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

Funding → State
Validation of Small Projects → Complete Project Worksheets → Kickoff Meeting → Submission of Request → Applicant's Briefing → Declaration PDA → Disaster Event

Applicant
Factors of Eligibility

- Applicant
- Facility
- Cost
- Work
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?

$50,600

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)

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## Public Assistance Project Cost

(Average Project Cost for Large Projects)

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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)

• Alternate 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
Cost Estimating Procedure Section 406 (e)

Implementation:

- Federal Advisory Committee Act Charter (signed by Director Allbaugh 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
Cost Estimating Procedure Section 406 (e)

Implementation (continued):

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