



Virginia Department of
Emergency Management

Recovery from Buchanan County Flooding, Mudslides and Landslides Event: What Happens Next?

FEMA-DR-4628

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Roles and Responsibilities

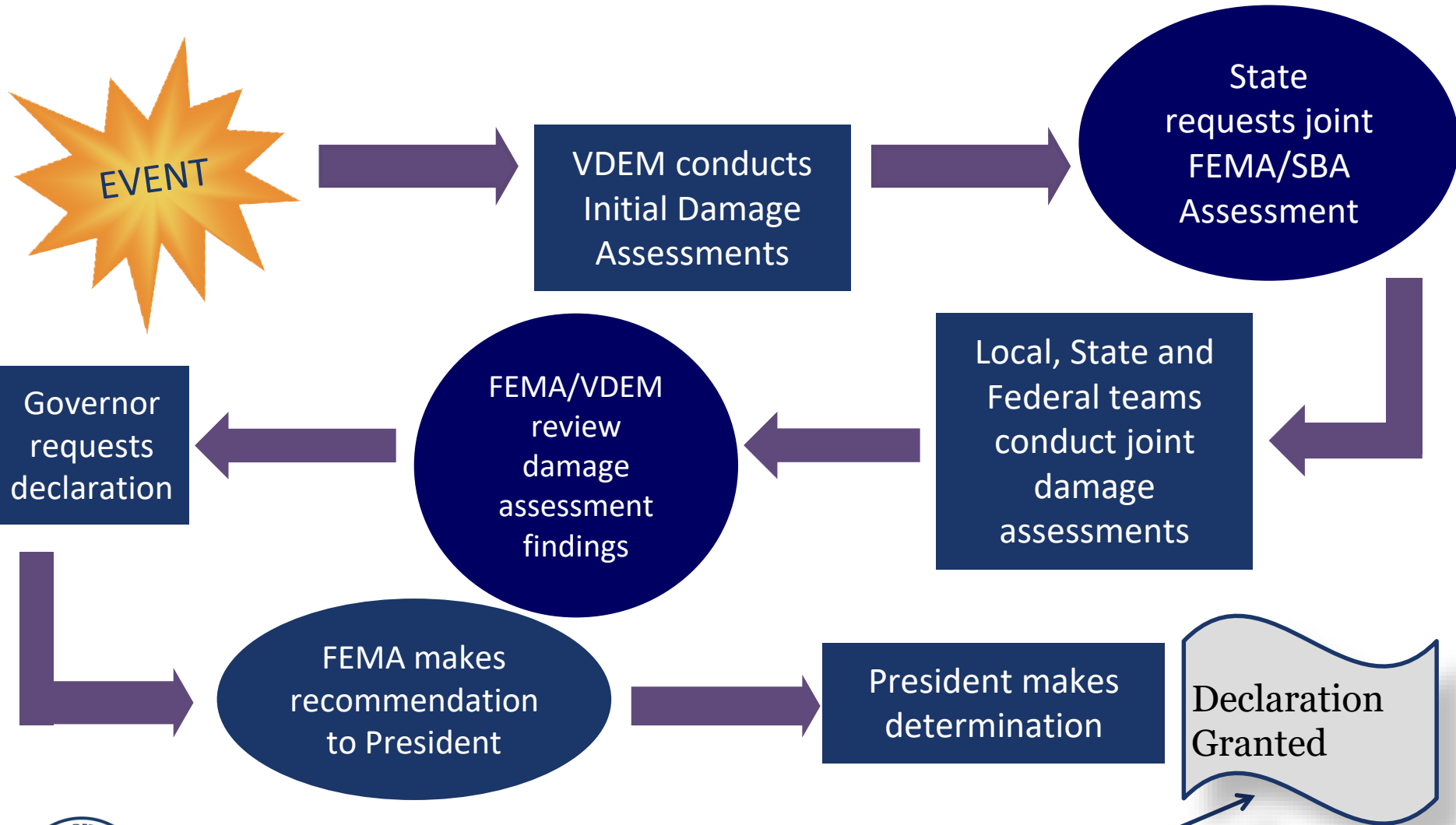
<u>FEMA</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>POTENTIAL APPLICANTS</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leads PDA • Provides expertise in FEMA eligibility • Documents special considerations issues • Develops PDA assessments • Reports to FEMA and State 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submits request for Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) • Provides State's initial damage assessments (IDA) and situation reports • Coordinates and identifies damages with potential applicants • Schedules site visits; recommends sequence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies damages • Describes impact • Leads team to sites • Provides population and budget data • Provides insurance information • Identifies special considerations issues • Provides cost information



IDA= Initial Damage Assessment (locality submission and VDEM review of damages)

PDA= Preliminary Damage Assessment (state submission and FEMA review of damages)

Process for pursuit of a Disaster Declaration:



We are here for Public Assistance (PA)

What is the Public Assistance Program?



- ❖ The FEMA Public Assistance (PA) program provides assistance to local, state and tribal governments, and certain types of private non-profit (PNP) organizations for disaster related activities performed during and/or after a Presidentially declared disaster.
- ❖ In this case, Applicants would need to have proof of damages located within Buchanan County, Virginia. This is the only County included in the declaration for DR-4628



Public Assistance Eligibility Pyramid



The first step in reviewing eligibility is to determine whether the applicant is eligible.



Types of Eligible Applicants:

- State and Territorial governments to include District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, Virgin Island, American Samoa & the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
- Local governments:
 - Counties and parishes
 - Municipalities, cities, towns/townships, boroughs
 - Local public authorities- Service, development, water, industrial and/or port authorities
 - School/Intrastate districts to include Community Development districts
 - State and regional agencies or instrumentalities of local governments
- Indian Tribal governments that are federally recognized, to include Alaska Native villages and organizations. (Alaska Native Corporations are not eligible, as they are privately owned.)
- Certain Private non-profit entities (Critical/Essential PNP services: Education, Medical, Utilities, Emergency services) with IRS exemption under sections 501(c), (d) or (e).
 - Non-critical PNPs (e.g. houses of worship, community centers, food banks, libraries, zoos) are required to seek assistance from SBA for permanent work, only work not covered by SBA is eligible for PA funding.



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Next, Eligible Applicants will Apply for Assistance:

The Life of a PA Grant

Public Assistance follows FEMA's common set of phases known as the Grants Management Life Cycle:

- ✓ **Pre-Award:** Applicants work with the Recipient and FEMA to develop the award package for a grant.
- ✓ **Award:** FEMA approves the award package and allocates funding.
- ✓ **Post-Award:** Funds are released to the Recipients who must maintain, monitor, and report upon.
- ✓ **Closeout:** FEMA administers performance evaluation, financial and appeal reconciliation, final reporting activities, appeal resolution and debt actions.
- ✓ **Post-Closeout:** As necessary, FEMA performs debt collection actions, audit, and other adjustments may continue after grant closeout.

We are here.



VDEM will hold “Applicant Briefings” which explain the process for [Applying for Public Assistance](#) (PA) on Friday November 12th and Monday November 15th . Webinar information will be advertised on the disaster-specific website [4628 Buchanan County Flooding | VDEM \(vaemergency.gov\)](#)

Applicants will have until November 25th to submit an Request for Public Assistance (RPA) in the [FEMA Grants Portal](#). Applicants can email Recovery@vdem.Virginia.gov for assistance with the RPA submission process

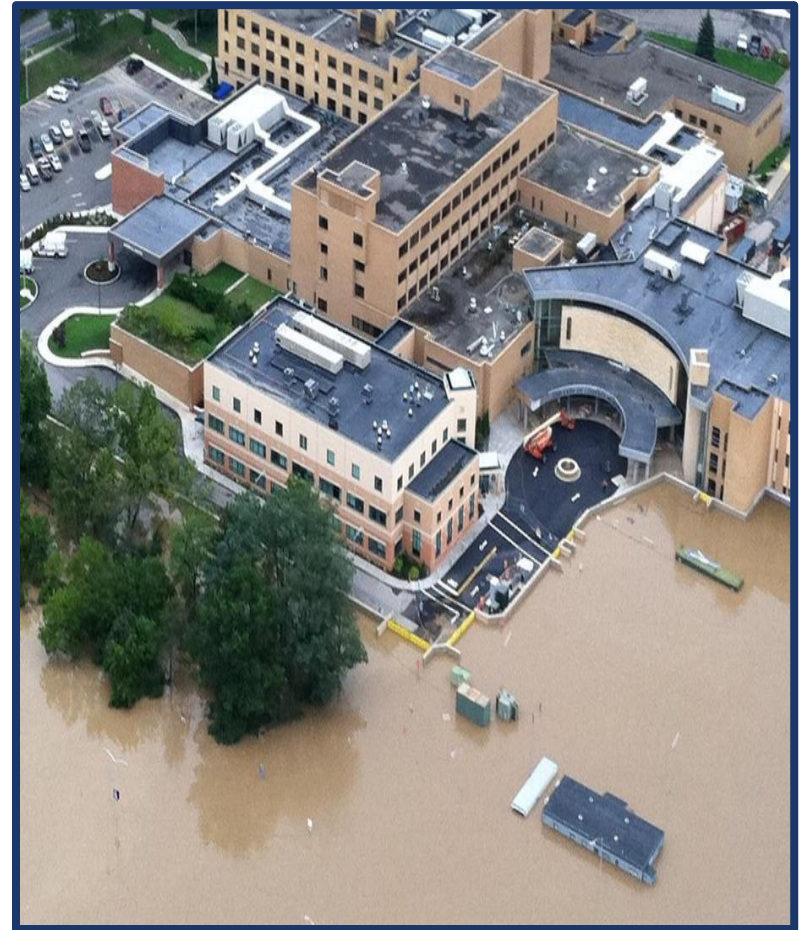


What is Hazard Mitigation?

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides funding to state, local, tribal and territorial governments so they can rebuild in a way that reduces, or mitigates, future disaster losses in their communities. This grant funding is available after a presidentially declared disaster.

In this program, homeowners and businesses cannot apply for a grant. However a local community may apply for funding on their behalf.



Hazard Mitigation Applications

- Information will be forthcoming from VDEM on the eligibility and application process for HMGP
- [Hazard Mitigation Grant Program \(HMGP\) | FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program)



Questions?



Please reach out to recovery@vdem.Virginia.gov for specific questions or instruction on how to submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) for DR-4628