The PA Program provides reimbursement to state and local governments and certain private non-profit organizations (PNP’s) for emergency protective measures that are the legal responsibility of an eligible applicant.

Administered by the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Disaster Recovery Branch

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides the majority of funding, determines eligibility and is responsible for environmental and historic preservation reviews.
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Public Assistance Handbook

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COVID-19 INCIDENT OVERVIEW

• Major Presidential Disaster Declaration
  • Declaration Date: March 31, 2020 (DR-4507)
  • Incident Period: January 20, 2020 and continuing
  • Designated program: FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program (Category B – Emergency Protective Measures only)
  • Designated area: All 88 Ohio counties
  • Federal share is 75%; non-federal share 25%
  • There can be no duplication of benefits
GRANT PROCESS

RPA
Ohio EMA

Authorized Agent Documents
Ohio EMA

Streamlined Application Process
Grants Portal

Funding
oh.emgrants.com

Grant Administration post project award
oh.emgrants.com

Later Versions of Projects
Grants Portal
FEMA has currently waived the 30 day RPA deadline until further notice. A notice will be sent out to all County EMAs once this deadline is set by FEMA.

RPA Submission Options:
- Email (EMARecovery@dps.ohio.gov)
- Fax (614-791-0018)
- Mail
  - Ohio Emergency Management Agency
  - Attn. Disaster Recovery
  - 2855 W. Dublin-Granville Road
  - Columbus, Ohio 43235
- FEMA’s Grants Portal (grantee.fema.gov)
  - Private Non-Profits are not able to directly apply to Grants Portal
FOUR BUILDING BLOCKS OF ELIGIBILITY

1. Cost
2. Work
3. Facility
4. Applicant
Eligible Applicants

• State and local governments
• Schools and Universities (Public and Private)

Eligible Work

• Be required as a result of the declared incident
• Be located in a designated area
• Be the legal responsibility of an eligible applicant
CATEGORIES OF WORK

Category A – Debris Removal

**Category B – Emergency Measures**

Category C – Roads and Bridges

Category D – Water Control Facilities

Category E – Buildings and Equipment

Category F – Utilities

Category G – Parks and Recreation
• Actions taken by an applicant legally responsible to reduce or eliminate an immediate threat to public health and safety

• Generally, legal responsibility for public health and safety falls to the local or state government responding to an incident

• Any other PNP’s responding to the incident cannot submit their costs directly to FEMA, rather they need to partner with the local government they are assisting (in writing) and submit costs through that local government.
  • This would include organizations that provide shelter, mass feeding, fire, etc.
• PPE for fire, EMS, law enforcement and critical medical care
• Emergency Operations Centers
• Cleaning and disinfecting of public spaces (including emergency vehicles)
• Sheltering
• Dissemination of information to the public to provide warnings and guidance about health and safety hazards using various strategies, such as flyers, public service announcements or newspaper campaigns
• Security
CATEGORY B - NOT ELIGIBLE

- Increased operating expenses
  - Payment of sick leave (FMLA)
  - Payment of wages for employees not working
- Loss of revenue
- Regular time of applicant’s employees engaged in response (note some work being performed by backfilled and reassigned employees may be eligible for regular time reimbursement)
PENDING WITH FEMA

• Continued sanitizing of facilities
• Permanent measures to protect public health and safety
  • Barriers
  • Separate work areas
  • Thermal cameras
  • UV sterilizers
• There is a $3,300 minimum per PW
• In general, FEMA wants only one Category B project per applicant
• In limited circumstances, multiple Category B projects may be allowed
• There are provisions for amending projects at a later date
• Forecasting future costs
COVID19 PROJECT PROCESS FLOW
• Management costs
• Donated resources
• Mutual aid
• Deadlines
Situations that demand immediate aid or action

- **Emergency**
  - Need to alleviate a threat to life, public health or safety, or improved property

- **Exigency**
  - Need to avoid, prevent or alleviate serious harm or injury, financial or otherwise

If using sole sourcing due to emergency or exigency, you must:

- Justify with documentation
- Use only during the period of actual exigent or emergency circumstances
- Transition to a competitive method as soon as period ends
• Web Addresses
  • https://ema.ohio.gov/Recovery_PAGrantProgram.aspx
    (includes “underscore” between Recovery and PAGrantProgram)
    (includes “underscore” between Recovery and covid19)

• Email Addresses
  • ladcock@dps.ohio.gov
  • brmetzger@dps.ohio.gov
QUESTIONS