

Applicant Briefing Presentation

Public Assistance (PA) Program

FEMA-DR-4628-VA

Buchanan County Flooding, Mudslides and Landslides

Presented by the
Recovery Section of the
Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST)



Agenda

- General Public Assistance Overview
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Public Assistance Eligibility
- Public Assistance Delivery Model
- FEMA's Streamlined Application Process Grants Portal Walk-through <https://grantee.fema.gov>
- Submit Requests for Public Assistance (RPAs)
- Adjourn



Goals

- Important Dates & Deadlines
- Become Familiar with FEMA's Streamlined Application Process
- Log into Grants Portal
- Submit Request for Public Assistance (RPA)
- Questions/Answers



Public Assistance (PA)

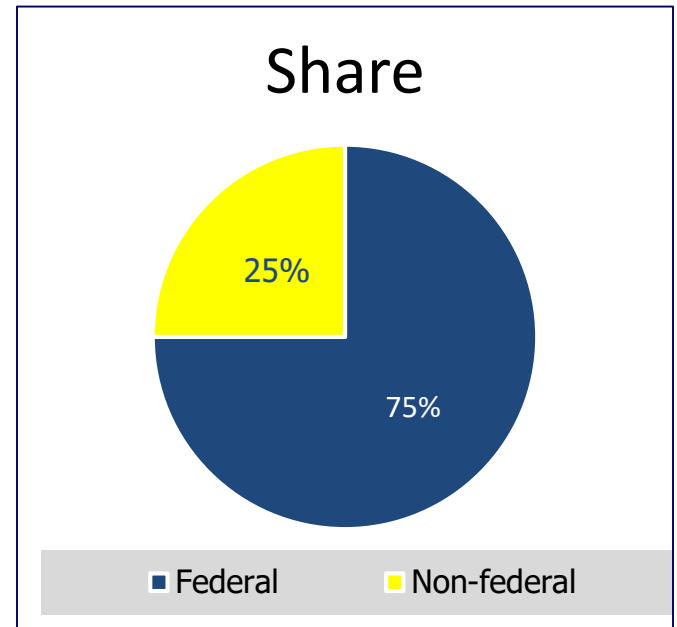
Assistance to state and local governments, and certain private non-profit organizations, for use in the response and recovery phases following a Presidential disaster declaration.

PA is a reimbursement program based on eligible costs incurred.



Public Assistance Cost Share

- FEMA will reimburse no less than 75% of eligible costs for projects.
- The non-federal share, remaining 25%
 - State agency share – 0%
 - Local government share – based on Local Council of Governments Fiscal Stress Index
 - Tribal government share – 25%
 - Private non-profits share – 25%
- Third-party donations for eligible work performed, if documented, may offset the 25% non-federal share requirement. The volunteer rate is \$29.14 per hour.*



*Virginia will be seeking official FEMA approval for the volunteer rate featured above if there are any donated resource projects for Category B



Common Terms

- **Applicants:** Entities submitting a request for assistance under the recipient's federal award.
- **Subrecipients:** Applicants who have received a subaward from the Recipient and is then bound by the conditions of the award and subaward.
- **Recipients:** The State or Tribal government that receives funding under the disaster declaration and disburses funding to approved subrecipients.
- **FEMA:** The federal awarding agency authorized to manage the program.



A Tale of Two Portals



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Pre-Award Grants Management



Virginia Department of
Emergency Management Grants

Post-Award Grants Management



FEMA Grants Portal

- Submission of RPA
- Submission of documentation
- Projects are written and signed
- All reviews and approvals take place
- Monitor & Manage projects
- Creates Transparency across all levels of government
- Recommend using Microsoft Edge as your browser while on the portal site for full functionality



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- A web-based portal which manages the Public Assistance (PA) Program
- Was utilized for damage assessment process
- Automatic feed from FEMA's systems, so when funds are obligated you will see them in vdem.emgrants.com
- Vdem.emgrants.com will be utilized from federal obligation through closeout.



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Allows you to:

- Access project information
- Submit requests for reimbursement
- Monitor the status of payments
- Submit Quarterly Reports
- Request extensions and scope of work changes
- Generate financial reports
- Request for closeout of project



Roles and Responsibilities

Applicant	Recipient (VDEM)	FEMA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates/Maintains Organization Profile in Grants Portal (GP) Attends Applicant Briefing Submits Request for Public Assistance (RPA) Completes Streamlined Project Application Provides supporting documentation to FEMA for project formulation Requests Reimbursement for project and provides supporting documentation to VDEM for project reimbursements in emgrants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activate Organizational Profiles for Applicants in the fema grants portal Conducts Applicant Briefing(s) Review RPA and make eligibility recommendation Collect backup documentation not required during project formulation (i.e. proofs of payments, invoices etc...) Administer Grant Awards Monitor Requests for Grant management including discussing reimbursement requests with Applicants, reviewing scope of work changes, issuing time extensions, and managing Applicant project closeouts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate programmatic requirements and deadline with VDEM Approve RPAs Assign FEMA Program Delivery Managers (PDMGs) to assist Applicants in the PA Process Determine RPA and Project Eligibility Issue Requests for Information (RFIs) Issue Determination Memos (DMs) for ineligible work Send project award funding to the Recipient



Declaration Summary

- President approved Major Disaster Declaration on October 25, 2021 for Statewide Public Assistance
 - All categories of work: A-G

Emergency Work

Category A: Debris removal

Category B: Emergency protective measures

Permanent Work

Category C: Roads and bridges

Category D: Water control facilities

Category E: Public buildings and contents

Category F: Public utilities

Category G: Parks, recreational, and other facilities

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
 - All areas in the Commonwealth of Virginia are eligible
- Cost Share: 75% federal, 25% non-federal



Potential Applicants

- Potential Applicants for the PA grant program include localities, tribal governments, state agencies and certain private non-profits in Buchanan County, Virginia
- This is not a program for individuals (for example, renters and homeowners are NOT eligible for PA).

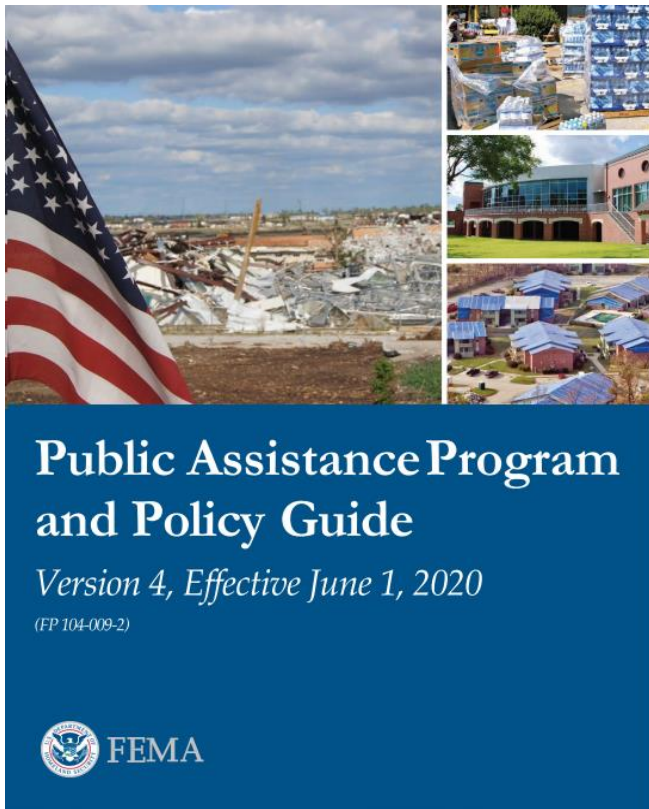


Incident Period and Period of Performance Dates

- Eligible costs/damages must have incurred between **August 30, 2021 – August 31, 2021**, and be directly related to the disaster.
- Period of Performance for Emergency Work is 6 months after the declaration date October 25, 2021.
- Period of Performance for Permanent Work is 18 months after the declaration date October 25, 2021.



PA Program and Policy Guidance



- Establishes guidance and eligibility criteria for the Public Assistance Program

https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_pappg-v4-updated-links_policy_6-1-2020.pdf



Eligibility Pyramid

COST

WORK

FACILITY

APPLICANT



Potentially Eligible Applicants

- State agencies, colleges and universities, and community colleges
- Counties, cities, and incorporated towns
- Federally recognized tribal governments
- Special governmental districts, authorities, or boards
- Certain private non-profit organizations



Applicants

- **Only eligible applicants** can apply directly to FEMA for reimbursement of eligible costs (Categories A-G).
- Organizations that do not meet the definition of an eligible applicant, but are performing eligible work on behalf of an eligible applicant may see reimbursement of costs through an MOU with the applicant



Private Non-Profit Organizations

- Private Non-Profit organizations must have a ruling letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) granting a tax exemption under Section 501(c), (d), or (e) of the IRS Code of 1954; or
- They must have documentation from the State substantiating that the non-revenue producing organization or entity is a non-profit entity organized or doing business under state law.



Eligibility

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Eligible Facility

- Located in disaster area
- Not under the specific authority of another Federal Agency
- Be in “active use”
- Must be owned or operated by the applicant



PNP Facility Eligibility

- For PNPs, an eligible facility is one that provides an eligible service, which includes education, utilities, emergency, medical, custodial care, and other essential social services.



PNP Facility

Required Documentation

- If the Applicant owns the facility, proof of ownership
- If the Applicant leases the facility, proof of legal responsibility to perform eligible work
- List of services provided in the facility and when and to whom
- Who is allowed membership
- What fees are charged
- Policy regarding waiving memberships



PNP Facility Considerations

- Education/School
 - Proof that the school is accredited or recognized by the State Department of Education.
- Child Care Facility
 - Proof that the State Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Human Services, or a similar agency, recognizes it as a licensed child care facility.
- Mixed-use facility
 - Proof of the established purpose of the facility with documentation such as:
 - Pre-disaster charter, bylaws, and amendments
 - Calendar of activities



Eligibility

4 Components

COST



WORK

FACILITY

APPLICANT



Eligible Work

- Must be Direct Result of Disaster
- Must be located within Designated Disaster Area
- Must be Legally Responsible
- Must be done to:
 - Save lives
 - Protect Public Health and Safety
 - Eliminate or lessen the immediate threat



Categories of Work

- **Emergency Work – must be completed within 6 months**

- Category A – Debris Removal
- Category B – Emergency Protective Measures

- **Permanent Work – must be completed within 18 months**

- Category C – Roads and Bridges
- Category D – Water Control Facilities
- Category E – Public Buildings and Contents
- Category F – Public Utilities
- Category G – Parks, Recreational, and Other Facilities

Deadlines for Completion of Work	
Type of Work	Months
Emergency Work	6
Permanent Work	18

- **Administrative Costs**

- Category Z – Management Costs (these are awarded for your time/effort spent participating in the PA program. For example, gathering costs and documentation etc...)



Eligibility

4 Components



Duplication of Benefits

- FEMA PA Program cannot duplicate funding assistance received for the same purpose under other federal programs OR through insurance proceeds (i.e., **FEMA PA is the last program for federal assistance**)
- FEMA may cover eligible costs not covered by other funding sources



Duplication of Benefits

- While some activities may be listed as eligible for funding through multiple programs
 - Final reimbursement determinations will be made by FEMA



Eligible Costs

- Incurred by an **Eligible Applicant**
- Directly tied to the performance of **Eligible Work**
- *Necessary and reasonable* to accomplish the Eligible Work
- Properly documented
 - Consistent with Applicant's established policies (Insurance, personnel, etc.)
 - As detailed in a Mutual Aid Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)



Eligible Costs

- Compliant with all Federal, State, Local Regulations
 - Procurement
 - Environmental & Historic Preservation
 - Permitting
- Reduced by all applicable credits (Insurance, Fair Market Value, etc.)
 - Cannot be duplicated by multiple funding sources



Cost Categories

- Direct Costs:
 - Force Account (*Inside Sources*):
 - Labor
 - Equipment (*FEMA rates apply*)
 - Materials
 - Contract Costs – (*Outside Sources*)



Cost - Labor

- Labor rates must be based on the applicant's pre-disaster labor policy, that is uniformly applied
- Category B – Only overtime is eligible



Cost - Equipment

- Force Account Equipment
- State, Local, or FEMA 2019 Equipment Rates
<https://www.fema.gov/schedule-equipment-rates>
- Other Leased/Rental Equipment



Cost - Supplies & Materials

- Used for Eligible Work
- Reasonable and Necessary



Cost - Contracts

- Eligible if:
 - Comply w/Federal, State, and Local procurement procedures 2 CFR 200.317-326
 - Procurement Disaster Assistance Team
 - <https://www.fema.gov/procurement-disaster-assistance-team>



Category Z- Management Costs

- FEMA provides contributions for managements costs based on **actual costs incurred up to:**
 - 7 percent of the total award amount for the Recipient, excluding Subrecipient management costs.
 - 5 percent of the total award amount for each Subrecipient.
- The total award amount, for the purposes of calculating cost contribution, is the actual eligible PA project cost (Federal and non-Federal Share) after insurance and any other reductions.



Requirement for Reimbursement

DOCUMENTATION !

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Documentation for Project Formulation

- Applicants are responsible for detailing their activities and providing supporting documentation, to include:
 - Established policies: Insurance, personnel, procurement
 - Insurance Statement of Loss or received reimbursement (if applicable)
 - Invoices, estimates, or bids

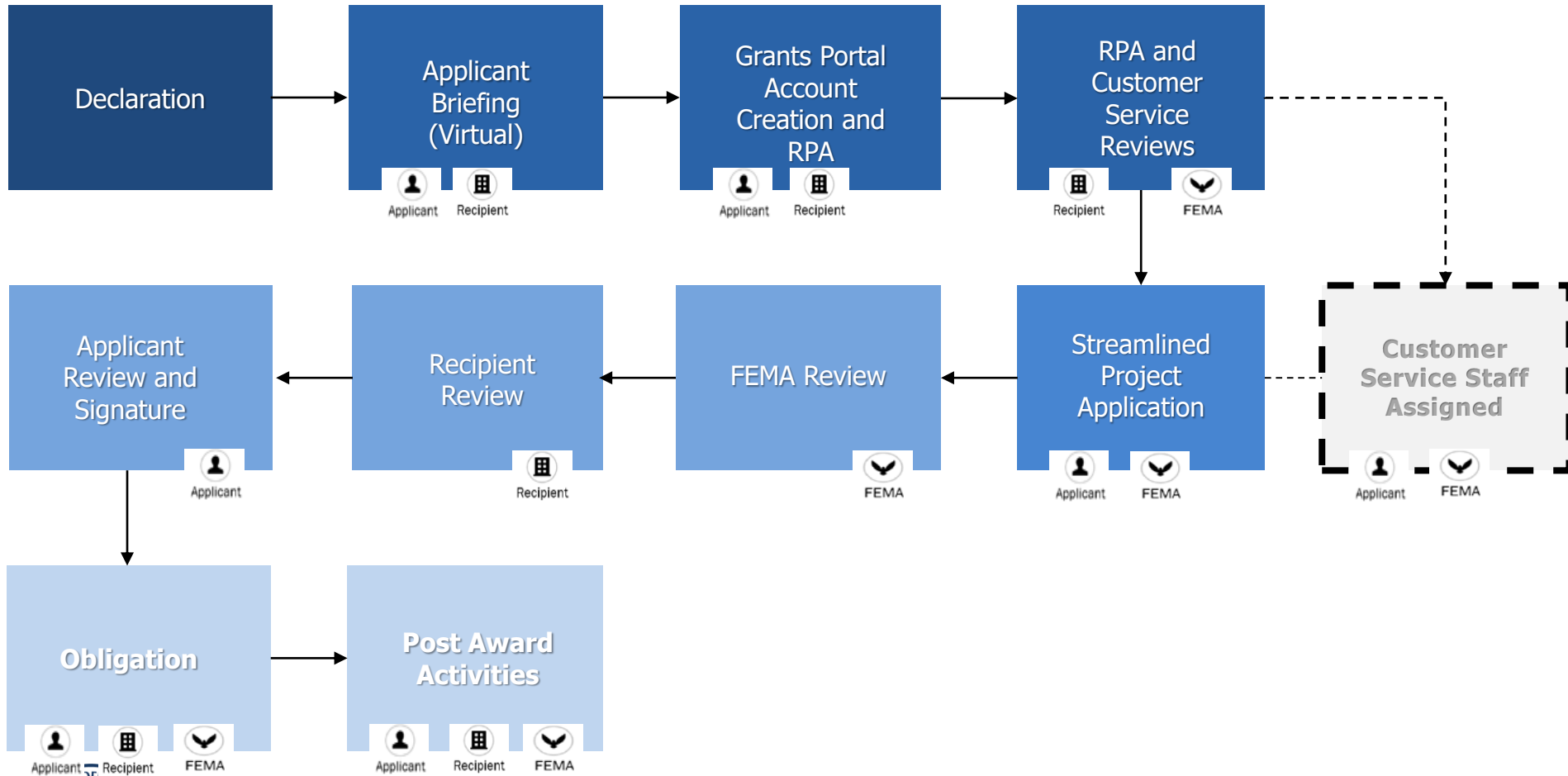


Documentation

- Applicants have 60 days to report all damages from the Recovery Scoping meeting date.
- Applicants have 90 days to submit all documentation for completed work projects.
- Force Account labor, equipment, and material quantities and rates/costs.
- 2019 FEMA equipment rates: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/136901>



Streamlined Project Application



TYPES OF PROJECTS

- TWO TYPES

- Small

- Large

Determined by \$ amount tied to completion of “Scope of Work”



Project Thresholds

- Large Project Threshold - \$139,800
- Small Project Threshold - \$3,500



Small Project Thresholds

- **\$3,500 Minimum** amount of eligible costs required to meet the threshold for Small Project Grants
- Small projects costs is less than **\$139,800**.
 - Small project funding is based on estimated costs, if actual costs are not yet available.



Large Project Thresholds

- **Large project** threshold amount:
 - **\$139,800** or more based on documented actual costs.



RPA Submission

- RPAs must be submitted in the FEMA Grants Portal – <https://grantee.fema.gov>
- The RPA deadline is Thursday November 25, 2021



Methods for Account Setup and RPA Submission

For an Applicant without a Grants Portal Account

- An Applicant can create an account from the homepage
- After the account is active, the applicant can submit an RPA directly through Grants Portal by selecting the event (DR-4628) from the drop-down options
- An Applicant can request an invitation to create an account or can request the Recipient (VDEM) create their organizational account and submit the RPA on their behalf

For an Applicant with existing Grants Portal Accounts

- An Applicant can submit an RPA directly through Grants Portal
- An Applicant can request an RPA is submitted by the Recipient on their behalf



Submitting your RPA in the FEMA Grants Portal: Actions for an Applicants with existing Grants Portal Accounts



Download the Applicant RPA Quick Guide

Click on the support button in the top right hand corner, choose resources.

Grants Portal

Dashboard

My Organization
Virginia Department of Emergency Management (000-U7YXQ-00)

Support Center

Hi Leanne. What can we help you with?

- FAQ**
Get answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) to assist in day-to-day activities.
- Resources**
Instructional tools and resources to assist in day-to-day activities.
- Feedback?**
Provide feedback on an issue or suggestion for the system to FEMA.
- Your Account**
View your personnel profile and manage your project subscriptions.
- Contact Us**
Information to call or email the FEMA Grants Portal Hotline.

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Select Applicant Quick Guide: Request for Public Assistance

The screenshot displays the Grants Portal interface. At the top left is the 'Grants Portal' logo. Below it is a navigation menu with 'Dashboard' and 'My Organization' (Virginia Department of Emergency Management (000-U7YXQ-00)). A dark sidebar on the left contains a list of user options: Profile, Personnel, Events, Applicant Event Profiles, Exploratory Calls, Recovery Scoping Meetings, Damages, Work Order Requests, Work Orders, Projects, and My Post-Award Ops. The main content area is titled 'Resources' and shows a breadcrumb trail: 'General Resources > Applicant Process'. A list of documents is displayed, with the third item, 'Applicant Quick Guide: Request for Public Assistance', highlighted in yellow. This document is dated 'Last Updated: September 17th, 2020 7:08 AM EDT' and explains creating a Public Assistance (PA) Grants Portal user account and submitting a Request for Public Assistance (RPA). Other documents include 'Applicant Quick Guide: Damage Inventory' (updated 9/16/2020) and 'Applicant Quick Guide: PA Requirements for PNPs' (updated September 8th, 2020 7:50 AM EDT). A circular seal of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management is visible in the bottom left corner.

Grants Portal

Dashboard

My Organization
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Resources

GO UP

TABLE OF

General Resources > Applicant Process

Document Last Updated: November 5th, 2020 9:45 AM EST

Applicant Quick Guide: Request for Public Assistance

Explains creating a Public Assistance (PA) Grants Portal user account and submitting a Request for Public Assistance (RPA). (updated 9/16/2020)

Document Last Updated: September 17th, 2020 7:08 AM EDT

Applicant Quick Guide: PA Requirements for PNPs

Request for Public Assistance process for private nonprofit organizations and explains which private nonprofits must also apply for a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster loan.

Document Last Updated: September 8th, 2020 7:50 AM EDT

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⚠ Your parent organization has been assigned as the primary Grantee for one or more disasters and you may submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) to FEMA's Public Assistance program.

[Click here to submit a RPA for your organization.](#)

i Your dashboard has no tiles!

The **Dashboard** is a great place to put the Grants Portal data that you care about the most.

The Dashboard is made up of tiles that display the most *important* info about a particular item or set of items in the system.



Any time you find data that you want to keep track of, click "☆" at the top of the page or section - a tile will be created for that particular data.



- Dashboard
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Request Public Assistance

My Organization ▼
City of Whitmond for GP-R00207
(GP-R00207)

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- 1 Start**
- 2 General Info
- 3 Contacts
- 4 Addresses
- 5 Other Info
- 6 Submit

Welcome to the FEMA Request for Public Assistance (RPA) process. Over the next few minutes we will ask you a series of questions regarding your organization, contacts, mailing addresses, and supporting information. Once complete, you will be provided with the opportunity to review your submission and, once you are satisfied, you will then be able to directly submit your RPA to FEMA.

Following submission you will receive automatic notifications and will be able to track the progress of your RPA review. If your organization is deemed eligible for Public Assistance by FEMA, you will be automatically notified and will be able to use this system to collaborate with your FEMA partners.

Prior to starting this process, you may wish to [click here](#) to review your Organization Profile to ensure that all your information is up-to-date.

To get started, press the **Next** button at the bottom of this form.



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Request Public Assistance

- 1 Start
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Your organization may be eligible to apply for Public Assistance. Below, please indicate the Event for which you are applying for assistance and confirm your DUNS# and FEMA PA Code (i.e., *FIPS Code*). Also, please indicate whether you have already prepared and submitted a Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA). Pre-submission of a PDA is not required to be considered eligible for Public Assistance.

Organization	City of Whitmond for GP-R00207 (GP-R00207)
FEMA PA Code	GP-R00207
DUNS #	—
Event	<input type="text" value="Select..."/>
Participated in PDA?	<input type="text" value="Select..."/>




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1 Start 2 General Info 3 **Contacts** 4 Addresses 5 Other Info 6 Submit

Please indicate your primary and alternate contacts. These individuals will receive regular notifications and will be able to use this system to track the progress of your request as well as collaborate with your designated FEMA partners. Following submission, you will have the option of specifying additional team members. If you do not see appropriate personnel in the dropdown lists below, or if their email or phone contact information is incorrect, please [click here](#) to manage the Contacts currently assigned to your Organization Profile.

Primary Contact

Name	<input type="text" value="Choose Contact..."/>	
Title	--	
Email	--	
Phone	--	

Alternate Contact

Name	<input type="text" value="Choose Contact..."/>	
Title	--	
Email	--	
Phone	--	



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Request Public Assistance

2 General Info 3 Contacts 4 Addresses 5 Other Info 6 Submit

Please indicate your physical and mailing addresses. These may be the same, of course. These addresses will be used for meeting scheduling and for sending formal correspondence. Following submission, you will have the option of modifying these addresses. If you do not see appropriate addresses in the dropdown lists below, or if they are incorrect, please [click here](#) to manage the Locations currently assigned to your Organization Profile.

Primary Location CHANGE

Address 121 N Rouse Ave

City Bozeman

State Montana

Zip 59715

County Gallatin County

Mailing Address CHANGE

Address 121 N Rouse Ave

City Bozeman

State Montana

Zip 59715

County Gallatin County

Review information then click Next

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Please use the area below if you would like to provide any additional information; for instance, you may provide a brief narrative describing why your organization is requesting assistance. This is optional, and you may press next at the bottom of the form to skip this step.

Comments

Limit 500 characters

← PREV NEXT → CANCEL


After clicking next, review information on the screen to make sure everything is correct. Click Submit once complete.



Submitting your RPA in the FEMA Grants Portal: Actions for an Applicant without existing Grants Portal Accounts



The Applicant goes to the Grants Portal home page at <https://grantee.fema.gov/> where they can click “Register your Organization and Request Public Assistance”

 This site is intended for demonstration purposes only.
Do not use this site to process or submit actual PA requests or to enter production data.

Sign in to Your Account

USERNAME [Forgot your username?](#)

PASSWORD [Forgot your password?](#)

SIGN IN

[⊕ Register Your Organization to Request Public Assistance](#)

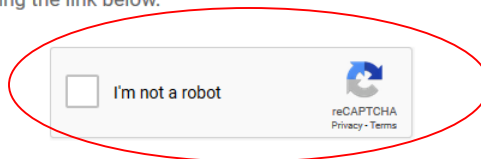


Welcome to the FEMA Grants Portal Registration!

This registration process is designed to assist you in quickly setting up your State and Local Government FEMA account and requesting FEMA Public Assistance Funding. Once you verify yourself below, you will be required to provide basic information about your organization to be used during the approval of your request. You will have **1 hour** to complete this process.

Note: Non-profit organizations and tribal government organizations should first reach out to their local Emergency Management Department, or appropriate State Emergency Management representative to apply for Public Assistance Funding. If you are an **individual** looking for Individual Assistance, please go to disasterassistance.gov.

Please verify you are a human by clicking the link below.



i Register Your Government or Private Non-Profit Organization for Public Assistance

Please provide the following basic information to request a Government or Private Non-Profit (PNP) organization account for **FEMA Public Assistance Funding**. Once completed, your account and request will be submitted to your state/territory Emergency Management representative and FEMA for review and approval.

1 Organization Info

2 Contact Info

3 Locations

4 Submit

← PREV

NEXT →

i Businesses and individuals should not attempt to register for Federal Assistance here. Please see guidance on the **Grants Portal Registration Welcome Page**.

WITHIN WHICH STATE / TERRITORY / TRIBE IS

Select...

YOUR ORGANIZATION? *

ORGANIZATION NAME *

i ORGANIZATION TYPE *

Select...

i EIN NUMBER *

i DUNS NUMBER *



Note: To expedite your account and request approval process, only official government email addresses [.gov] and no personal email addresses should be used.

Primary Contact Info

FIRST NAME *

LAST NAME *

TITLE *

PHONE NUMBER *

EMAIL *

Alternate Contact Info

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

TITLE

PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL

Primary Location

ADDRESS 1 *

ADDRESS 2

CITY *

STATE *

ZIP CODE *

COUNTY *

Mailing Address *Only if different from the Primary Address

ADDRESS 1

ADDRESS 2

CITY

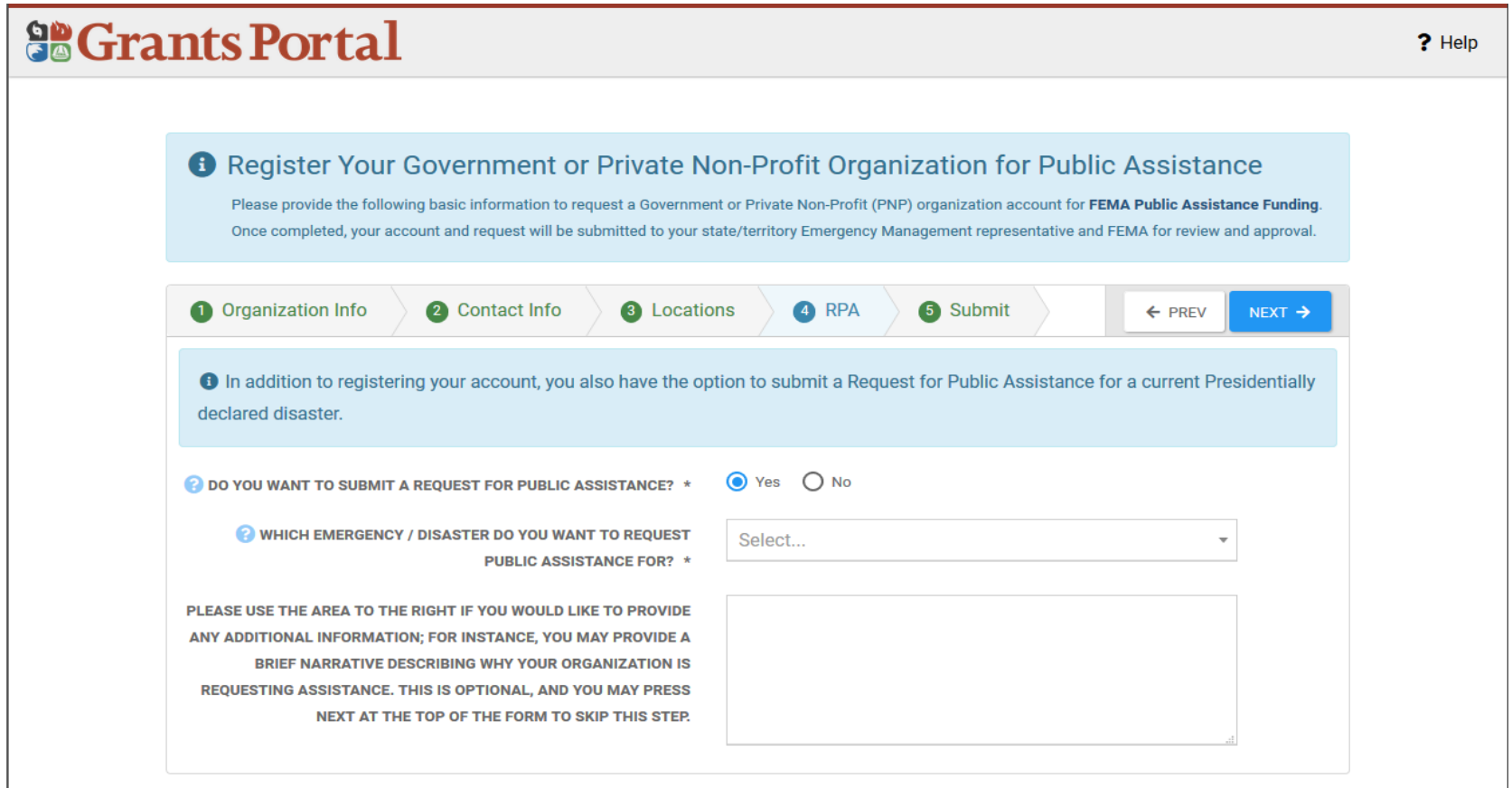
STATE

ZIP CODE

COUNTY



For government entities, if there are events with an open RPA enrollment period in the State/Territory, the Applicant may continue to submit an RPA with this account creation request. If the Applicant chooses to not submit an RPA at account creation, the Recipient will review only the account creation request and the Applicant may submit its RPA later.



The screenshot shows the 'Grants Portal' interface. At the top left is the logo with the text 'Grants Portal'. At the top right is a 'Help' link. The main content area features a blue header box with the title 'Register Your Government or Private Non-Profit Organization for Public Assistance' and a sub-header 'Please provide the following basic information to request a Government or Private Non-Profit (PNP) organization account for FEMA Public Assistance Funding. Once completed, your account and request will be submitted to your state/territory Emergency Management representative and FEMA for review and approval.' Below this is a progress bar with five steps: 1 Organization Info, 2 Contact Info, 3 Locations, 4 RPA (current step), and 5 Submit. Navigation buttons for 'PREV' and 'NEXT' are visible. A light blue box contains the instruction: 'In addition to registering your account, you also have the option to submit a Request for Public Assistance for a current Presidentially declared disaster.' The main form area includes a question: 'DO YOU WANT TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE?' with radio buttons for 'Yes' (selected) and 'No'. Below this is another question: 'WHICH EMERGENCY / DISASTER DO YOU WANT TO REQUEST PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR?' with a dropdown menu showing 'Select...'. At the bottom, there is a text area for providing additional information, with instructions: 'PLEASE USE THE AREA TO THE RIGHT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION; FOR INSTANCE, YOU MAY PROVIDE A BRIEF NARRATIVE DESCRIBING WHY YOUR ORGANIZATION IS REQUESTING ASSISTANCE. THIS IS OPTIONAL, AND YOU MAY PRESS NEXT AT THE TOP OF THE FORM TO SKIP THIS STEP.'



- Public non-profit entities, such as those that are agencies or instrumentalities of SLTT governments, are generally considered SLTT government entities and do not need to submit additional documentation required by PNP Applicants. These entities should select the government organization type that best describes them. If an Applicant is unsure of its type, it should consult the Recipient.
- PNP Applicants must wait for account creation approval from the Recipient before submitting an RPA.
- After the Applicant completes the account request and the Recipient and FEMA have approved the RPA request, the Applicant receives a system-generated email with a username and temporary password to gain access to Grants Portal.
- The system will then prompt the Applicant to create a permanent password.
- Once the Applicant has access to Grants Portal, it can choose to follow the instructions above for Applicants with an existing Grants Portal Account to directly submit an RPA in the system.



Completing and Submitting a Project Application



Creating the Project Application

Dashboard

My Organization

Applicant Event Profile

SUBMIT PROJECT APPLICATION

Step 1: Select Applicant Event Profiles

Organization Profile

Organization Personnel

Applicant Event Profiles

Exploratory Calls

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an Determination is pending for City of [redacted]

Make an SBA Loan Determination

Step 2: Click Submit a Project Application

City of [redacted] is pending grant application.

A completed Project Application is required to submit your application to FEMA. You may **download a blank Project Application** if one was not provided.

Submit a Project Application

View In Progress Project Applications

Download a blank Project Application



Filling Out the Project Application

- The online project application will require the Applicant to fill out four sections:
 - Section I - Project Application Information
 - Basic information identifying the activities for which funding is being requested
 - Section II - Scope of Work
 - Description of activities that the Applicant conducted or will conduct in response to this disaster
 - Section III - Cost and Work Status Information
 - Cost of activities described in the Scope of Work and whether the work is not started, in progress, or complete.
 - Section IV – Project Certifications
 - Certifications by the Applicant that activities and costs claimed comply with applicable laws and regulations.
- Based on responses in the first three sections of the online project application, at least one additional form or schedule will be required.



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Section I - Project Application Information

Section I – Project Application Information

Declaration # 3458EM-TX

Organization

FEMA PA Code

Applicant-Assigned Project Application # *

Project Application Title *

This field is required.

It is important to know that upon submittal your project application becomes a legal document. The Recipient or FEMA may use external sources to verify the information provided. Making false statements or hide information when applying for Public Assistance. This can carry severe criminal and civil penalties including a fine of up to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment for up to 5 years (28 USC 587, 1001, 1040, and 3571).

I have read the statements above and understand that I will be required to certify these statements upon completion of my project application.

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✓ DONE WITH SECTION I

Step 1: Provide required information

Step 2: Select box to confirm

Step 3: Click Done with Section I



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Section I - Project Application Information

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Applicant-Assigned Project Application # 5

Event 3458EM-TX (3458EM)

Project Application Title UAT Demo Test

Applicant

Project Net Cost \$0.00

FEMA PA Code

Status In Progress

Select **Start** to begin
Section II

Sections & Schedules

In order for your Application to be completed, you must complete the following Sections and Schedules.



Section II – Scope of Work

Not Started

START



Section III – Cost and Work Status Information

Not Started

START



Document Repository

No Documents Required

VIEW/EDIT

✓ REVIEW AND SUBMIT



Section II Instructions

Applicants must complete this section and describe the activities that the Applicant conducted or will conduct in response to COVID-19. For certain activities, Applicants must provide additional information in Schedules D and F.

Description of Activities

Please provide a brief description of the activities the Applicant conducted or will conduct. *

Please select all the activities the Applicant conducted or will conduct. *

Management, control, and reduction of immediate threats to public health and safety

- Emergency operations center activities
- Training
- Facility disinfection
- Technical assistance on emergency management
- Dissemination of information to the public to provide warnings and guidance
- Pre-positioning or movement of supplies, equipment, or other resources
- Purchase and distribution of food, water, or ice
- Purchase and distribution of other commodities



Streamlined Project Application Section II – Scope of Work

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- High-risk population sheltering
- Healthcare worker and first responder temporary lodging
- Household pet or assistance animal or service animal sheltering
- Other

Other

- Other Activity

Please select the method(s) of work the Applicant used or will use to complete the activities reported above.

- Establishment of temporary facilities >
- Staging resources at an undeveloped site
- Purchase of meals for emergency workers
- Purchase of supplies or equipment
- Purchase of land or buildings

⚠ Based on your answers, you will be required to complete a Schedule F form for this Application upon completion of Section II.

You are required to complete a Schedule F form because of the following being indicated:

- Decontamination systems
- Staging resources at an undeveloped site

Select Proceed

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Section I - Project Application Information

(Modify)

Applicant-Assigned Project Application # 5

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Project Application Title UAT Demo Test

Applicant

Project Net Cost \$0.00

FEMA PA Code

Status In Progress

Sections & Schedules

In order for your Application to be completed, you must complete the following Sections and Schedules.



Section II – Scope of Work

Not Started

START



Section III – Cost and Work Status Information

Not Started

START



Document Repository

No Documents Required

VIEW/EDIT

Select **Start** to begin Section III

✓ REVIEW AND SUBMIT



i Section III Instructions

Applicants must complete this section and provide the costs of the activities reported in Section II. Applicants must also complete Schedule A, B, C, or EZ as instructed to estimate a project cost.

General Cost & Work Status Questions

An Applicant may request approval for expedited funding from the Recipient and FEMA if they have an immediate need for funding to continue life-saving emergency protective measures. If approved, the Applicant will be awarded 50% of the FEMA-confirmed project cost based on initial documentation. However, the Applicant will then be required to provide all information, including all documentation to support actual incurred costs, to support the initial 50% of funding before receiving any additional funding. Applicants will be required to return any funds that were not spent in compliance with the program's terms and conditions. In general, Applicants who have never received FEMA Public Assistance funding and do not have significant experience with federal grant requirements should avoid expedited funding or, at a minimum, discuss expedited funding with their Recipient emergency management office prior to requesting expedited funding. Expedited funding is only available for activities completed during specific time periods.

Does the Applicant want to request expedited funding? *

- Yes
 No

⚠ Based on your answers, you will be required to complete a Schedule A form for this application upon completion of Section III.

You are required to complete a Schedule A form because the Applicant is requesting expedited funding



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What is the status of the activities reported in Section II? *

An Applicant may not request funding for activities conducted prior to 01/20/2020, the beginning of the COVID-19 incident period. This question should be answered once to describe all the activities reported in Section II (i.e. the earliest start date and the latest end date). If FEMA's eligibility criteria for certain activities are limited to specific time periods, FEMA will ask for the time period that a particular activity was or will be conducted.

Activities started and completed

Date Started * 04/30/2020 

Date Completed * 04/30/2020 

- Activities started with projected end date
- Activities started with no predictable end date
- Activities have not started

⚠ Based on your answers, you will be required to complete a Schedule EZ form for this application upon completion

You are required to complete a Schedule EZ form because the Applicant's estimated cost for activities reported in Section II

Select Proceed

PROCEED >



Uploading Documentation

- In each section and schedule, the Applicant must upload supporting documentation. The project application may not be submitted if required documentation is not attached.
- The easiest way to upload required documents is to do so as the Applicant is filling out each section and schedule when prompted. The Applicant can also upload documents on the Document Repository tab of the summary page.



Budget Estimate

Project Cost & Cost Eligibility

Deductions

Documents

Summary

📘 Schedule C Instructions

Applicants must complete this schedule if the Applicant (1) has not started or is in the process of completing the activities reported in Section II and (2) the cost of the activities reported in Section II is over \$131,100.00.








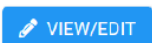


Documents

- [-] Budget Estimates (+ Add Document) **Required**
- [-] Project Cost & Cost Eligibility
 - [-] Contracts
 - [-] Contract Cost Summaries (+ Add Document)
 - [-] Contract Documentation (+ Add Document)
 - [-] Change Orders (+ Add Document)
 - [-] Summary of Invoices (+ Add Document)
 - [-] Costs or Price Analysis Documentation (+ Add Document)
 - [-] Procurement Policies (+ Add Document)
 - [-] Other Procurement Documentation (+ Add Document)
 - [-] Contractor Oversight Documentation (+ Add Document)
 - [-] Award Estimate Documentation
 - [-] PA COVID-19 Contract Reports (+ Add Document) **Required**



Sections & Schedules

In order for your Application to be completed, you must complete the following Sections and Schedules.

	Section II – Scope of Work	<i>Completed</i>	
	Section III – Cost and Work Status Information	<i>Completed</i>	
	Schedule A – Expedited Funding Estimate	<i>Completed</i>	
	Schedule F – Environmental and Historic Preservation Questions	<i>Completed</i>	
	Document Repository	<i>1 of 1 Provided</i>	





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Document Repository






- └─ Schedule A
 - └─ Project Cost & Cost Eligibility
 - └─ Contracts
 - └─ Requests for Proposals (+ Add Document)
 - └─ 41341.docx (X Remove)
 - └─ Bid Documents (+ Add Document)
 - └─ Signed Contracts (+ Add Document)
 - └─ Unit Pricing Estimates (+ Add Document)

Select Add Document



Sections & Schedules

In order for your Application to be completed, you must complete the following Sections and Schedules.

	Section II – Scope of Work	Completed	VIEW/EDIT
	Section III – Cost and Work Status Information	Completed	VIEW/EDIT
	Schedule A – Expedited Funding Estimate	Completed	VIEW/EDIT
	Schedule F – Environmental and Historic Preservation Questions	Completed	VIEW/EDIT
	Document Repository	1 of 1 Provided	VIEW/EDIT

Click Review and Submit

✓ REVIEW AND SUBMIT



- The Applicant complied with federal, Recipient, and Applicant procurement requirements.
- The Applicant complied with all FEMA policies regarding equipment rates in accordance with the PAPPG.
- The Applicant complied with all FEMA policies regarding labor in accordance with the PAPPG.

Environmental and Historic Preservation Compliance Certifications

In accordance with the PAPPG, the Applicant will comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws; will provide all documentation requested to allow FEMA to ensure project applications comply with federal Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) laws, implementing regulations, and Executive Orders; and will comply with any EHP compliance conditions placed on the grant.

Documentation Certifications

In accordance with 2 C.F.R. §200.333 as well as state and local record retention requirements, the Applicant will maintain all documentation that supports this project application in its own files. This documentation will be required if the Applicant submits an appeal for additional funding, as well as in the case of any audits.

Certifications, Assurances, and Signature

It is important to know that upon submittal your project application, you are certifying that you have used external sources to verify the accuracy of the information you enter. It is a violation of Federal law to intentionally make false statements or conceal information regarding the project application. This can carry severe criminal penalties, including a fine of up to \$250,000, imprisonment, or both. (18 U.S.C. §§ 287, 1001, 1040, 1041) I understand that, if I intentionally make false statements or conceal information in an attempt to obtain Public Assistance, it is a violation of Federal law and civil penalties.

Step 1: Click to sign

Step 2: Click **Submit Project Application**

Authorized Representative *

Date Signed

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✓ SUBMIT PROJECT APPLICATION



Consolidated Resource Center (CRC)

- Once Applicant submits project application the project status will update to “Pending CRC Development”
- The application has been routed to staff at a FEMA Consolidated Resource Center where FEMA specialists scope, cost, validate and review the information in the project application for compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.



Reviewing and Signing a Project

- Once FEMA and the Recipient have approved the project, the Grants Portal system will send a notification to the Applicant that the application is ready for review.
- Go to the Tasks tab in Grants Portal and click “Review” to begin reviewing the project application.



- Dashboard
- My Organization
- My Tasks
- Tasks
- RFIs
- Workflow Items
- Determination Memos
- Essential Elements of Information
- Calendar
- Utilities
- Resources
- Intelligence

Step 1: Select Tasks

For any incomplete active tasks assigned to you, a **REVIEW** button or similar will be displayed. Clicking the button will direct you to the location in Grants Portal to complete the task.

Filters > My Active Incomplete Tasks

Search...

Personnel	Type	Description	Start Date	Age	Deadline	Last Action	Note
Sam, Yosemite	Submit EEI to FEMA for Review	Submit EEI - Direct Administrative Cost on [8132] Damaged Roads on Glenville - PDMG0125 - 4332DR (4332DR - 125) on 4332DR-TX (4332DR) for FEMA to Review	11/02/2017 06:03 PM CDT	6d 21h	11/05/2017		
Sam, Yosemite	Applicant Sign DDD/Scope/Cost	Pending Applicant DDD / Scope / Cost Approval for [9103] Emergency Protective Measures on Glenville - PDMG0125 - 4332DR (4332DR - 125) on 4332DR-TX (4332DR)	11/09/2017 02:09 PM CST	0d 0h	11/16/2017		

Step 2: Click **Review** next to the Project you need to sign



- Dashboard
- My Organization
AACERGIN (00-134465657)
 - Organization Profile
 - Organization Personnel
 - Applicant Event Profiles
 - Exploratory Calls
 - Recovery Scoping Meetings
 - Projects
 - Damages
 - Work Order Requests
 - Work Orders
- My Tasks
- Calendar

Project

- [SIGN SCOPE & COST](#)
- [SEND BACK](#)
- [DOWNLOAD PROJECT REPORT](#)
- [SUBSCRIBE](#)

⚠ This project is pending Applicant Scope & Cost Approval.
The scope and cost must be approved and signed by the Applicant.

Click **Sign Scope & Cost**

Policy Issues: [Mitigation \(1\)](#)

General Information v0

PROJECT # 8132

APPLICANT [AACERGIN \(00-134465657\)](#)

CATEGORY C - Roads and Bridges



• This project is 0% EPC expense

FHD & Additional Information

There are no additional environmental/historical preservation information on Emergency Protective Measures.

Sign Document

SIGNATURE Signature here DATE 11/09/2017

Click To Sign

Portal

Sign Document

Print Name * YosemiteSam

Signature Style * Arizonia

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Enter Password *

→ SIGN CANCEL

Insurance

There are no additional insurance information on Emergency Protective Measures.

Step 1: Type Name

Step 2: Select Signature Font Style

Step 3: Enter Password

Step 4: Click Sign



Resources and Forms

The screenshot shows the Grants Portal interface. On the left is a navigation menu with options: Dashboard, Change Organization, My Organization, Organization Profile, Organization Personnel, Applicant Event Profiles, Exploratory Calls, Recovery Scoping Meetings, Projects, Damages, Work Order Requests, Work Orders, My Tasks, Calendar, Utilities, and Resources. The Resources option is highlighted with a red box and a callout that says "Step 1: Select Resources". The main content area is titled "Resources" and contains several sections: "COVID-19 Guidance", "Public Assistance Project Forms" (highlighted with a red box and a callout "Step 2: Click the Public Assistance Project Forms section"), "Collection of PA and FMAGP Project Worksheet Forms", "Applicant's Benefits Calculation Worksheet", "Force Account Equipment Summary Record", and "Contract Work Summary Record".



What happens once my project is awarded by FEMA? What happens in the post-award process

- Sub-recipient will be required to enter into a grant agreement which contains the federal terms and conditions of awards
- You may request reimbursement for your project costs
- You will be required to submit quarterly reports for large projects or projects that are not completed through closeout



Reimbursements

- For Small Projects
- You may request the full federal share (75%) of your total project costs **if the work is completed.**
 - Category Z Costs will be reimbursed as documentation is provided to support the costs.



Reimbursements

- For large projects
- You may request the full federal share **for completed work**
 - The remaining share (federal and state) will be reserved until closeout
- Due to the nature of this event, closeout timeline is unknown
- Smaller disasters have taken 2-4 years to close



State Agencies

- For State Agency Transfers, agencies will be required to use the following fund codes:

Federal Trust Fund: 10000

State Sum Sufficient: 02460



Resources

Public Assistance

- VDEM Guidance and Resources: [4628 Buchanan County Flooding | VDEM \(vaemergency.gov\)](#)
- VDEM EmGrants Page: <https://vdem.emgrants.com/>
- FEMA Guidance and Resources: [Policy, Guidance and Fact Sheets | FEMA.gov](#)
- FEMA Grants Portal Page: <https://grantee.fema.gov>
- FEMA PAPPG V.4: https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_pappg-v4-updated-links_policy_6-1-2020.pdf
- FEMA Consensus Based Codes and Standards: [Section 1235\(b\) | Consensus-Based Codes and Standards | FEMA.gov](#)



VDEM Technical Support

For Technical Assistance please note the following contacts:

Geographic Area	PA/Recovery Coordinator	Contact
ALL	Recovery	Recovery@vdem.virginia.gov



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Questions

