

Disaster Response Fact Sheet: FEMA Public Assistance - Pandemics

Disaster assistance may be provided through several federal, state, and local programs. When the President issues an Emergency Declaration federal funds become available to eligible public and non-profit (PNP) entities. These funds are released through the FEMA Public Assistance program as provided by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.

Applying for Assistance during a Pandemic Response

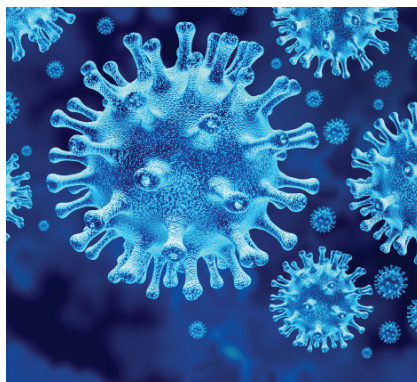
When faced with a pandemic response actions quickly become costly and often deplete yearly budgets that were created to protect the health and welfare of the public.

Once the President has issued an Emergency Declaration, each Public or PNP entity may apply through the State to enter into FEMA's Public Assistance Program. Updates to apply for COVID-19 assistance will be posted at <https://www.fema.gov/disasters>.

Eligible Costs

The FEMA Public Assistance Program will reimburse costs for several emergency protective measures directly related to the pandemic (Category B). Eligible Costs include, but are not limited to:

- **Supplies:** Sanitizing products, sterile gloves, masks and gowns.
- **Services:** X-Rays, laboratory, pathology and machine Diagnostic tests.
- **Consumables:** Purchase and distribution of food, water, ice, medicine and other consumables.
- **Temporary Medical Facilities:** To manage patients when treatment spaces become overwhelmed and are no longer able to serve those affected by the pandemic.
- **Congregate Sheltering**
- **Transportation:** Movement of supplies and persons.
- **Health and Safety Management:** Sanitizing eligible public facilities and public outreach.
- **Security:** Labor, barricades fencing and warning systems.
- **Search and Rescue**
- **Postmortem Care:** Storage and internment of unidentified human remains, mass mortuary services and recovery & disposal of animal carcasses.



Additional Programs

In addition to local and State programs, funding may be made available under the Public Health Service Act as administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Food and Drug Administration and Social Security Administration.