FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Reimbursement Process for Museums

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# Objectives

- Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program Overview
- PA Eligibility Requirements
- What is Funded Through PA Grants
- Examples of Eligible PA Work
- PA Application Process
- Mutual Aid Overview

Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program Overview

- Provides supplemental Federal assistance to States and local communities.

- Supports initiatives that protect against immediate threats to **life**, **public safety** and **improved property**

Costs

Work

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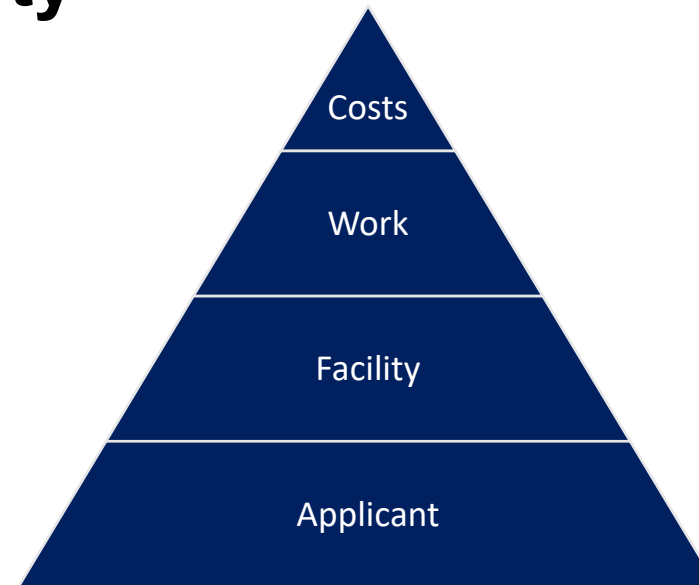
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Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program Overview

- **There are four (4) eligibility requirements that must be met to participate in the PA program.**
  - **The applicant must be eligible, for the facility to be eligible.**
  - **The facility must be eligible, for the work to be eligible.**
  - **The work must be eligible, for the cost to be eligible.**
  - **The costs must be reasonable.**

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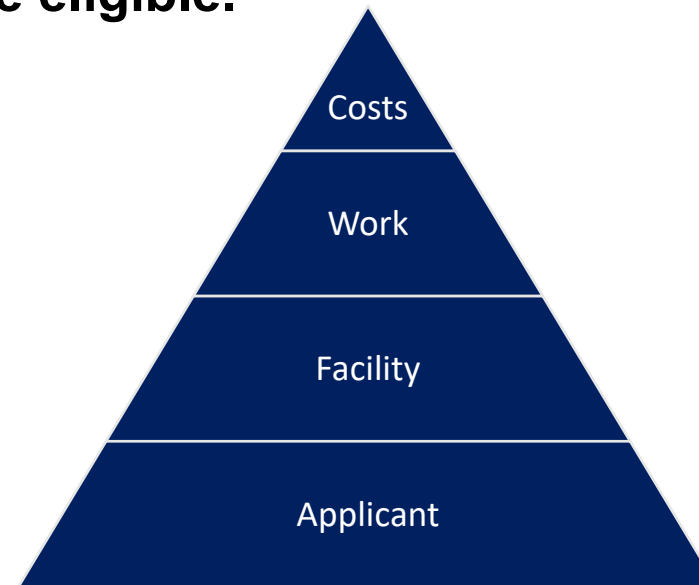
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Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program Overview

- **Eligible Applicants**
  - **State and Territorial Governments**
  - **Local Governments**
  - **Private Nonprofit (PNP) Organizations**
 - **Federally recognized Tribal Governments can apply on their own directly to FEMA or through the State**

- **Cost share**
  - **The funding for eligible work is typically a shared cost. The Federal share of assistance is generally not less than 75% of the eligible cost for emergency work and permanent work. There are EXCEPTIONS. Under certain circumstances, the Federal share may be 90% or even 100%**

Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program Overview

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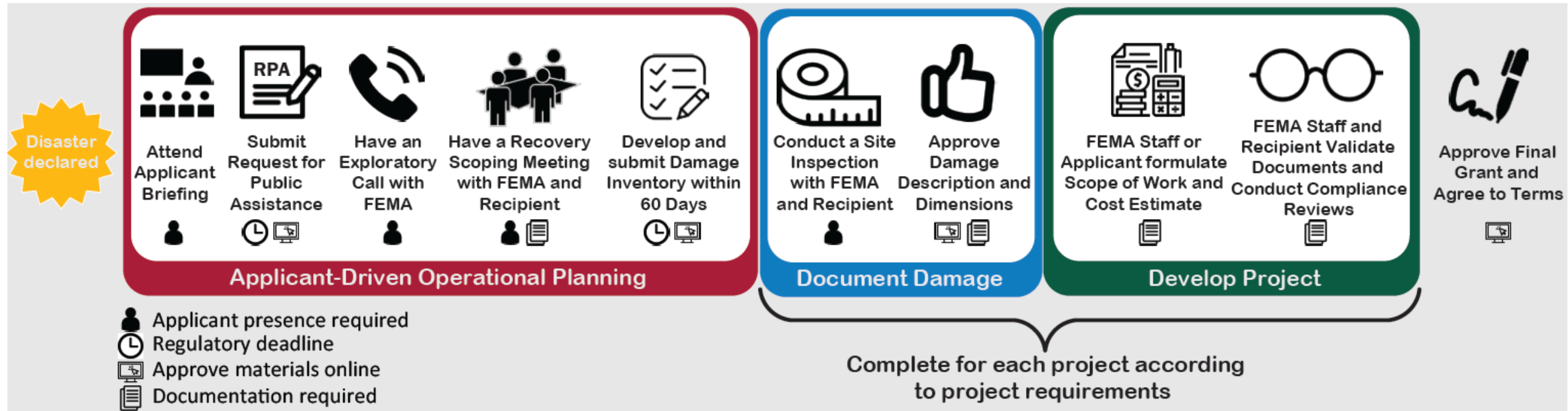
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▪ **The PA award process – Where to apply for Public Assistance?**

Step 1: Windshield assessment

Step 2: Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) – Request in WebEOC with windshield assessment estimates

Step 3: Applicant Briefing – High level overview of program, expectations and timelines (send primary point of contact)

▪ **The PA award process – Where to apply for Public Assistance?**

FloridaPA.org

Step 4: Register organization in FloridaPA.org
Step 5: Request for Public Assistance (RPA) in FloridaPA.org

FEMA

Step 6: Recovery Scoping Meeting (RSM) – Table 6 of PAPPG

- **The PA award process – Project Formulation**

Grants Portal

Step 7: Damage inventory – within 60 days of RSM (Table 7 – PAPPG)

Step 8: Develop scope of work (Table 8 – PAPPG)

Step 8a: Change in scope of work (Table 9 – PAPPG)

Step 9: Develop project costs - Work completed or work to be completed (Table 10 – PAPPG)

- **The PA award process – Project Formulation cont.**

Grants Portal

Step 10: Project documentation – FL Statute requires 5 years after close of the grant

Step 11: Recovery transition meeting – All projects have been obligated at this point. All documents will be transferred to EMMIE (FEMA database) and FloridaPA.org (State database) for grants payment monitoring

Eligibility Requirements

Must have a current IRS ruling granting tax exempt 501 (c), (d), or (e) status **or**

Documentation from the State substantiating it is a non-revenue producing, nonprofit entity organized or doing business under State law

Critical Services vs. Non-Critical Services Facilities

Critical Services Facilities

- Education
- Utility
- Medical
- Emergency Services

Non-Critical Services Facilities

- EVERYTHING ELSE
  - *Museums are listed under the Non-Critical services facilities*

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Critical Services vs. Non-Critical Services Facilities

	Tax-exempt	Non-Profit	Generally Open to the Public	Immediately Eligible for Emergency Work	Immediately Eligible for Permanent Work	Must Apply First to SBA to be Considered for FEMA PA PermanentWork Funding	50+% of Functional Space OR Time Used for Eligible Activities
Critical Services PNP	☑	☑		☑	☑		☑
Non-critical Services PNP	☑	☑	☑	☑		☑	☑

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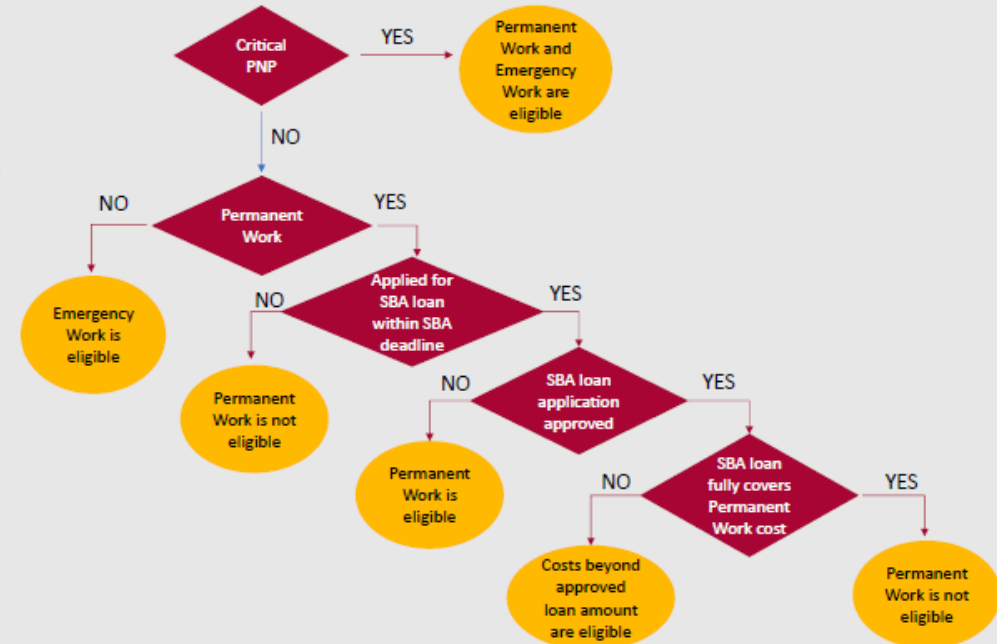
Eligible and Ineligible Costs

- Sheltering is still <u>NOT ELIGIBLE</u> for any PNP. *You,* as the applicant, must tasked and on your county's list of approved shelters and request reimbursement through your county as Shelter Operation is the "legal responsibility" of the county.

- **<u>Eligible Costs</u>** may include:
  - Permanent Repairs and/or replacement of damaged structures
  - Replacement of lost or damaged contents
  - Emergency Protective Measures taken to prevent further loss of life or damage to improved property (ex. mold remediation, sandbagging around your buildings, temporary roof repair to your facility, etc.)

Declarations

A Presidentially declared event *may* authorize:

Emergency Declaration	Major Disaster Declaration
Direct Federal Assistance	Emergency Work Category A (Debris Removal) & Category B (Emergency Protective Measures)
Emergency Work Category A (Debris Removal) & Category B (Emergency Protective Measures)	Permanent Work Categories C-G

What is Funded Through PA Grants

- There are **two (2)** broad categories of eligible work – emergency work and permanent work.

Categories

Emergency Work	Permanent Work
(6 months to 1 year to complete work)	*(1.5 years to 4 years to complete work)*
• **Category A** – Debris • **Category B** – Emergency Protective Measures	• **Category C** – Road Systems and Bridges • **Category D** – Water Control Facilities • **Category E** – Buildings, Contents, and Equipment • **Category F** – Utilities • **Category G** – Parks, Recreational, and Other

Examples of Eligible PA Work

EMERGENCY WORK

CATEGORY A: DEBRIS REMOVAL

Trees + woody debris	✔
Derelict Vessels	✔
Building components or contents	✔
Sand + mud + silt + gravel	✔
Wreckage produced during conduct of emergency protective measures (for example, drywall)	✔

CATEGORY B: EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Alerts + warning of risks + hazards	✔
Building stabilization	✔
Emergency communications	✔

Emergency evacuations of medical and custodial care facilities	✔
Emergency mass care and shelter operations	✔
Emergency medical facilities	✔
Food + water + ice + other essential needs	✔
Nursing homes/ Assisted living facilities	✔
PNP facility emergency protective measures IF the facilities are otherwise eligible	✔
Rescue + care + shelter + essential needs for household pets and service animals	✔
Search + rescue	✔

Security in the declared disaster area	✔
Transportation of disaster victims	✔
Emergency tarping	✔
Generator run time for facilities that provide health and safety services	✔
Removal of dead animals	✔
Vector control when serious pests/ mosquitoes threat	✔
Under certain conditions, ice removal	✔

PERMANENT WORK

CATEGORY C: ROADS + BRIDGES (Non- FHWA)

Road surfaces + bases + shoulders	✔
Road ditches	✔
Road drainage structure + low-water crossings	✔
Bridge approaches	✔
Bridge decking + pavement	✔
Bridge piers + girders + abutments	✔
Bridge slope protection	✔

CATEGORY D: WATER CONTROL FACILITIES

Canals + aqueducts + sediment basins	✔
Certain irrigation facilities	✔
Dams + reservoirs + levees	✔
Engineered drainage channels	✔
Pumping facilities	✔
Shore protective devices	✔

Lift station repair	✔

CATEGORY E: BUILDING + EQUIPMENT

Codes + standards upgrades or a portion of that work	✔
Contents	✔
Equipment	✔
Mold remediation	✔
Restoration through repair or replacement of damaged facilities to pre-disaster design + function	✔
Routine or delayed maintenance	✘
Temporary or permanent relocation	✔
Under certain circumstances, ADA compliance work or a portion of that work	✔

CATEGORY F: UTILITIES

Communications	✔
Power generation + distribution	✔

Sewage collection systems	✔
Water treatment plants + distribution	✔

CATEGORY G: PARKS + RECREATION + OTHER

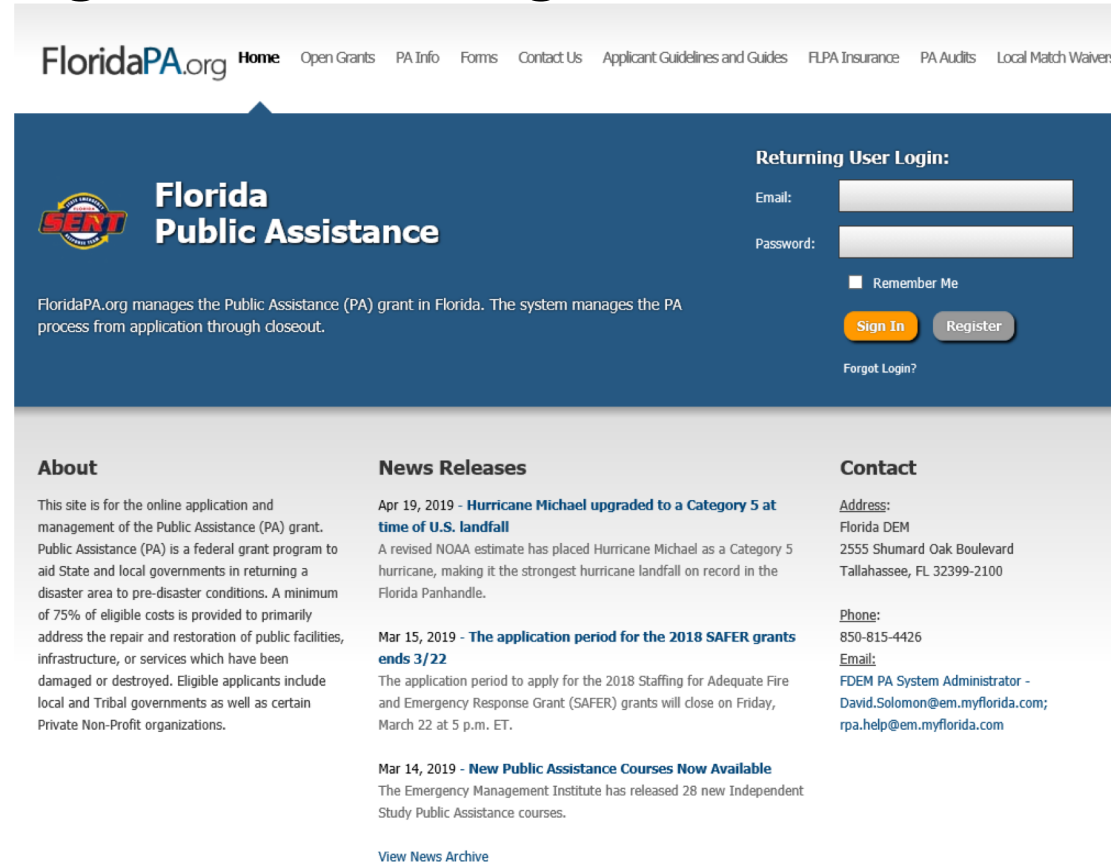|	
Fish hatcheries	✔
Golf courses	✔
Mass transit facilities	✔
Picnic tables	✔
Piers + boat docks	✔
Playground equipment	✔
Swimming pools + bath houses	✔
Tennis courts	✔
Trees + ground cover + landscaping	✘
Other facilities that do not fit in Categories C – F	✔
Beach renourishment	✔

Donated Resources

- Donated labor for both Emergency Work and Permanent Work from volunteers assisting the museum may be eligible to offset the non-federal cost share (normally 25%).
    - However, time must be tracked as if they were an employee of the organization.
    - Track time and Sign-in and Sign-out sheets.
    - Track activity by Emergency Work vs. Permanent Work
- Donated Equipment used in work may be eligible but it also must be tracked in a similar fashion

Applying for FEMA Assistance

Submit an RPA through FloridaPA.org

Register / Login

Request for Public Assistance Website

Need help?

RPA.help@em.myflorida.com

Required Documentation

Insurance policies, declaration pages, claims, payments received

Proof of legal responsibility for facility

Articles of Incorporation, charter, or bylaws, as applicable

Evidence in good standing with Florida Secretary of State

DOCUMENTATION
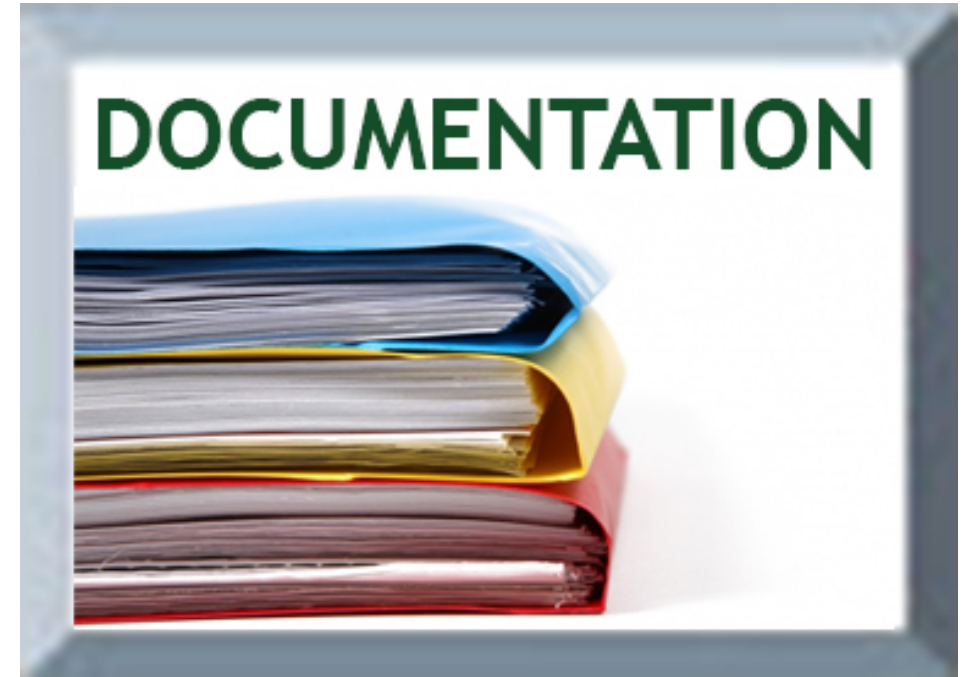
PA Application Process

An Applicant Briefing is conducted by the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) as soon as feasible following a Presidential Declaration (PD). At the briefing, FDEM staff will address

- application procedures
- administrative requirements
- funding, and
- program eligibility criteria for potential Applicants

PA Application Process

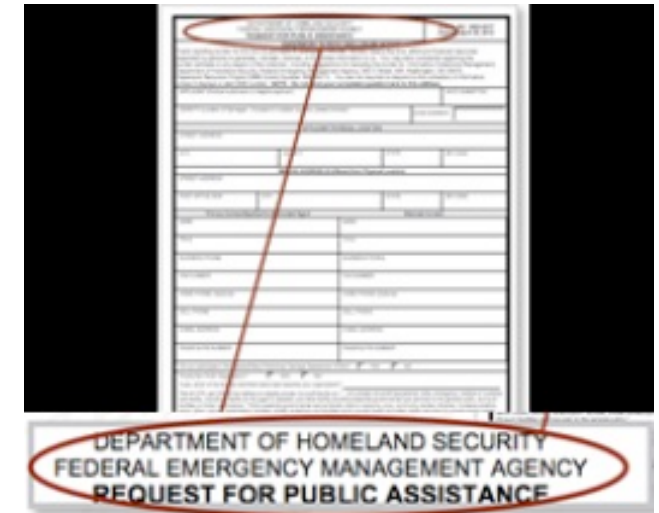Local Communities, State and Territorial Governments, and Private Nonprofits (PNPs) apply for assistance from FEMA through FDEM by completing a Request for Public Assistance (RPA). The RPA is FEMA's official application form. The form can be submitted to FDEM through FloridaPA.org – FDEM's PA grants management portal – or directly to FEMA in Grants Portal

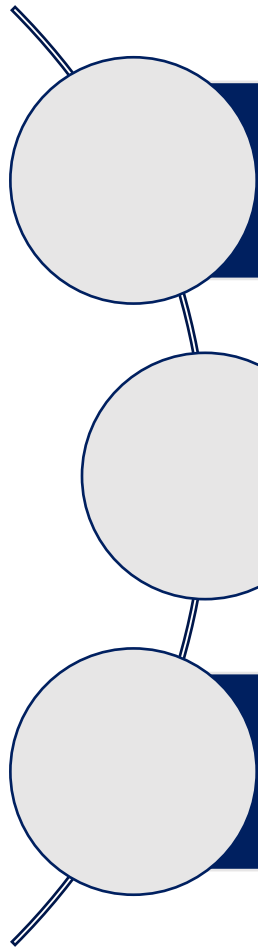PA projects must also meet Environmental and Historic Preservation (EHP) regulations

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REQUEST FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

WHEN IS THE APPLICATION PERIOD?

An RPA must be submitted to FEMA within **30 days** after **Presidential-declaration designation** of the area where the damage occurred, unless extended.

Mutual Aid

FEMA provides PA funding to the Requesting Entity as it is legally responsible for the work *(PAPPG pg. 33)*

Mutual Aid Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding is required

Reimbursements are based off of paid expenses for labor, equipment, rental equipment, contracts, and commodities

Questions

Still Have Questions???

Refer to Public Assistance Fact Sheet for Private Non-Profits
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