Understanding FEMA COVID-19 Public Assistance Resources For Private Nonprofits (PNPs)

Friday April 17, 2020
10:00 to 11:30am
Welcome and Introductions

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Session Objectives

- To share what guidance has been released regarding FEMA support for private nonprofits (PNPs) who are responding to COVID-19
- To discuss what we know about the process for a nonprofit who is interested in seeking government assistance for costs incurred for COVID-19 work
- To educate PNPs on what you need to know and have in place to make such a request
Agenda Overview

- FEMA COVID-19 Resources for PNPs
- What Is Eligible under Public Assistance (PA)
- Who Is the Applicant for FEMA PA
- Role of CalOES
- Role of Local Jurisdictions (cities/County)
- Q & A
What We Are NOT Covering Today

• CARES Act resources that might be available to PNPs or your clients/consumers
  • Stimulus money
  • Paycheck protection program
  • SBA loans

• Resources that might be available from other Federal agencies or departments such as Health and Human Services, the CDC or others
DISCLAIMER

• CADRE and SVCN are sharing what we know from the various guidance documents, fact sheets and webinars related to this topic

• This presentation is intended to be an overview of the information made available by FEMA and CalOES that is applicable to PNPs

• The intent is to provide you with information so you can evaluate the opportunity for your own organization/agency

• NOT LEGAL or FINANCIAL ADVICE
Reference Documents

At this time, we will make the links for these available in the chat box so please take a moment to grab them now as a part of this presentation.
FEMA COVID-19 Resources

**Stafford Act Essential Services Section 102(11) and 44 CFR 206.221(e)**

What is FEMA authorized to provide (March 19, 2020)

- Eligible emergency protective measures **taken at the direction or guidance of public health officials** in response to this emergency, and not supported by the authorities of another federal agency, will be reimbursed strictly under the FEMA Public Assistance program.
FEMA COVID-19 Resources - IA

• What is Individual Assistance
  • Crisis Counseling

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FACT SHEET

Crisis Counseling Assistance & Training Program

FEMA implements the Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCAP) to fund mental health assistance and training activities in areas that have received a Presidential major disaster declaration for Individual Assistance upon request by a state, tribal or territorial government. Funding is through a federal grant awarded application. Within this application, the requestor must identify a non-federal entity to administer CCAP.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ (HHS) Center for Mental Health Services, within Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), works in partnership with FEMA to provide technical assistance, consultation, grant administration, program oversight, and training for state and tribal designated mental health authorities.

Program Overview

The mission of the program is to assist individuals and communities in recovering from the psychological effects of disasters through the provision of community-based outreach and educational services. It supports short-term interventions to assist disaster survivors in understanding their current situation and reactions, mitigating stress, promoting the use or development of coping strategies, providing emotional support, and encouraging links with other survivors and agencies who may help survivors in their recovery process.

Services are provided at no cost and are available to any survivor who has been impacted by the disaster. These services are delivered in accessible locations, including survivors’ homes, shelters, temporary living sites, and places of worship. Services can be provided in a group setting or one-on-one.

Disaster Crisis Counseling vs. Mental Health Treatment

The key difference between traditional mental health services and crisis counseling is the way services are provided. Mental health treatment, as typically defined within the mental health community, implies assistance to individuals for a diagnostic disorder. Typically, the mental health professional and client will discuss various treatment options and agree to certain interventions and treatment goals.

In contrast, crisis counseling works to help survivors understand that they are experiencing common reactions to extraordinary circumstances. Crisis counselors teach each individual and group they encountered in the first week or two, contact all individual’s relative or case files. They also find opportunities to engage survivors, educating them about their experiences and teaching them to manage stress. Counselling helps enhance social and emotional connections to others in the community and promote effective coping strategies and resilience. Crisis counsellors work closely with community organisations to help them become the community with available resources so they can refer survivors to behavioral health treatment and other services.

Programs Available

Supplemental funding for crisis counseling is available to state, territorial, and designated tribal authorities through two separate federal grant programs.
FEMA COVID-19 Resources - PA

• What is Public Assistance
  • FEMA’s largest grant program
  • Purpose is to support communities’ recovery from major disasters by providing grant assistance
What Is Eligible Under Public Assistance (PA)

FACT SHEET – March 19, 2020

- Eligible Emergency Protective Measures
  - Emergency Operation Center costs
  - Disinfection of eligible public facilities
  - Emergency medical care
  - Medical sheltering
  - Purchase and distribution of food, water, PPE, medicine...
What Is Eligible Under Public Assistance (2)

FACT SHEET - March 31, 2020

- PNP Applicant Eligibility
  - FEMA reimburses the eligible applicant who then pays for the provision of services

- PNP Work Eligibility
  - Emergency work necessary to save lives or protect public health and safety

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Private Nonprofit Organizations

All 50 states, the District of Columbia, five territories, and numerous tribes are working directly with FEMA under President Trump’s March 13, 2020, nationwide emergency declaration for COVID-19. Under this emergency declaration, and subsequent major disaster declarations, certain private nonprofit (PNP) organizations are eligible to apply for funding through FEMA’s Public Assistance program. This fact sheet provides guidance for determining the eligibility of PNP applicants and work performed in accordance with the COVID-19 emergency and major disaster declarations.

PNP Applicant Eligibility

To be eligible for Public Assistance, a PNP applicant must show that it has:

- A ruling letter from the Internal Revenue Service granting tax exemption under sections 501(c), (d), or (e) of the Internal Revenue Code or (b) of

- Documentation from the state substantiating that the non-revenue producing organization or entity is a nonprofit entity organized or doing business under state law.¹

PNP Applicant Eligibility

Eligible PNP’s must also own or operate an eligible facility.² For PNP’s, an eligible facility is one that provides an eligible service, which includes education, utilities, emergency, medical, custodial care, and other essential social services.²

PNP Work Eligibility

In accordance with sections 402 and 502 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5161 et seq., (the “Stafford Act”), eligible emergency protective measures taken to respond to the COVID-

¹ 44 C.F.R. 206.221(e). ² 44 C.F.R. 206.221(e).
What Is Eligible Under Public Assistance (3)

FEMA Policy -- April 11, 2020

• Purchase and Distribution of Food
Who Is The Applicant for FEMA PA

• Legal Responsibility

• Formal Agreements with PNPs

• FEMA RPA form
NEW Simplified Application for PA

FACT SHEET

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Public Assistance Simplified Application

This Fact Sheet supplements Fact Sheet: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic Emergency Protective Measures and provides an overview of the FEMA Public Assistance application process for recipients and applicants requesting reimbursement related to federal emergency and major disaster declarations for Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19). FEMA is simplifying the Public Assistance application and funding process to address the magnitude of this event and allow local officials to receive eligible assistance more quickly.

FEMA is simplifying the Public Assistance application process. FEMA is developing a simplified online form applications can complete, and a tool which may include work activities, answer basic questions, and provide valuable supporting documentation, and provide a cost estimate. FEMA and the recipient will review this information, follow up with limited requests for additional information if necessary, and award assistance. Recipients will have access to all projects in PA Grants Portal, consistent with the traditional PA process.

The national emergency declaration authorized Public Assistance Category B reimbursement for emergency protective measures. It does not include additional categories of assistance, such as infrastructure repair and replacement, which are needed after typical natural disasters. This enables FEMA to eliminate many application steps that are designed for these categories. Submitting an online application can save time, eliminate unnecessary tasks, and reducing documentation requirements to the minimum needed to support.

Applicants are states, tribes, or territories that receive and administer Public Assistance awards. Applicants are state, local, tribal, or territorial governments, or eligible private nonprofits, submitting a request for assistance under a recipient’s federal award.

Applicants are empowered to drive their own recovery and directly apply for reimbursement without waiting for FEMA to assign a Program Delivery Manager. FEMA is simplifying the process so applicants may directly apply for assistance through the PA Grants Portal.

As FEMA and recipients implement these changes, FEMA will continue to process and fund Public Assistance projects. Funding is immediately available should states, tribal, territorial, or local officials request emergency assistance. Prior to funding, recipients must sign FEMA States/Tribal/Territorial Agreements, submit signed Federal Grant Applications (SF-424), and update Recipient Public Assistance Administrative Plans. Recipients should start setting up Grants Portal accounts for themselves and applicants at grants.fema.gov so they can start the process.

FEMA developed this COVID-19 streamlined project application to simplify the application process for Public Assistance funding under the COVID-19 pandemic declarations. This document includes the project application and instructions for how the Applicant should complete and submit the application to the Recipient and FEMA.

Overview

FEMA may provide funding to eligible Applicants for costs related to emergency protective measures conducted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Emergency protective measures are activities conducted to address immediate threats to life, public health, and safety. Eligible Applicants may submit funding requests to the Recipient and FEMA through the PA Grants Portal. FEMA provides funding through Recipients to eligible Applicants.

Pre-requisites

Prior to submitting this project application, Applicants must submit and receive approval of a Request for Public Assistance. To submit a request, visit the Public Assistance Grants Portal at grants.fema.gov.

Public Assistance Funding Considerations

Public Assistance funding is subject to a cost share. The assistance FEMA provides through its Public Assistance program is subject to a cost share. The federal share is not less than 75 percent of eligible costs. The federal cost share may be increased in limited circumstances if warranted. The Recipient determines how much of the non-federal share the Applicant must fund.

Public Assistance cannot duplicate funding from another federal source.

Some activities may be eligible for funding through both FEMA and other federal agency funding sources for COVID-19, including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR). The Applicant should not request funding for activities where the costs have been or will be claimed from another federal funding source.

Some activities may be completed through direct federal assistance. Some eligible activities may be completed directly by the Federal Government rather than provided as financial assistance to Applicants to

1 The latest updated guidance on emergency protective measures eligible for Public Assistance reimbursement for COVID-19 can be found at https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus.
2 If receiving any costs that have been or will be claimed through another federal agency, FEMA will process beyond the cost share

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NONPROFITS RESPONDING TOGETHER
Role of CalOES

- FEMA Application Fact Sheet for PNPs
  
  disasterrecovery@caloes.ca.gov

- Access to the FEMA grants portal
Questions for FEMA and CalOES?
Role of Local Jurisdictions

City of San Jose

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Role of Local Jurisdictions (2)

• For Santa Clara County
Disaster Cost Recovery Annex

Role of Local Jurisdictions (3)

• For SCCO Operational Area
Final Q & A

What questions do you have?
What, if any, technical help is needed or desired?
Are there groups of PNPs that want to work together?
CLOSING COMMENTS
And THANK YOU
Resource Links

FEMA Documents cited:

• https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1525468328389-4a038bbef9081cd7dfe7538e7751aa9c/PAPPG_3.1_508_FINAL_5-4-2018.pdf


• https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1566920200647-b478e3a3650f2cc1224b13818cd7eada/FACTSHEET_CrisisCounselingProgram.pdf


• https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1505397829631-758807d2f22ea320a71a74ade429675d/FEMA_Form_009-0-49_RPA_508_FINAL.pdf
Resource Links

CalOES Documents cited:
https://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/recovery/disaster-mitigation-technical-support/technical-assistance/state-private-nonprofit-organizations-assistance-program


Santa Clara County Disaster Cost Recovery Annex: