

### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) program provides federal disaster grant assistance for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the repair or replacement of **disaster-damaged** property to state and local governments and certain non-profits.
- Grant monies flow through the Recipient (ODAPM) to the Sub-Recipient.
- No less than 75% Federal Cost Share.
- FEMA PA is a reimbursable grant

## WHAT IS THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?

**OUR** 

LARGEST GRANT PROGRAM

\$4.7 BILLION/YEAR 51% OF ALL GRANTS

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE \$4.7B/YEAR ASSISTANCE S.72B/YEAR PREPAREDNESS GRANTS \$3.2B/YEAR MITIGATION GRANTS \$.71B/YEAR

### WHAT IS THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?

- Authorized by the Robert T. Stafford Act, as amended, the PA program provides grants to State and local governments, recognized Tribal governments, U.S. Territories, and certain private non-profit entities to alleviate suffering and hardship resulting from major disasters and emergencies declared by the President.
- Based upon a partnership between Applicants, the Territory, and FEMA
  - Applicants identify damages, document costs, manage the projects, and help formulate projects.
  - ODAPM manages the PA program, generally formulates projects, approves funding, provides technical assistance, and ensures compliance with laws and regulations.

## WHAT HAS CHANGED?

# PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

#### WHAT HASN'T CHANGED

- Law
- Regulations
- Policy

#### WHAT'S CHANGING

- Process
- Roles
- Tools & Templates
- Systems

### WHO? ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Territory Government Departments
- Territory Government Agencies:
  - Offices created with Executive Order
- Territory Government Authorities:
  - ASPA, ASTCA, DBAS, LBJ, and Shipyard
- Non-Profits Critical
  - Nursing Homes
  - Schools

- Emergency Work:
  - Debris Removal A
  - Emergency Protective Measures B
- Permanent Work:
  - Roads and Bridges System C
  - Water Control Facilities D
  - Buildings and Equipment E
  - Utilities F
  - Parks, Recreational and other G

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# WHEN DOES THE PA PROGRAM GET ACTIVATED?

**Declaration by the President** 



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- Disaster Number: FEMA-4669-DR-AS
- Incident: High Surf, Storm Surge
- Incident Period: July 12 15, 2022
- Date Requested By Governor: August 12, 2022
- Types of Assistance:
  - Public Assistance
  - Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

### WHEN?

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#### PRE-DECLARATION

Preliminary Damage Assessment

State/Territory/Tribe submits Declaration request (within 30 days of incident)

> Presidential Declaration

#### APPLICANT COLLABORATION

Recipient conducts Applicant Briefings

Applicants submit Requests for Public Assistance (within 30 days of Declaration)

> FEMA approves Applicant RPAs

FEMA conducts
Recovery Scoping
Meeting (within 21
days of RPA approval)

### SUBAWARD FORMULATION

Applicant identifies and reports all damage (within 60 days of Recovery Scoping Meeting)

Develop project Scope of Work and costs

FEMA and Recipient conduct Exit Briefing

#### SUBAWARD FUNDING

FEMA obligates funds to Recipient

Subrecipient completes work and requests Closeout of its project(s)

Recipient certifies completion (within 180 days of project completion) and FEMA closes project(s)

> FEMA closes the Subrecipient

FEMA closes the Disaster PA Program Award

#### GRANTS MANAGEMENT MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

- The Grants Management Modernization Program (GMM) was initiated in 2015, in part, due to EMMIE's failure to capture and manage pre and post award activities. Grants Portal was created as a result.
- Grants Portal is a web-based application that enables Public Assistance Recipients and Sub-Recipients to complete, submit, monitor, and manage Public Assistance applications online. Grants Portal was created to streamline subgrant development and enable the usage of FEMA's Consolidated Resource Center (CRC).
- **EMMIE** is still utilized for reviews and obligation.

### GRANTS MANAGEMENT MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

- Sub-recipients and Recipients are provided access to FEMA's Grants Portal. The Portal communicates with FEMA's internal Grants Manager System.
- A Sub-recipient may grant access to personnel necessary for grant formulation, data input, documentation upload, project development, and project review.
- Sub-recipients and Recipients will determine the level of success given to each user based on need.
- Proof of Payment is required

#### Type of Work/Costs Claimed: Documentation and Information Required for All Categories and Lanes

Other Information

□ Claimed cost

For each job completed, submit the following documents and information depending on the type of work done/costs claimed.

If the Applicant wishes to participate in Small Project Self-Certification (categories B-G Completed projects only), the only documents needed are the Summary Records for each labor/equipment type. Other information listed below will still be requested in the EEIs.

Force Account Labor		Contract	
Documents		Documents	
	Force Account Labor Summary		Contract Costs Summary
	Force Account Labor Payroll Timesheets		Contract Document
	Force Account Work Order/ Activity Log		Procurement Policy
	Force Account Labor Pay Policy		Contract Bid/Plus Section Processes
	Force Account Fringe Benefit Calculation		Invoices
Other Information		Other Information	
	Number of regular hours		Which types of contracts were used?
	Number of overtime hours		How was the contract procured?
	Claimed cost		Claimed cost
	Was work performed by a department? Which?	Mutual Aid/MOU	
Force Account Equipment		Documents	
Documents			Mutual Aid Agreement
	Force Account Equipment Summary		Mutual Aid Timesheets
	Force Account Work Order/ Activity Log		Mutual Aid Work Order/ Activity Log
	Force Account Equipment Rate Costs		Mutual Aid Invoices
			Mutual Aid Summary
Other Information			Mutual Aid Equipment Record
	Number of hours		Mutual Aid Materials
	Claimed cost		Mutual Aid Equipment Rate Costs
Force A	ccount Materials	Other Ir	nformation
Documents		00.67	Who was the mutual aid with?
	Force Account Material Summary		Claimed cost
	Force Account Historical Cost Summary		Claimed Cost
	Force Account Materials Invoices/Receipts		