

COVID-19 Public Assistance Progress, Success, and Next Steps

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FEMA Public Assistance – COVID-19

- FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) -- \$43 billion to date
 - For States, Tribal Nations, localities, territories and eligible private nonprofit (PNP) organizations
 - Vital resources to government agencies, hospitals, schools, and other applicants
- *Emergency Medical Care*
 - *Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)*
 - *COVID-19 Testing & Vaccines*
 - *Emergency sheltering and feeding*
 - *Safe opening and operation of schools and other facilities*



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Updates for Applying for PA

FEMA has updated timeframes for applying for Public Assistance to facilitate provision of 100% funding.

- Date set to ensure eligible applicants have signed up for the program.
- Established Interim Timeframe for Project Submission to ensure applicants have submitted claims for their costs during the first two and a half years of the pandemic.



PA Cost Share

- The President has authorized FEMA Public Assistance at 100% federal funding from January 20, 2020, through July 1, 2022.
- FEMA will provide Public Assistance funding for work performed after July 1, 2022, at a 90% federal/10% non-federal cost share.



Requests for Public Assistance (RPA)

- Applicants sign up with FEMA for Public Assistance by submitting a “Request for Public Assistance” (RPA)
- The deadline to submit an RPA is July 1, 2022
- Applicants submit their RPA through the FEMA Grants Portal (grantee.fema.gov)
- FEMA Regional Administrators may extend the RPA deadline up to 90 days after July 1, 2022, after which extension requests go to FEMA Headquarters



Interim Project Submission Deadline

- The interim timeframe FEMA established is for reimbursement of work completed from the beginning of the incident period on January 20, 2020, through July 1, 2022
- The deadline to submit projects for these costs is December 31, 2022
- Applicants submit their projects in Grants Portal
- The incident period for COVID-19 declarations remains open
- FEMA funding will remain available at 90% for eligible work until the incident period is closed.
- The updated deadlines do not change eligibility for PA funding after July 1, 2022.



Upcoming guidance

- FEMA will issue guidance on the implementation of these timeframes.
- This guidance will be made available for public comment prior to issuance.



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Helpful Resources

- FEMA PA Grants Portal - Grants Manager YouTube Channel
- Technical and training support at FEMA's PA Grants Portal
Customer Support Hotline: (866) 337-8448
- The Grants Portal Resources Tab



Any Questions?



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Thank you.



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