

# Public Assistance Expedited Project Funding



After a disaster, local governments and agencies may need urgent funding to respond to immediate needs and threats to public safety. In a Presidentially declared major disaster, FEMA can provide expedited funding for Public Assistance (PA) Emergency Work projects. FEMA bases this funding on estimated costs, rather than waiting for actual costs or site inspections, enabling faster access to critical resources.

## Expedited Project Funding

Expedited funding is available for Emergency Work – debris removal and emergency protective measures. Project scopes of work and cost estimates are:

- Based on short-term operational periods (30, 60, or 90-days);
- Awarded at 50% of the estimated cost\* to complete the work; and
- Funded at the disasters' cost share for the defined operational period.

The Applicant must provide information and documentation to demonstrate legal responsibility and eligibility for the work, along with a high-level cost summary of the activities. The specific information and documentation requirements depend on whether the emergency work involves debris removal or emergency protective measures.

### Requesting an Expedited Project:

Applicants can request expedited projects by:

1. Contacting the assigned FEMA Public Assistance Program Delivery Manager (PDMG),
2. If a PDMG is not assigned, contacting the State emergency management office, or
3. Clicking the option in the FEMA Grants Portal system for an expedited Category A or Category B project application.

### Debris Removal (Category A):

- Information about the debris the Applicant removed or plans to remove including operational period, cubic yard estimate, or description of basis and methodology of the estimate.

- Information about how the Applicant removed the debris or plans to remove the debris:
- Information about who removed or will remove the debris either by an Applicants own staff, other jurisdictions through mutual aid, or contracted staff.
- Information about how the Applicant monitored or plans to monitor debris removal:
- Insurance documentation for debris removal, if applicable.

### **Emergency Protective Measures (Category B):**

- Information about the activities the Applicant performed or plans to perform including operations period and list of high-level activities, e.g. emergency access, sandbagging, search and rescue, flood fighting, etc.
- Description of threat to life or property that necessitate activities and locations where activities were performed.
- Information about who removed or will remove the debris either by an Applicants own staff, other jurisdictions through mutual aid, or contracted staff.
- Insurance documentation for activities, if applicable.

\*[PA Program and Policy Guide, Version 4](#) outlines FEMA’s specific procedures for providing 50% of estimated costs for emergency work under Categories A and B, enabling faster access to resources for disaster response and recovery efforts.