

## COVID-19 Information for Private Non-Profits

On Friday March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a National Emergency, which activated the Public Assistance program. This allows for reimbursement of Emergency Protective Measures that are performed by eligible applicants as a result of the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration. Along with State and local departments, certain private non-profits are eligible as applicants.

### Eligible Non-Profits include, but are not limited to:

Critical Services	Non Critical, Essential Social Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Medical Facilities, such as clinics, hospitals, nursing homes and long term care, and laboratories.</li> <li>● Emergency services (Fire, EMS, Rescue)</li> <li>● Higher Education Institutions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Community centers</li> <li>● Non-medical</li> <li>● Assisted living</li> <li>● Homeless shelters</li> <li>● Senior centers</li> <li>● Houses of Worship</li> <li>● Food banks and food assistance program</li> </ul>

### Public Assistance Category B Details:

Emergency protective measures conducted before, during, and after an incident are eligible if the measures:

- Eliminate or lessen immediate threats to lives, public health, or safety; or
- Eliminate or lessen immediate threats of significant additional damage to improved public or private property in a cost-effective manner.

### Documentation Needed for Private Non-Profits

- 501 (c), (d), or (e) tax exemption form, or other evidence that the organization is tax exempt under state law
- Non-Critical private nonprofits must apply for a Small Business Administration (SBA) loan, before qualifying for Public Assistance.

Any Private Non-Profit who may be eligible for Public Assistance should request a Grants Portal account be created for them as soon as possible in order to have a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) submitted for them by the deadline, 4/12/2020 (Extension is expected).

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## Summary of Declaration

**EM-3430**

**Incident Period: January 20, 2020-Ongoing**

**Assistance Authorized: Category B Emergency Protective Measures**

### Request Access to Grants Portal

Grants Portal is the gateway for Public Assistance reimbursement. Those departments and Private Nonprofits (PNPs) seeking Public Assistance reimbursement must do so through Grants Portal. Counties may request a Grants Portal be created for the County Government as a whole, or may request separate Grants Portal accounts for individual departments inside the county.

Form to request access to Grants

Portal: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQ5E3EZiCKxFuiJaIUZjL28FefQ2-F\\_DFH9Uy5j7uJXxUhHA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQ5E3EZiCKxFuiJaIUZjL28FefQ2-F_DFH9Uy5j7uJXxUhHA/viewform)

### Who should have a Grants Portal Account?

- Local Departments incurring costs due to COVID-19 since.
- PNPs providing goods and services and incurring costs due to COVID-19 in order to reduce risk to public health, property, and save lives.
- Those providing congregate and/or non-congregate sheltering at the directions of a state or local official in accordance with CDC guidelines for social distancing.

MEMA will submit the Request for Public Assistance (RPA ) upon creation of account

Nonprofits must provide the following document before RPA can be successfully completed:

- Insurance Policy
- Charter and/or By-laws
- Accreditation
- Tax Exemption Certificate
- Proof of Ownership of facility

RPA is due **4/12/2020** (Extension is expected)

### What do we need from you?

Decide if the county wants to go in as one applicant or departments will go in separately

- Municipalities and any applicant that has a separate finance function should be their own applicant
- If your department does not have a Grants Portal Account already, fill out the Google form as soon as possible.
  - If you are not sure if you have a Grants Portal account, please contact Public Assistance at the email below
  - If you need a password reset, contact Public Assistance at the email below

If your an Private Nonprofit is actively engaged with providing essential services to the public, related to COVID-19, share this information with them, so that they can potentially seek reimbursement

- Share our contact information as well so that we can provide them with technical assistance

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# Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Eligible Emergency Protective Measures

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Consistent with the President's national emergency declaration for the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on March 13, 2020, FEMA urges officials to, without delay, take appropriate actions that are necessary to protect public health and safety pursuant to public health guidance and conditions and capabilities in their jurisdictions. FEMA provides the following guidance on the types of emergency protective measures that may be eligible under FEMA's Public Assistance Program in accordance with the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration in order to ensure that resource constraints do not inhibit efforts to respond to this unprecedented disaster.

## FEMA Public Assistance Program

In accordance with section 502 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"), eligible emergency protective measures taken to respond to the COVID-19 emergency at the direction or guidance of public health officials may be reimbursed under Category B of FEMA's Public Assistance program. *FEMA will not duplicate assistance provided by the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS\)](#), to include the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), or other federal agencies.*

State, territorial, tribal, and local government entities and certain private non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for [Public Assistance](#). FEMA assistance will be provided at a 75 percent federal cost share. This assistance will require execution of a FEMA-State/Tribal/Territory Agreement, as appropriate, and execution of an applicable emergency plan. Local governments and other eligible PA applicants will apply through their respective state, tribal or territorial jurisdictions.

## Eligible Assistance

Under the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration described above, FEMA may provide assistance for emergency protective measures including, but not limited to, the following, if not funded by the HHS/CDC or other federal agency. *While some activities listed may be eligible for funding through HHS/CDC, final reimbursement determinations will be coordinated by HHS and FEMA. FEMA will not duplicate any assistance provided by HHS/CDC:*

- Management, control and reduction of immediate threats to public health and safety:
  - Emergency Operation Center costs



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- Training specific to the declared event
- Disinfection of eligible public facilities
- Technical assistance to state, tribal, territorial or local governments on emergency management and control of immediate threats to public health and safety
- Emergency medical care:
  - Non-deferrable medical treatment of infected persons in a shelter or temporary medical facility
  - Related medical facility services and supplies
  - Temporary medical facilities and/or enhanced medical/hospital capacity (for treatment when existing facilities are reasonably forecasted to become overloaded in the near term and cannot accommodate the patient load or to quarantine potentially infected persons)
  - Use of specialized medical equipment
  - Medical waste disposal
  - Emergency medical transport
- Medical sheltering (e.g. when existing facilities are reasonably forecasted to become overloaded in the near future and cannot accommodate needs)
  - All sheltering must be conducted in accordance with standards and/or guidance approved by HHS/CDC and must be implemented in a manner that incorporates social distancing measures
  - Non-congregate medical sheltering is subject to prior approval by FEMA and is limited to that which is reasonable and necessary to address the public health needs of the event, is pursuant to the direction of appropriate public health officials and does not extend beyond the duration of the Public Health Emergency
- Household pet sheltering and containment actions related to household pets in accordance with CDC guidelines
- Purchase and distribution of food, water, ice, medicine, and other consumable supplies, to include personal protective equipment and hazardous material suits
- Movement of supplies and persons
- Security and law enforcement
- Communications of general health and safety information to the public
- Search and rescue to locate and recover members of the population requiring assistance
- Reimbursement for state, tribe, territory and/or local government force account overtime costs

## More Information

Further information about eligible emergency protective measures can be found in the [Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide](#), FP 104-009-2 (April 2018).

For more information, visit the following federal government websites:

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) \(CDC\)](#)
- [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#)