

Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance Program



June 26, 2001
Recovery Division

Public Assistance

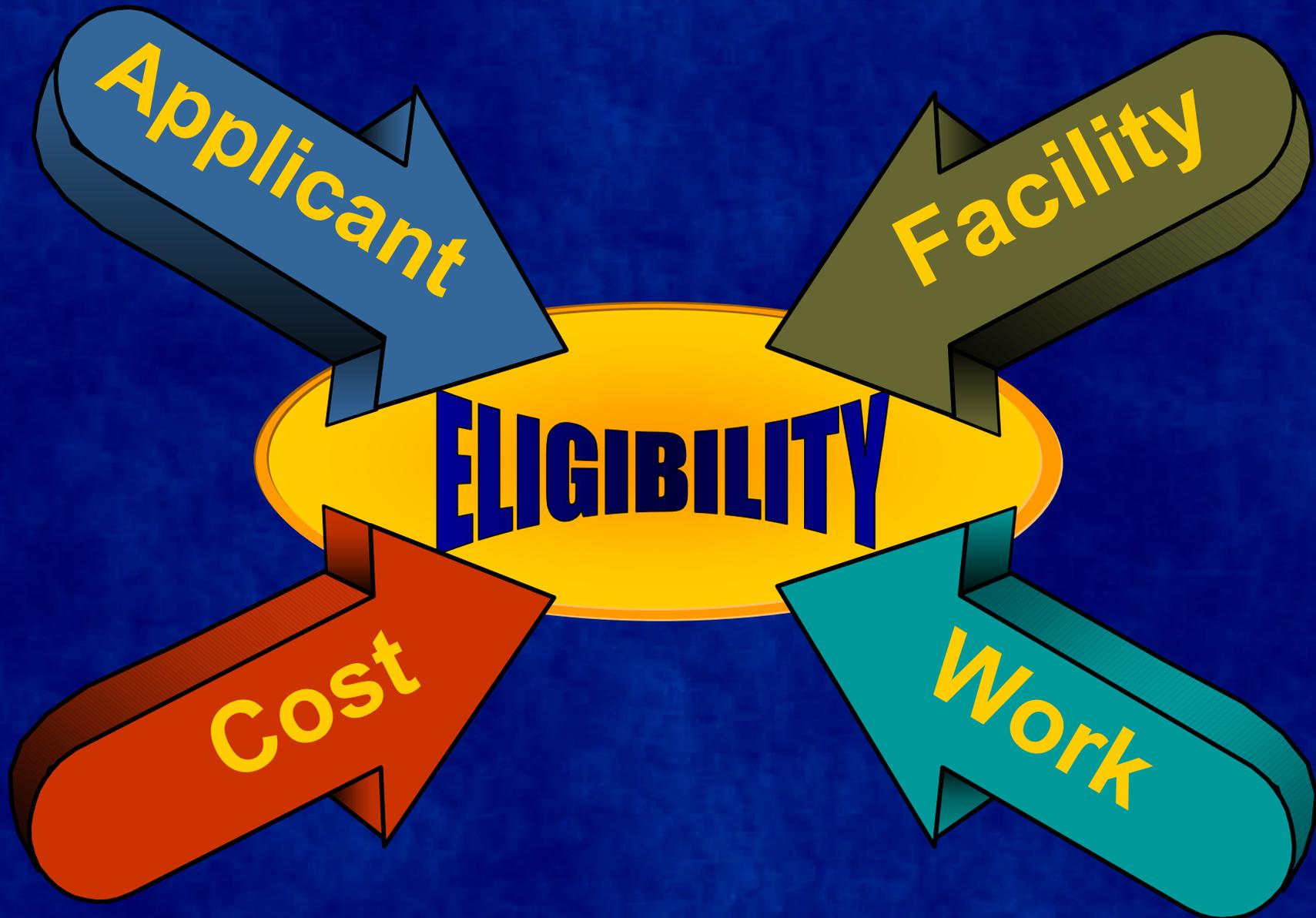
Supplemental financial assistance to state, local governments and certain private non-profit organizations for response and recovery activities required as a result of a disaster.



The Public Assistance Process



Factors of Eligibility



Eligible Applicants

State

County

City / Town / Village

Certain Private Non-Profit
Organizations (PNP)

Other State Political
Subdivisions

Native American Tribes and
Tribal Organizations

Private Non-Profit Entities

The following types of PNP facilities are specifically eligible:

Fire/Emergency

Medical

Custodial Care

Utility

Educational



Private Non-Profit Entities

The following essential service facilities are eligible when open to the general public:

Museums

Community centers

Homeless shelters

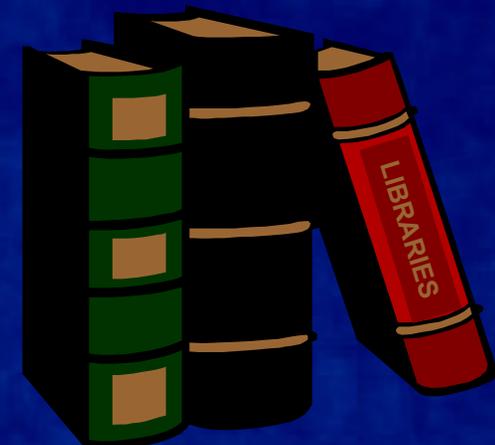
Rehabilitation facilities

Zoos

Libraries

Senior citizen /Day
care centers

Shelter workshops



Private Non-Profit Entities

Other facilities that provide health and safety services of a governmental nature may be eligible.

Examples of possible eligibility may include low-income housing, alcohol and drug rehabilitation centers, programs for battered persons, transportation to medical facilities, and food programs.



Facility Eligibility Requirements

- **Damaged as a result of a declared event**
- **Located within an area declared by the President**
- **The legal responsibility of an eligible Applicant**
- **In active use at the time of the disaster**
- **Not under the authority of another federal agency**

Emergency Work



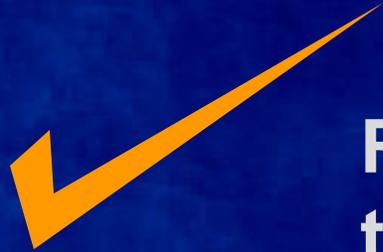
- **Debris Removal**
- **Emergency Protective Measures**

Permanent Work

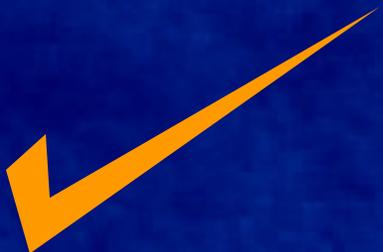
- **Road and Bridge Systems**
- **Water Control Facilities**
- **Public Buildings/Equipment**
- **Public Utilities**
- **Other (Parks, Recreation)**



General Cost Eligibility



Reasonable and necessary cost to accomplish eligible work



Complies with federal, state, and local laws and regulations



Insurance proceeds, salvage value, and purchase discounts must be deducted

Eligible Direct Costs

- **Salaries, wages and fringe benefits (for emergency work, only overtime including fringe benefits is eligible)**
- **Materials**
- **Applicant owned equipment**
- **Contract costs incurred for eligible work, including engineering/design services**

Special Considerations

Hazard Mitigation

Environmental Requirements

**Historic Preservation &
Cultural Resources**

Special Flood Hazard Areas

Insurance Requirements

Small Project or Large Project?



Annually updated, \$50,600 is the FY 2001
threshold amount.

Cost Estimating

- **Unit Cost**
- **FEMA Cost Code**
- **R. S. Means**
- **Actual Contract Costs**

Public Assistance Project Cost

(Average Project Cost for 119 disasters)

Category	Eligible Amount	PW Count	Average Cost
A	\$723,756,938	9,171	\$78,918
B	\$350,289,990	9,132	\$38,359
C	\$592,359,427	21,008	\$28,197
D	\$306,537,757	2,068	\$148,229
E	\$186,572,780	6,054	\$30,818
F	\$428,696,941	4,367	\$98,167
G	\$73,990,508	3,194	\$23,165
Z	\$10,699,594	158	\$67,719

Public Assistance Project Cost

(Average Project Cost for Large Projects)

Category	Eligible Amount	PW Count	Average Cost
A	\$664,731,842	2,347	\$283,226
B	\$284,885,483	1,323	\$215,333
C	\$338,933,648	1,908	\$177,638
D	\$291,622,263	854	\$341,478
E	\$151,605,817	641	\$236,515
F	\$394,344,035	1,232	\$320,084
G	\$54,918,797	354	\$155,138
Z	\$9,844,141	57	\$172,704



Steps to Getting Assistance

Request for Public Assistance

Public Assistance Coordinator

Complete Project Worksheets

State disbursement of grant funds



**Impacts of the
Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000
on the
Public Assistance Program**

Immediately Effective Provisions

(as of October 30, 2000)

- Alternative Projects
- Private Non-Profit Organizations /
Small Business Administration
- Definitions
- Notification to Congress
- Public Notice

Delayed Provisions

- Reduced Federal Share for Repetitive Damages
- Management Costs
- Cost Estimating Procedure

Cost Estimating Procedure Section 406 (e)

Provision (1):

FEMA must develop industry-standard methodology for estimating the cost of large projects

Provision (2):

Establish expert panel with industry, State and local reps

- Develop cost estimating procedures
- Establish floor and ceiling percentages

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Implementation:

- Federal Advisory Committee Act Charter (signed by Director Albaugh on April 1, 2001)
- First panel meeting June 26-28, 2001
(law allows 18 months)
- Second panel meeting targeted for August 2001
- Third panel meeting targeted for October 2001

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Implementation (continued):

- Receive panel's recommendations by January 2002
- Publish proposed and final regulations by November 2002