Public Assistance: Tribal Recipients

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Tribal Governments may be a Recipient or Subrecipient for FEMA Public Assistance based on the President’s national emergency declaration for coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on March 13, 2020. Tribal governments need to request separate emergency declarations if coming through the state to receive federal assistance.

As Recipient

- Requires execution of a FEMA-Tribe Agreement (FTA) and execution of an applicable emergency plan
- FEMA Regional offices can provide a draft copy to tribal governments for review, edit and finalize for signature and distribution
- FEMA Public Assistance will be provided at 75/25 percent non-federal cost share.
- As direct Recipients, Tribal Governments will be responsible for the 25 percent cost share.

As Subrecipient

- Tribal governments coordinate directly with CalOES Public Assistance Program
- Reimbursable activities typically include activation of State Emergency Operations Centers, law enforcement and other measures necessary to protect public health and safety
- Recognizing some tribal governments have greater capacity than others, in order to streamline resource requests, it may be more efficient to maintain close coordination with county and state officials.

Additional Federal Funding

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) also has funding available including $80 million dollars specifically identified for tribes, tribal organizations and tribal health service providers. *Keep in mind, you cannot supplant federal funding with other federal funding*

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