



# Public Assistance: Tribal Recipients Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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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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