

FEMA Public Assistance Overview

FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) program provides funding to support communities in responding to and recovering from major disasters or emergencies declared by the President on a cost-sharing basis. The program may help fund emergency measures to protect lives and property and for the permanent restoration of community infrastructure to their pre-disaster design and function.

| FEMA CATEGORIES AND EXAMPLES OF COMMON ELIGIBLE WORK | | |
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| Emergency Work must be done immediately to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save lives, protect public health and safety, and protect improved property. • Eliminate or lessen an immediate threat of additional impacts and damage. | | |
| Emergency Work | A - Debris Removal | Staff <u>straight time & overtime</u> , and contracts, in support of the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting debris removal activities • Running and/or supporting a Debris Resource Operation Center (DROC) • Hazard tree, limb, or stump removal |
| | B – Emergency Protective Measures | Staff <u>overtime</u> , and associated benefits, staff <u>travel</u> , and <u>purchases/contracts</u> in support of the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evacuation and sheltering – to include shelter support services • Emergency Operations Center or Department Operations Center staff overtime, supplies, etc. • Meals for emergency workers – purchased in bulk and brought to the work location • Traffic control activities • Fire suppression activities • Safety inspections to determine facility safety for entry or occupancy |
| Permanent Work | C-G – Permanent Work | Permanent Work is work performed to restore the pre-disaster design and function of a damaged facility in accordance with current codes and standards. Eligible facilities are separated into the following categories of work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C – Roads and bridges • D – Water control facilities • E – Buildings, equipment, and building contents • F – Utilities • G – Parks, recreation and other |
| Management Costs | Z – Management Costs | FEMA provides contributions for costs incurred in administering and managing PA awards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on actual costs incurred, up to 5% of a Subrecipient's total award amount. At a 100% federal cost share. • Eligible activities are expenses associated with developing and managing eligible PA projects to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Staff straight time & overtime, contracted staff, travel, supplies • All claims must be associated with eligible facilities, work, and costs. |

The [Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide v5](#) should be referenced for information on program policies, eligibility considerations, and procedural requirements.