category E – Buildings and Equipment

Category F – Utilities

Category G – Parks and Recreation



CATEGORY B – FEMA ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- **Actions taken by an applicant legally responsible to reduce or eliminate an immediate threat to public health and safety**
- **Generally, legal responsibility for public health and safety falls to the local or state government responding to an incident**
- **When a PNP is providing critical medical care, they can submit their RPA to FEMA**
- **Any other PNP's responding to the incident cannot submit their costs directly to FEMA, rather they need to partner with the local government they are assisting (in writing) and submit costs through that local government.**
 - **This would include organizations that provide shelter, mass feeding, day care, fire, etc.**



CATEGORY B – FEMA ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Private Non-Profit eligibility <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/04/02/coronavirus-covid19-pandemic-private-nonprofit-organizations>
- Emergency Protective Measures <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/03/19/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-eligible-emergency-protective-measures>
- Emergency Medical Care <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/03/31/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-emergency-medical-care>
- Non-congregate sheltering <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/03/31/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-non-congregate-sheltering>