

FEMA Announces Lost Wages Grant for Puerto Rico

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WASHINGTON -- FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor approved Puerto Rico for a FEMA grant under the Lost Wages Assistance program. FEMA's grant funding will allow Puerto Rico to provide \$300 per week -- on top of their regular unemployment benefit -- to those unemployed due to COVID-19. FEMA will work with Puerto Rico Governor Wanda Vázquez Garced to implement a system to make this funding available to Puerto Rico residents.

On Aug. 8, 2020, President Trump made available up to \$44 billion from FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund to provide financial assistance to Americans who have lost wages due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, the commonwealth of Puerto Rico agreed to administer a lost wages program for its citizens who are unemployed due to COVID-19.

FEMA looks forward to working with the governors of additional states who agree to administer a lost wages program to bring financial relief to unemployed Americans.

