

This can assist you in understanding and identify **Eligible Activities** under COVID-19.

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#### **COVID-19 cost recovery - Eligible Activities**

Communities are engaged in responding to one of the world's most significant medical emergencies in modern times. The response to COVID-19 is not without impact in terms of the fiscal strain of extraordinary personnel, facilities, equipment, supplies and apparatus usage.

One prominent way your jurisdiction can obtain fiscal support is through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) [Public Assistance Grant Program](#). The information and worksheets provided here will assist you with capturing information and completing the documentation required for a successful submission.

If your question isn't answered below, please refer to the [FEMA Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide](#) for detailed guidance on eligibility, cost reimbursement and documentation requirements.

#### **Who can apply for public assistance?**

State, local, tribal and territorial government entities, and certain private nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply to FEMA for reimbursement of emergency protective measures taken to respond to the COVID-19 emergency. 911 and EMS agencies (including fire service, third government service, and certain private nonprofit services) may be reimbursed for certain costs related to the COVID-19 response.

Joint Powers of Authority fire departments are eligible to apply for public assistance. Provide documentation with your request that supports your assignment of emergency services by the local entities.

#### **What costs can be reimbursed?**

The following is a list of costs that may be reimbursed by FEMA under the Public Assistance Grant Program. General eligibility considerations for emergency protective measures apply to all claimed work and associated costs. FEMA assistance will be provided at a 75% federal cost share and may not duplicate assistance provided by other federal agencies.

Lost revenue is not covered under the Public Assistance Grant Program.

#### **FEMA's Definition:**

#### **Emergency Protective Measures (Category B) –**

Emergency protective measures conducted before, during, and after an incident are eligible if the measures eliminates or lessens **immediate threats** to lives, public health, or safety

#### **First- What's not eligible?**

- Teleworking

- IT cost associated with Teleworking
- Administrative Leave – Sending people home.
- Day-Care
- Regular labor hours for staff employees

## These are the potential areas of activities that are eligible for Public Assistance: **Category B – Emergency Protective Measures**

### **Emergency medical care of COVID-19 patients**

- Emergency medical transport (including to alternative destinations).
- Specialized emergency medical care.

### **Emergency operations centers (EOCs)**

- OT labor costs.
- Lease costs.
- Supply costs.

See the [FEMA Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide](#), pp. 62-63, for specific information related to EOCs, including meals.

### **Facilities**

- Cleaning/disinfection of stations, apparatus and equipment.
- Purchase of disinfection products, supplies and services.
- Relocation to a temporary facility.
- Enhancements to existing facilities.

### **Meals**

Meals and meal supplies for emergency workers (restrictions apply).

### **Medical supplies**

- Purchase of durable medical supplies.
- Purchase of disposable medical supplies.
- Disposal of medical waste.

### **Medical testing and vaccination**

- Testing for emergency workers.
- Vaccinations for emergency workers.

### **Personal protective equipment (PPE)**

- Purchase of PPE.
- Cleaning of PPE.

### **Responder housing**

Noncongregate sheltering for first responders who test positive for COVID-19, have been exposed to the virus, or require isolation as a precautionary measure.

### **Staffing**

- Backfill employees.
- Temporary employees.
- Overtime costs.

Reimbursable work has to be directly linked to the emergency declaration. If the call was during normal working hours, the time is not reimbursed. Only overtime is reimbursed for declaration activities.

See the [FEMA Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide](#), pp. 23-26, for specific information related to staffing, including EOCs.

### **Training**

Training specific to the COVID-19 response.

**If you have costs for one of the above activities, start tracking and documenting.**

If you have other costs not in the list, talk to your PDMG and determine if they are eligible.

### **Documenting public assistance requests**

Labor – **OVERTIME ONLY. Some Regular Time for Temp/Project employees.**

Equipment

Materials

Contracts

Rental

### **Tools for tracking costs, inventory and supplies**

Many organizations don't take advantage of funding opportunities related to federally declared emergencies and disasters because they believe that the reporting requirements are difficult and that record keeping is time consuming.

### **Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide**

Browse the [FEMA Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide](#) for additional insight on documentation needs, such as:

- Applicant labor and applicant-owned equipment.
- Rented or purchased equipment.
- Purchased supplies and supplies from stock.
- Contracted services.
- Mutual aid services.

## FEMA FACT SHEETS

- [Procurement Under Grants: Under Exigent or Emergency Circumstances](#)
- [COVID-19 Pandemic: Emergency Medical Care](#)
- [COVID-19 Pandemic: Private Nonprofit Organizations](#)
- [COVID-19 Pandemic: Non-Congregate Sheltering](#)

## Learn more about the Public Assistance Grant Program

### Public assistance self-study courses

- [IS-1010: Emergency Protective Measures](#)
- [IS-1002: FEMA Grants Portal – Transparency at Every Step](#)
- [Browse other public assistance self-study courses](#)

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