





# Tropical Storm Fred DR-4617-NC

Declaration Date: September 8, 2021

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE APPLICANT BRIEFING



#### AGENDA



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- Public Assistance Program Overview
- Submit: FEMA RPA and Funding Agreement
- **Debris Operations & Monitoring**
- **Procurement Using Federal Guidelines**
- NCEM Contacts and NCEM/FEMA Resources
- 4 Steps To FEMA Reimbursement Registration
- Public Assistance Alternative Procedures and Mitigation for PA projects
- Document expenses and submit projects
- For New Applicants FEMA Grants Portal and EMGrants registration















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### **Access and Questions**





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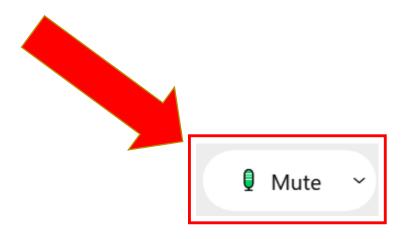


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# Event Details DR-4617-NC

**Tropical Storm Fred** 





# Tropical Storm Fred Event Details



- Major Disaster Declaration: DR-4617-NC
- Declaration Date: September 8, 2021
- Incident Period: August 16, 2021 August 18, 2021
- RPA Deadline: Friday, October 8, 2021
- Categories of Work: All Categories A G plus Z

A: Debris removal
B: Emergency protective measures
C: Roads and bridges
D: Water control facilities
E: Buildings and contents

F: Utilities (electric, gas, etc.)

G: Parks, recreational, and other facilities Z: Administrative (management) costs



# Important Dates to Remember



Required Action	Deadline
Request for Public Assistance (RPA)	Friday, October 8, 2021 (30 days from declaration date)
Emergency Work Completed	Tuesday, March 8, 2022 (6 months from declaration date)
Permanent Work Completed	Wednesday, March 8, 2023 (18 months from declaration date)
428 Alternative Procedures signed off (aka FEMA's Fixed Cost Offer)	Wednesday, March 8, 2023 (18 months from declaration date)





#### NEW THRESHOLDS FOR FEDERAL DISASTER EVENTS STARTING OCTOBER 1, 2020



For all eligible subrecipients of FEMA Public Assistance funding, the damage cost indicators are as follows for disasters declared on or after October 1, 2020:

#### **Countywide Damage Cost Indicators**

The FEMA Countywide Per Capita indicator has increased to \$3.89 (up from \$3.84)

#### **Statewide Damage Cost Indicators**

The FEMA Statewide indicator has increased to \$1.55, which takes the State of North Carolina's PA threshold to \$14.78M in disaster-specific damages to qualify for FEMA Public Assistance (up from \$14.3M)

#### Small Project and Large Project Thresholds

The Small Project/Large Project Threshold is now \$132,800 (up from \$131,100)
Small: Any project that has costs that total 132,800 or less is considered a small project

Large: Any project that has costs that total 132,800.01 or greater is considered a large project

#### Costs to Write a FEMA PA Project

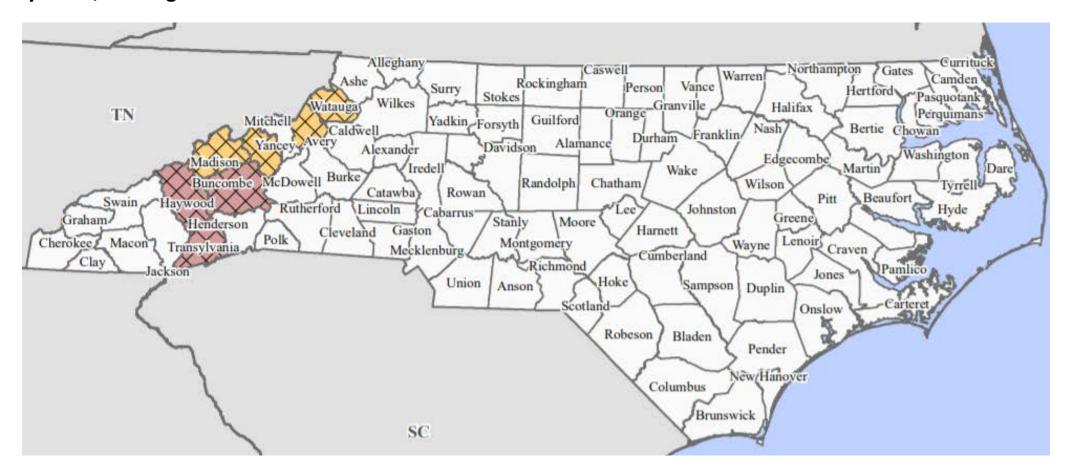
FEMA PA requires at least \$3,320 in damages to write a PA project (up from \$3,300)



### **Tropical Storm Fred - Declared Counties**



As of 9/16/2021: in North Carolina, seven (7) counties have been declared: Avery, Buncombe, Haywood, Madison, Transylvania, Watauga and Yadkin.

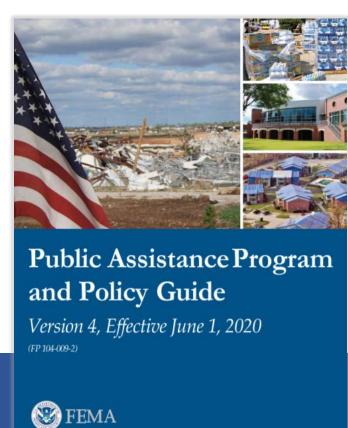






# FEMA and the Public Assistance Program

The basics



Most recent PAPPG - June 1, 2020



# **FEMA PA Quick Facts**



- Public Assistance is a reimbursement program that provides federal funding to help communities respond to and recover from disasters
- Applicants must submit Requests for Public Assistance (RPAs) within 30 days of the FEMA disaster declaration date
- **FEMA and NCEM PA work with applicants to compile and upload their costs** into FEMA Grants Portal. "Work" includes emergency work performed locally and permanent work fixes completed or still remaining to be done to restore a facility to pre-disaster condition.
- Eligible government entities and private nonprofits **need to submit damage and cost supporting documentation** so FEMA can make eligibility determinations on projects.

FEMA obligates funds and then sends those funds to NCEM once a project meets all eligibility requirements and is approved by FEMA. Then NCEM, as Recipient, pays NC's subrecipients.

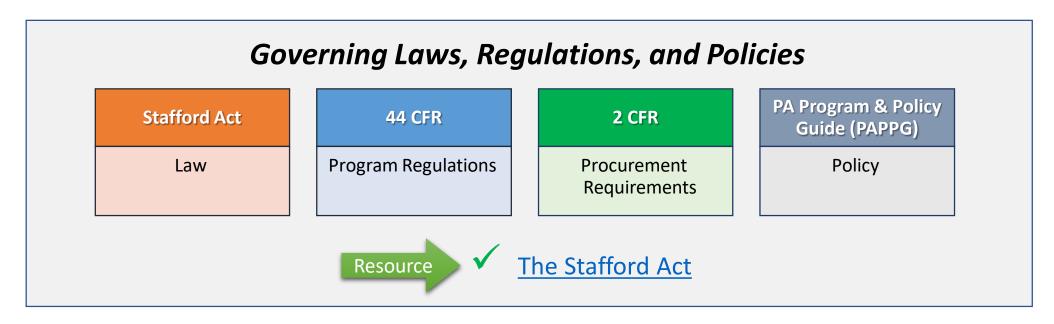


## FEMA PA: Applicant or Subrecipient?



The term Applicant and Subrecipient are often used interchangeably, but have different meanings:

- An eligible local government or private nonprofit (PNP) is an applicant until their Request for Public Assistance (RPA) is approved by FEMA.
- After an RPA is approved, an applicant becomes a subrecipient of FEMA PA grant funds.
- The State of North Carolina is the recipient of FEMA PA funds; NCEM serves as the lead agency.



# **Basic Elements of Eligibility and Overall Responsibilities**

#### **Understanding the Public Assistance Responsibilities**

FEMĀ	Recipient (State)	Subrecipient (Applicant)			
Coordinates with all Federal, State, Local agencies Establishes Joint Field Office Collects project and cost data Approves grants and obligates funds Provides Technical Assistance	Educates subrecipients     Works with FEMA to manage Public Assistance Program     Collects project and cost data     Disburses grants to applicants (Ex: Community, county, local public entity)     Monitors and manages use of grants by subrecipients	Requests assistance     Identifies damaged facilities     Provides information to support request     Maintains accurate documentation     Performs necessary work (repairs, debris, etc.)			

FEMA, the State/Recipient, and Subrecipients have specifically denoted responsibilities throughout the lifetime of any one federal disaster declaration involving FEMA funding.

FEMA must determine that each building block is legally eligible, starting at the foundation with the Applicant working up toward cost to ensure full eligibility.





# The Four Basic Elements of Eligibility



<u>Applicant</u>: state, local, tribal, territorial governments and certain private nonprofit organizations (PNPs) are eligible applicants for FEMA Public Assistance.

• The applicant (or subrecipient) is **responsible for demonstrating** that each component of the pyramid is eligible by providing supporting documentation.

<u>Facility</u>: Facilities must be owned and maintained by the local government or PNP and must prove it has the <u>legal responsibility</u> to make repairs.

- Damaged facilities must have been **active and operational** at the start of the incident period per FEMA PA regulations and policies.
- A facility (culvert, roof, playground, road, laboratory) that has not been sufficiently maintained
  may be deemed ineligible by FEMA due to deferred maintenance issues.



# The Four Basic Elements of Eligibility



<u>Work</u>: Must be required to **repair and restore** a facility to its pre-disaster condition as a **direct result of the declared incident** and performed within the designated disaster area.

- Must restore the damaged facility to its pre-disaster design and function, including
  applicable & required codes and standards, and any identified eligible mitigation measures.
- Eligible mitigation measures (and additional funds) may be added to FEMA PA projects.

<u>Cost</u>: To be eligible for reimbursement under the Public Assistance Program, costs must be directly tied to the need for eligible work. Work must also be deemed "necessary and reasonable" to accomplish the work properly and efficiently.

- Must be compliant with Federal, State and local requirements for procurement.
- Reduced by all applicable credits, such as insurance proceeds and salvage values.



## **Eligible Applicants**



#### **Public Entities:**

- Counties
- Cities
- Public Schools
- Community Colleges
- K 12 Schools & Public Universities
- Private Colleges
- Water and Sewer Authorities
- Airport Authorities
- Public Transportation Authorities
- Public Housing Authorities
- Regional Councils of Government
- Other Political Subdivisions of the State

#### **Private Non-Profits (PNP):**

- Community Center
- Custodial Care Facility
- Educational or Arts Center
- Emergency Care Facility
- Homeless Shelter
- Library
- Medical Care Facility
- Rehabilitation Facility
- Senior Citizen Center
- Shelter Workshop
- Utilities
- Houses of Worship

- Emergency Services
- Low Income Housing
- Assisted Living
- Child Care
- Day Care (for individuals with disabilities or access and functional needs)
- Food Assistance Programs
- Health and Safety Services
- Animal Control Services
- Domestic Violence Services
- Residential Services for Individuals with Disabilities









Questions?







# Submit Required Event Participation Forms

Using FEMA Grants Portal & EMGrants



# Required Registration Documents for both FEMA and NCEM



Disaster Event Documents - Required	How to Submit								
1. Request for Public Assistance (RPA)	Complete in <b>FEMA Grants Portal</b>								
2. Funding Agreement (DAA, SAA)	Complete in NCEM's <b>EMGrants</b>								
Both the FEMA RPA & the NCEM Funding Agreement are required for each disaster event.									

**★** Do you need to update your W-9?



# Request for Public Assistance (RPA) in FEMA Grants Portal



What Is The RPA?

Subrecipients must submit their stated interest to participate in the FEMA PA program. You'll do this via FEMA Grants Portal for each federal disaster event.

Where Do I Get It?

Only available through the FEMA Grants Portal – need to Include DUNS, EIN & FEMA FIPS number (if FIPS is available)

(To get a DUNS number: <a href="https://www.dnb.com/duns-number.html">https://www.dnb.com/duns-number.html</a>)

How Do I Submit This RPA?

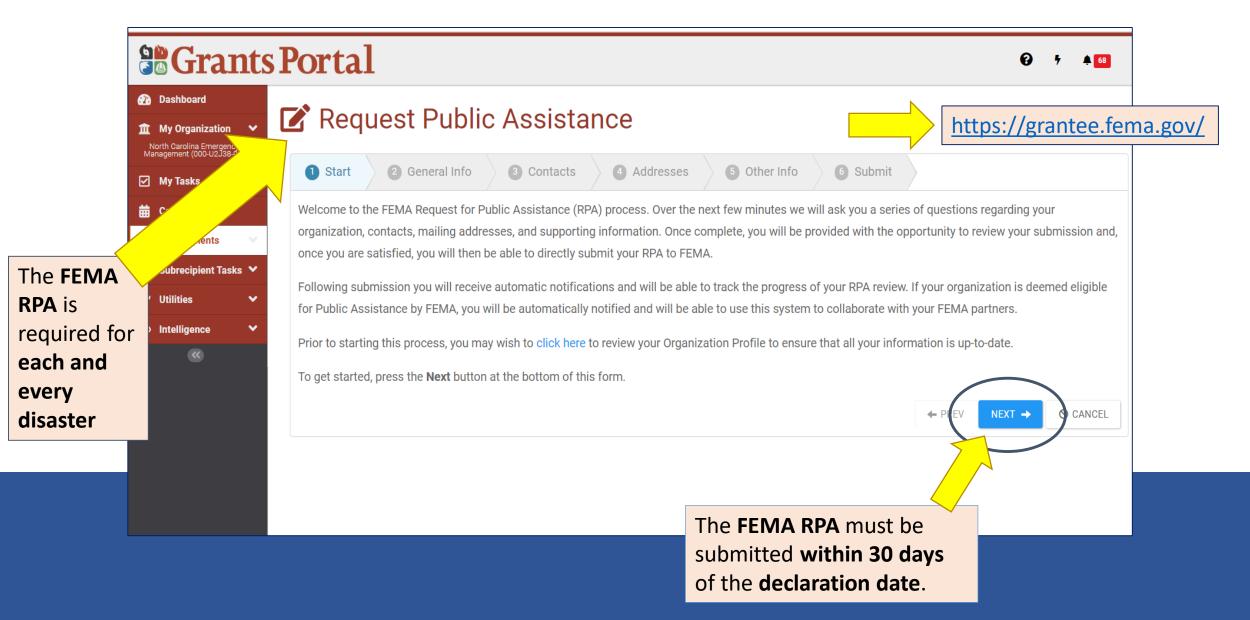
Submit your RPA using the FEMA Grants Portal

Deadline: 30 days from your county's declaration date



Questions? Contact your NCEM PA Grants Manager

# 1) Submit your RPA in FEMA Grants Portal





# Additional RPA Documentation Required for **all** private nonprofits



All private nonprofits must submit additional info with their RPA to be considered by FEMA for Public Assistance grant funds:

- 1. Tax Exemption Certification documentation
  - IRS Letter showing 501 (c),(d) or (e) status, or
  - NC Secretary of State Tax Exempt Letter
- 2. Proof of Ownership (*deed*) or Legal Responsibility (*lease*)
- 3. Articles of Incorporation, Charter, By-Laws, etc.
  - Accreditation is required for <u>private</u> educational organizations

FEMA PA is not available to private companies – small or large - or any for-profit businesses, corporations and certain foundations.



### What happens after I submit the RPA?



- After your RPA is approved by FEMA, you should contact your NCEM Grants Manager, if they haven't contacted you first.
- 2. Your FEMA Program Delivery Manager (PDMG) will be assigned in FEMA Grants Portal.
- 3. FEMA's PDMG will reach out to you soon after your RPA is approved by FEMA to start the FEMA PA process.

- 4. And now it's time to make sure you are registered in EMGrants
- Are your contacts updated?
- Is your physical location accurate?

5. It's time to fill out and submit your NCEM Funding Agreement.





## **NCEM Funding Agreements**

In order to receive funding, your organization or entity must have a **funding agreement** on file with NCEM PA



# Funding Agreement Requirement #1: The State & Applicant Disaster Assistance Agreement



What Is This?

Contract between State and Applicant that authorizes reimbursement payments, located as part of your Funding Agreement.

Where Do I Get It?

In EMGrants, the Funding Agreement section, after you log in. You must have submitted your RPA in the FEMA Grants Portal and have been approved for each disaster to access the Funding Agreement form in EMGrants. *Include your Federal Tax I.D.* 

How Do I Submit It?

Within EMGrants, now serving as a storage location for documents related to your payments and time-sensitive activities related to your organization.









What Is This?

Designates the organizational personnel who will be the primary and secondary contacts for the Subrecipient

Where Do I Get It?

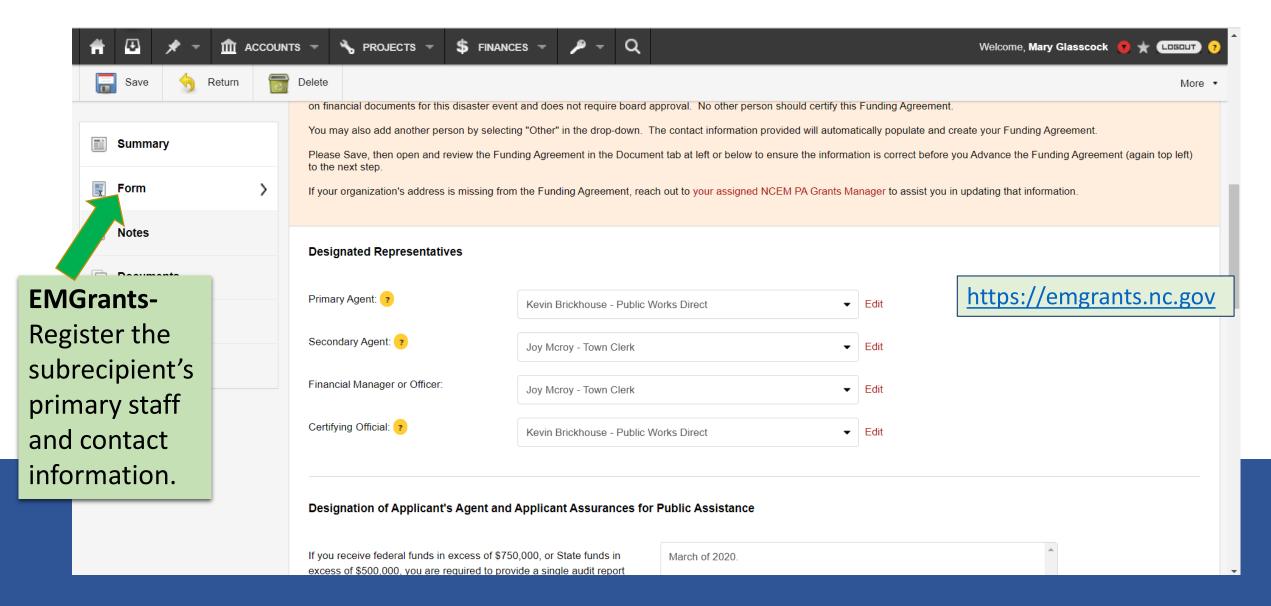
The DAA is also waiting for you in the Funding Agreement portion of EMGrants. You'll be prompted throughout the process.

How Do I Submit It?

Within EMGrants, which will serve as a storage location for documents related to funding from NCEM.



# 2) Submit Your Funding Agreement in EMGrants



# Access to both the **FEMA Grants Portal** and **EMGrants** is essential for successful project management and cost reimbursement.

FEMA Grants Portal: Use this online portal to build your PA projects, submit projects

& costs, stay on top of FEMA's activities and track your events and project statuses.

- Request FEMA Public Assistance
- Submit your damages
- Review project activities
- Stay updated on all project statuses





#### **EMGrants**: Payment Management and Deadline-Specific Task Requests

Use this online portal to request payments and various actions that operate using strict FEMA-defined timelines and include:

- Get reimbursed
- Time Extension Requests
  - Scope Change Requests
- Project Closeout Requests



## Recap: Subrecipient Responsibilities



- ➤ NC's Funding Agreement (DAA/SAA) for each disaster is **no longer emailed to NCEM**:
- 1) After your FEMA RPA is approved, you will be approved to proceed with TS Fred in EMGrants
- 2) Find the Funding Agreement in EMGrants an eSignature (typed name) is valid in North Carolina
- 3) If you prefer to print and sign the Funding Agreement, please upload it back into your TS Fred section in EMGrants
- Documentation that support damage costs must be uploaded in both EMGrants and FEMA Grants Portal
  - Organize your documentation and related files for drag-and-drop into both systems
  - Set up a TS Fred folder on a local computer and organize damage costs and documents by Category (A, D, etc.)
- Quarterly reports must be submitted for all large and Category Z projects in EMGrants.
- Large project requests for reimbursement (RFRs), time extension requests, scope of work change requests, and appeal or arbitration requests must be kicked off by the subrecipient using EMGrants.
- ➤ If a subrecipient has received \$750,000 in grants of any type in one year, a single-audit report must be uploaded into EMGrants.
- > Your NCEM GM can walk you through all of these processes from start to finish







# Questions?







# DOCUMENT the Work

Document Your Activities and Expenses Thoroughly for FEMA Reimbursement

#### FEMA CATEGORIES AND EXAMPLES OF COMMON ELIGIBLE WORK

Α	В	C	D	E	F	G
Debris Removal	Emergency Protective Measures	Roads & Bridges	Water Control Facilities	Buildings & Equipment	Utilities	Parks, Recreation, & Other
Debris removal must be in the public interest and necessary to:  • Eliminate immediate threats to lives, public health & safety;  • Eliminate immediate threats of significant damage to improved public or private property Trees and Woody Debris Building Components Sand, Mud, Silt, & Gravel Removal of Temporary Levees	Search & Rescue Security Emergency Pumping Sandbagging Detour & Warning Signs EOC Activation Emergency & Temporary Repairs Overhead Power Lines Emergency Medical Facilities Emergency Evacuations Activities undertaken before, during and following a disaster to save lives, protect improved property	Roads  Surfaces  Bases  Shoulders  Ditches  Drainage Structures  Low Water Crossings  Bridges  Decking & Pavement  Piers  Girders  Abutments  Slope Protection  Approaches  Slope Failures	Dams and Reservoirs Levees Engineered drainage Channels Canals Aqueducts Sediment Basins Shore Protective Devices Irrigation Facilities Pumping Facilities	Buildings Structural Components Interior Systems • Electrical • Mechanical • Contents	Water Treatment Plants Power Generation & Distribution Facilities • Natural Gas     Systems • Wind Turbines • Generators • Substations • Power Lines	Playground Equipment Swimming Pools Bath Houses Tennis courts Boat Docks Piers Picnic Tables Golf Courses Fish Hatcheries Mass Transit Facilities



## Types of Costs



- Force Account Labor
- Force Account Equipment
- Materials
- Contract Work
- Rented Equipment

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#### Force Account Labor



#### Reimbursement for personnel expenses

- Category B (Emergency Measures): only <u>overtime</u> will be paid
- Category A (Debris Operations): both straight and OT is paid
- Any fringe benefits should be included in all wage calculations
- Overtime is paid based on your personnel policy
- Reassigned employees will be paid their typical rate
- Temporary employees are also eligible for overtime and regular time

\*Tip: Provide FEMA a copy of your current personnel policy and a sample of your time sheets. Upload these into FEMA Grants Portal.



#### Force Account Labor – Personnel Policies



For overtime/hazard duty pay to be eligible for FEMA reimbursement, personnel policies:

- 1. Must be adopted in writing **prior** to the date of the event
- 2. Cannot make award of overtime **discretionary**Ex: "The Board may, in its discretion, award overtime pay." Not eligible.
- 3. Cannot make overtime rate **higher** in a federally declared disaster than in a non-federally declared disaster (Ex. "The Town will pay employees time-and-a-half unless FEMA will fund work, then and double-time will be paid to staff and temporary employees.")
- 4. Cannot make award of overtime **contingent** on receipt of federal funds
  - "In the event of a federally declared disaster, overtime will be paid." Not eligible.
  - Overtime will be awarded subject to FEMA reimbursement." Not eligible.



### Force Account Equipment



- Reimbursement is eligible for use of subrecipient-owned equipment
  - Examples: Law enforcement and first responder vehicles, pickup trucks, mobile command trailers, generators, chain saws, school bus, wood chippers.
- Equipment rates:
  - 1. Use State/Local rates, or
  - 2. FEMA Schedule of Equipment Rates





✓ Schedule of FEMA Hourly Equipment Rates



### **Materials**



- Reimbursement for materials and supplies
  - Newly purchased for disaster
  - Taken from applicant's inventory

Keep all invoices, receipts, inventory control registers, maintenance records, etc.





FEMA Public Assistance Summary
Record for Materials



### Rented Equipment



- Reimbursement for rental equipment
- Examples: Forklifts, Pumps, Generators, Lifts, etc.

Keep your rental agreement and retain receipts to validate rented equipment costs





FEMA Public Assistance Summary
Record for Rented Equipment



#### **Contract Work**



- Reimbursement may be paid if a subrecipient needed to hire outside contractors to perform eligible emergency protective measures work
- Temporary employees on your payroll are not contractors they are force account labor
- Check for debarred contractors (EPLS)



- ✓ www.sam.gov Excluded Parties List System
- Document your procurement processes for all contracts put out to bid
- Upload your local procurement policy in the Grants Portal



### **Duplication of Benefits**



- FEMA will not reimburse for expenses paid for with any other funding sources, including insurance payments, other federal grants or state grants
- Keep track of all expenses
- Keep track of which expenses have been paid for with other funds
- Document insurance payments for property damages
- Be prepared to demonstrate no duplication of benefits if requested by FEMA













## BUILD Your Projects

Submit your expenses in FEMA Grants Portal



### FEMA PA Cost Thresholds & Reimbursement Basics



**Project Minimum:** \$3,320

**Small Project Threshold:** \$132,800

**Small Projects** – can be paid on estimated costs and do not need supporting documentation submitted to FEMA or NCEM (however, insurance proceeds must be provided to FEMA for all projects)

Large Projects – paid on actual costs/invoices or a fixed-cost offer from FEMA plus all supporting documentation, including insurance or other grants

**Expedited Large Projects** – paid at 50% up front, then remainder paid with all supporting documentation





### FEMA PA - Small and Large Projects



A <u>small</u> project is eligible work, either emergency or permanent, that for FY 2021 falls between \$3,320 to \$132,800.

- The federal cost share is paid upon approval
- Funding is based on a reasonable estimate
- You are not required to upload documentation;
   but you do need to keep it
- Your small project may be chosen for additional validation by FEMA or NCEM in the future

<u>Large</u> projects are based on actual costs to complete the eligible scope of work (or a FEMA "fixed cost offer") above \$132,800.

- Federal cost share is paid as work is accomplished or completed or upon agreement of a "fixed-cost offer"
- Final assistance for permanent work is based upon actual costs or a reasonable estimate using approved cost estimating tools
- All documentation must be uploaded to EMGrants and formal closeout requests are required



### FEMA Public Assistance Categories of Work



### Emergency Work (Categories A & B)

A: Debris Removal

B: Emergency
Protective Measures

- > Subrecipients have six (6) months from declaration date to complete all emergency protective measures
- ➤ Category A Debris Removal: Both regular & overtime are eligible for full-time staff
- Category B Emergency Protective Measures: Only overtime is eligible for full-time staff
  - Temporary staff brought on to do disaster work may receive both regular and overtime as force account labor
  - FEMA has very specific rules about non-budgeted and reassigned full-time staff



### FEMA Public Assistance Categories of Work



C: Roads & Bridges

D: Water Control Facilities

E: Buildings & Equipment

F: Utilities

G: Parks, Recreation & Other

### Permanent Work (Categories C, D, E, F & G)

- ➤ Subrecipients have 18 months from Declaration Date to complete Permanent Work fixes
- > Overtime and Regular Time Labor Costs are eligible
- ➤ Time extensions up to an additional 30 months may be granted by NCEM for permanent work. All extension requests must be submitted to the NCEM Public Assistance team using EMGrants.



**UNC SOG/NCEM Personnel Policy Guidance** 



### **Activity and Work Timelines**



Debris clearance	(A)	6	
Emergency work	(B)	6	- In months
Permanent work	(C – G & Z)	18	

### Time Extension Requests

- 1. Time extension requests must be submitted using EMGrants online request form
- 2. Upload a letter with a brief explanation why you need extra time
- 3. Your **NCEM PA GM** will provide you the approval letter for your records

Requests for time extensions beyond NCEM's authority will be submitted by NCEM to the (FEMA) Regional Administrator and must include the following:

- (1) The dates and provisions of all **previous time extensions** on the project; and
- (2) A detailed justification for the delay and a projected completion date.







Subrecipients have six months to have all debris removed, but can get another six months after requesting a time extension from NCEM PA.

- 1. Request extra time through EMGrants there is an online form for this request
- 2. Upload a letter with a brief explanation why you need extra time
- 3. NCEM is allowed to directly provide debris ops time extensions without FEMA approval
- 4. Your NCEM PA GM will provide you the approval letter for your records

### Temporary Facility Time Extension Requests

FEMA provides funding for temporary facilities for schools and other essential community services, when it is related to saving lives and protecting and preserving property or public health and safety.

- 1. Request extra time through EMGrants for temporary facilities
- 2. Upload a letter with a brief explanation why you need extra time
- 3. NCEM will then write a supporting letter, and submit the request to FEMA Region 4.
- 4. FEMA, not NCEM, must review and approve all temporary facility time extension requests



# FEMA's Regulations on Time Extensions for Temporary Facilities



NCEM can recommend (to the FEMA Region IV Administrator) that a time extension be granted based on information provided by the applicant in their request, which must include the following:

- 1) the circumstances beyond the control of the applicant that prevented the completion of the reconstruction of the damaged facility within the initial time limit
- 2) the status of permanent restorative work (work completed and work to be completed)
- 3) the revised timeline for project completion.

**FEMA may not grant extensions without the above justification.** Generally, in order for FEMA to consider an extension, construction must have begun on the damaged facility within 12 months of the date of the major disaster declaration.

FEMA may grant extensions in situations where, because of circumstances beyond the control of the applicant, construction did not begin within 12 months of the date of declaration.

With the proper justification, FEMA may grant extensions for the projected duration of the construction work, based upon industry standards (e.g., from R.S. Means or equivalent source).



# Category Z Projects aka Management Costs



Management Costs (Category Z) – Subrecipients of FEMA PA funds may be reimbursed up to 5%\* of their total eligible work costs to assist with the required administrative work

- Attending a FEMA or NCEM webinar or training related to the disaster
- Gathering costs, photos and dimensions for damages
- Evaluation of hazard mitigation measures for a specific PA project
- Collection, copying, filing, or submittal of documents to support the project
- Developing eligible PA projects and receiving reimbursement
- Staff or temp employee salaries for performing activities above, and project-specific activities like quarterly reporting, closeout process, writing time extension letters)

Category Z projects require quarterly reporting for both small and large projects.

\*5% cap calculation based on final actual eligible project costs, including Federal and non-Federal cost shares, after insurance and any other reductions.





### Insurance – Actual vs. Anticipated



FEMA cannot provide Public Assistance funding that duplicates insurance proceeds. Consequently, **FEMA reduces eligible project costs** allocated to a project by the amount of:

- Actual insurance proceeds if known; <u>or</u>
- Anticipated insurance proceeds based on the Applicant's insurance policy, if the amount of actual insurance proceeds remains unknown to FEMA

Until the insurance proceeds are noted as "Actual" on the project, FEMA considers your "anticipated" insurance proceeds as real funds that your insurance should pay. FEMA requires the applicant to make all reasonable efforts to pursue claims to recover insurance proceeds that the applicant is entitled to receive from its insurer.



### Insurance – Obtain and Maintain



When FEMA provides an applicant assistance for permanent work to replace, restore, repair, reconstruct, or construct a facility, the applicant must insure that facility against future loss. FEMA refers to this as the requirement to "obtain and maintain" insurance or the "insurance requirement."

- By law, applicants must comply with this O & M requirement as a condition of FEMA assistance.
- FEMA applies this requirement to buildings, contents, equipment, vehicles and other physical property.
- FEMA does not require applicants to obtain and maintain insurance for temporary facilities.

FEMA will calculate the amount of insurance the applicant <u>is required to obtain and maintain</u> using estimated or actual eligible costs prior to any reductions. If the applicant fails to maintain the required insurance from the previous disaster, then the facility will not be eligible for assistance in any subsequent disaster.



### **Environmental & Historic Preservation**



Many federal and state laws have established requirements to protect the environment and preserve historic and prehistoric resources.

- FEMA must review every public assistance project to ensure the work that is written in the scope of that project complies with applicable federal environmental and historic preservation laws and their implementing regulations, along with applicable Executive Orders.
- FEMA will consult with local and state environmental and historical preservation (NC SHPO) officials during this process.
- The subrecipient is responsible for complying with all applicable Federal, State, Territorial, or Tribal Environmental and historic preservation laws even if FEMA is not providing public assistance funding for all of the work.



### **Audit Requirements**



	Federal Single Audit Requirement (2 CFR § 200.500(a))	State Single Audit Requirement
Expenditures in a fiscal year	\$750,000 or more in federal awards	\$500,000 or more in state awards
Applies to	All non-Federal entities (state, local government, PNP)	Local governments and public authorities
Timing of single audit	When annual financial audit is conducted	When annual financial audit is conducted

- Discuss these requirements with your local auditor to determine the type of audit your organization needs to perform
- When your audit is complete, upload a copy to your profile page in EMGrants and notify your <u>NCEM PA Grants Manager</u>



# Dollar Thresholds and Where to Submit Grant Reports



- Pursuant to <u>2 C.F.R 200.501</u>, if the applicant expands \$750,000 or more in funds, the applicant shall have a single audit and shall submit the audit to:
  - http://harvester.census.gov/facweb/
- The applicant shall send reports on state grant funds:
  - Level 1 (Less than \$25,000) reporting to <u>DPS GrantComplianceReports@ncdps.gov</u>
  - Level 2 (\$25,000-\$499,999) reporting to <a href="mailto:DPS\_GrantComplianceReports@ncdps.gov">DPS\_GrantComplianceReports@ncdps.gov</a>
  - o level 3 (\$500,000 or more) reporting to <a href="mailto:AuditGrantReports@ncdps.gov">AuditGrantReports@ncdps.gov</a>
- Non-compliance may include suspending or withholding the disbursement of State funds and recovering State funds previously disbursed.
- Forms and reporting requirements for each level are provided here: <a href="https://www.ncdps.gov/our-organization/emergency-management/emergency-management-grants/grants-management-compliance">https://www.ncdps.gov/our-organization/emergency-management/emergency-management-grants/grants-management-compliance</a>







### Questions?





# ALTERNATIVE PROJECTS & MITIGATION FUNDS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

Building Back Smarter with FEMA PA Grant Funding



# Alternative Procedures (aka the 428 program)



Allows FEMA PA grant funding based on **fixed cost estimates for projects**, also referred to as fixed-cost, 428 or capped projects.)

- If fixed cost accepted, Subrecipient accepts responsibility for actual cost over-runs
- Subrecipient can use any remaining or excess funds for FEMA pre-approved purpose
- Multiple permanent work projects across categories can be combined into one grant fund
- 406 Hazard Mitigation funding may be included in final, combined-cost fixed amount









### Fixed-cost grants & Repair vs. Replace



### All large projects now receive a fixed-cost offer from FEMA

- You have 30 days to accept or reject this <u>fixed-cost offer</u>
- Projects are automatically opted into 428 fixed cost offers. Applicants must opt out of the program, and should be mindful that accepting a fixed cost amount. You have 18 months to identify a project that FEMA much review and approve.

### The 50% Rule (aka Repair vs. Replacement)

If you have eligible facility or facilities that have been damaged, especially those facilities that have been **repetitively damaged** by the same type of disaster event, please **talk with NCEM and FEMA** during the project development process to see if your organization **will quality for additional mitigation funding.** - 44 CFR Section 206.226 (d)(1)



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If you have eligible facility or facilities that have been **repetitively damaged** by the same type of disaster event, please <u>talk with NCEM and FEMA</u> during the project development process to see if your organization **will quality for additional mitigation funding.** 

If you believe the repair costs will exceed 50% of the replacement costs, notify NCEM and FEMA that you would like to prepare a "repair vs. replacement" or 50% Rule project.

Subrecipients should **ensure that all documentation of costs for repair is thorough**, all damages are captured in their documentation, and **no additional equipment, materials or mitigation elements are added** when compiling repair costs.

For FEMA to provide a favorable ruling for "repair or replace," the repair costs must be calculated using only elements of a facility that were damaged due to Tropical Storm Fred.



### 406 Hazard Mitigation for PA Projects



FEMA considers PA project mitigation measures to be cost effective **if any of the following** criteria are met:

- 1) Cost for the mitigation does not exceed 15% of the total eligible repair cost of the facility or facilities for which the mitigation measure applies;
- 2) Mitigation measure is specifically listed in Appendix J: Cost-Effective Hazard Mitigation Measures, AND the cost of the mitigation measure does not exceed 100 percent of the eligible repair cost;
- 3) The subrecipient can demonstrate through an acceptable benefit-cost analysis (BCA) method that the measure is cost-effective.

  \*Many mitigation measures that do not meet the first two measures above sometimes prove to be cost effective based only on a BCA.









### FEMA Mitigation Funds – 406/PA vs. 404/HM



#### **406/PA: FEMA Adds Funds During Disasters**

- Implemented through the FEMA PA program during the project development process directly after a disaster
- Structural mitigation measures are eligible only if they are related to and caused by the federally-declared disaster event
- Funding is only available for approved subrecipients within certain disaster declared counties in North Carolina
- Always about infrastructure projects for units of government and certain eligible private non-profits
- 406/PA funding considered for each permanent work project on a <u>case-by-case</u> <u>basis</u> and must address existing damages



#### **404/HMGP: Competitive Funds Post- Disasters**

- Separate HMGP program managed by NCEM's Hazard Mitigation team after each federal disaster
- Structural measures & non-structural measures (such as planning, property acquisition, drainage projects)
- Funding is for future mitigation activities, and funding may be available throughout North Carolina
- Often about residential mitigation measures, with funding available specifically for infrastructure projects through the FEMA BRIC program
- 404 funding is competitive, or may be administered with counties on behalf of subrecipients of funds



# FEMA PA/406 Mitigation Building elevation







### FEMA PA/406 Mitigation Facility relocation





# FEMA PA/406 Mitigation Sanitary and sewer system mitigation

For example: Access covers, Sewer lines, and Pump stations.



#### PA project written with 406 mitigation funds:

The well site was relocated. Reconstruction of well head and controls above 100-year flood elevation. Area cleared to prevent any trees from falling on well head controls.



### FEMA PA/406 Bridge flood mitigation



FEMA allowed additional mitigation funds for a repetitively-flooded walkway in Boone, NC











### Questions?





# DEBRIS

Debris Operations & Debris Monitoring











### Phases of Debris Operations



### Phase I (Response)

Clearing debris that hinders immediate life-saving actions and poses an immediate threat to public health and safety ("Cut & Shove")

\*Any roads or road system

### Phase II (Recovery)

Removal & disposal of debris that hinders the orderly recovery of the community and poses less immediate threats to health and safety

\*Must demonstrate legal responsibility for road or right-of-way



### **Road Systems: State/Federal**

- Federal: US & NC routes (e.g., US64, NC12)
- State: SR routes (e.g., SR1234)
- Generally the responsibility of NC DOT
- Local government may be eligible if MOA w/ NC DOT is activated
- Important to coordinate with NC DOT if local government intends to remove debris (Phase II)

### **Road Systems: Local/Municipal**

 Debris removal is responsibility of local government that owns or maintains road system



## Debris Site & Documentation Considerations



## **Debris Management Sites**

- Pre-Disaster Needs
  - Identify Debris Management Site (DMS) locations with NC DEQ, Solid Waste
  - Get Conditional Approval in advance for potential use
- Be certain to Permit and Activate
- Be certain to request formal activation of site before using the site

## **Reimbursement Documentation**

- Provide a copy of permit ("DS number") to FEMA to put in projects
- DMS's are temporary & must be cleared/closed within six months of receiving first load of disaster debris
  - You can request a time extension through EMGrants





# Debris, Landfills and Tipping Fees



Oftentimes, local or county landfills will waive tipping fees after devastating storm events to help out their communities.

Landfill or other disposal site tipping fees that are waived will not be reimbursed by FEMA, as there is no expense to be covered. It may not be beneficial to the landfill's operations to waive those fees.

Also, when providing Public Assistance funding for tipping fees, FEMA removes any ineligible components and does not provide grant funds for any valuation loss of landfill capacity created by incident-related debris.



# **Debris Monitoring**



- Applicants must monitor for eligible debris locations & quantities removed
  - ➤ Use Force Account labor/staff, temporary hires, or contractors
  - ➤ Monitor at all pick-up, reduction and disposal locations
  - Document eligible pick-up locations, permit info and who staffed where
  - > Document quantities with normal units of measurement (cubic yards or tonnage)
  - ➤ Note any damages to private/public property (hold contractor responsible they have insurance for this!)
- Use a recommended load ticket system to quantify each load & track from point of pickup to Debris Management Site (DMS) or landfill, quantities reduced at DMS, and loads hauled from DMS to final disposal
- Monitor in tower at DMS to quantify loads coming in & verify trucks are empty upon departure from DMS
- Be sure to monitor your monitors (if using contract monitors)



# **NEW** - Statewide Debris Contract for Local Governments and State Agencies



NCEM has procured debris operations and debris monitoring firms to manage local government and state agency disaster debris.

This is a voluntary program in place to benefit certain units of NC government.

Please contact your <u>NCEM PA Grants Manager or Team Lead</u> for more information.

You can also email <a href="mailto:debris@ncdps.gov">debris@ncdps.gov</a> and one of the NCEM PA Debris Team will get with you.

- Contracts are prepositioned by geographic regions (see Map).
- Primary, secondary and tertiary contracts for debris removal and monitoring have been awarded for each region.
- Contractors are required to provide bonds to secure their performance.

All units of local government and state agencies are eligible to activate the contracts in any type of disaster.



Resource



# Eligible Debris Examples



- Downed trees, hanging limbs, stumps, upturned root balls
- Sand, mud, rocks, soil
- Building components glass, metal, roofing material, tile, gypsum board
- Lab equipment and medical instruments
- Household appliances and electronic equipment (properly disposed of and documented)



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Debris removal from private but ungated and accessible, unrestricted communities that have <u>received advance</u> <u>approval by FEMA</u> for reimbursement must <u>still</u> be the subrecipient's legal responsibility.



# FEMA PA - Ineligible Debris Examples



- ✓ Debris on vacant lots, forests, heavily wooded areas, unimproved property, unused areas and farmland
- ✓ Debris on commercial properties and industrial parks
- ✓ Reconstruction or new construction debris
- ✓ Normal household garbage
- ✓ Any debris that lands on an improperly permitted or unpermitted site

- ✓ Demolition of commercial structures
- ✓ Removal of underground structures, wells, tanks, septic systems, basements, pipe, storm shelters, swimming pools
- ✓ Removal of driveways, concrete pads, slabs, foundations

Vehicle and vessel removal is almost always ineligible, but may be eligible if ingress and egress to public use areas is blocked.

**Vehicle** and vessel removal reimbursement is very rare and **must be approved** by the disaster's Field Coordinating Officer (FCO).



# Top Disaster Debris Issues



- Improper procurement of debris contractors
- Improper contracts and unit costs for debris ops
- Insufficient or no monitoring
- No documented debris estimates
- Ineligible sole source (ex: extending beyond emergency circumstances)

- Failure to comply with environmental or historical requirements
- Failure to ensure proper permitting is in place for debris sites
- Incorrect contacts for necessary staff at other agencies
- Poorly organized debris response





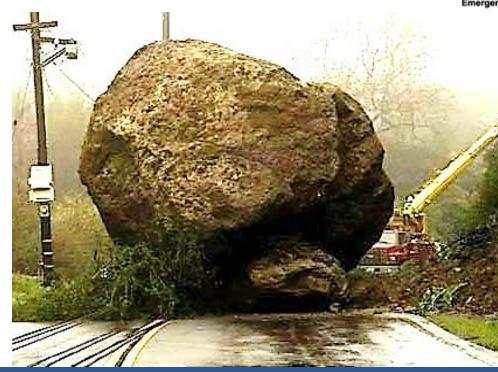


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# Procurement & Contracting Requirements



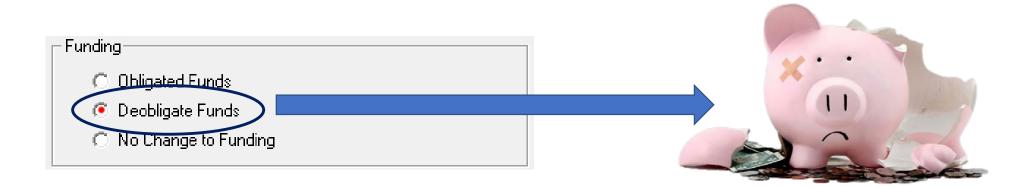
Procurement Requirements for FEMA PA Reimbursement



# Federal Procurement Requirements



- Federal Uniform Guidance procurement requirements apply to FEMA Public Assistance grant funds (2 CFR Part 200; §§200.317-326)
- Requirements apply to all local governments and nonprofits that use federal funds to pay for contract costs
- Failure to comply with procurement requirements most common reason for reimbursement denial of eligible expenses





# Time/Materials and Cost-Plus Contracts



#### **Time & Materials**

# Only allowed under <u>very specific</u> conditions:

- 1. For a reasonable time during circumstances where clear scope of work (SOW) cannot be defined
- 2. When <u>no other</u> possible alternative exists
- 3. <u>Must</u> set a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk ("not-to-exceed" contract price)
- 4. Work must be bid when SOW can be defined

#### **Cost Plus**

- Also called "Cost Plus Percentage of Cost" contracts
- <u>Never</u> allowed under <u>any</u> circumstances under Federal law



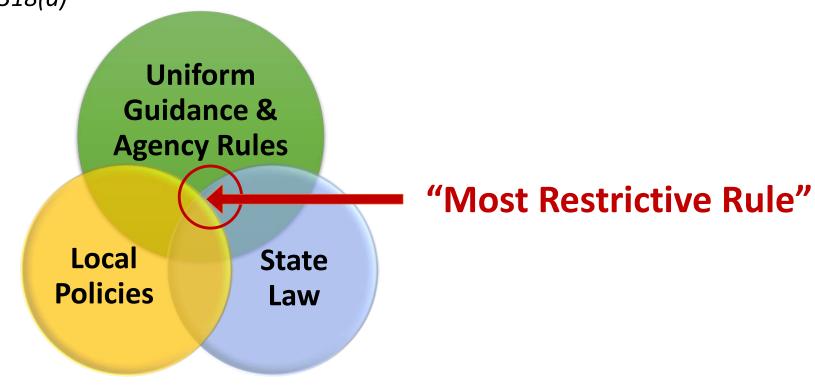




## Which Set of Rules Do You Follow?



"The non-Federal entity must use its own documented procurement procedures which reflect applicable state, local, and tribal laws and regulations, provided that the procurements conform to applicable Federal law and the standards identified in this part." 2 CFR § 200.318(a)









#### EMC's

- Electric and other utility cooperatives <u>must</u> conform with all FEMA-required contracting and procurement requirements, just like local governments or private nonprofits;
- Existing cooperative purchasing agreements are <u>not</u> recommended for disaster event costs per 2 C.F.R. § 200.319

#### **State Agencies**

- State Agencies may follow the state's contracting and procurement rules without regard to the federal Uniform Purchasing Guidance (2 CFR Part 200). \*State Procurement Rules.
- Universities and colleges that fall under the state's jurisdiction also do not have to conform with 2 CFR Part 200.



# Basic Federal Procurement Requirements



- 1. Ensure full & open competition
- 2. Document procurement process
  - Written procurement policies required
  - Provide bid tabulation, evaluation and selection criteria
- 3. Award contract to <u>lowest responsive</u> responsible bidder
  - If low bidder not selected, must *justify* why (i.e. deemed not responsive to questions after trying to clarify)
- 4. Cost-plus contracts prohibited; Time & Materials contracts limited
  - Bonds required for construction contracts costing \$250,000 or more

- 6. Include all federal contract provisions
- 7. Solicit MWBE/HUB participation
- 8. Avoid conflicts of interest and accepting gifts from contractors
  - Written conflicts of interest policies required
- 9. Geographic preferences prohibited
- 10. Costs must be reasonable
  - Independent cost-price analysis required for contracts costing \$250,000 or more



FEMA PA Procurement Guidance



# MWBE Participation



- Applies to <u>all</u> Contracts regardless of type above micro-purchase threshold (\$10,000)
- Requires 6 specific solicitation steps (Federal Uniform Guidance steps similar to state HUB good faith efforts for construction contracts)
- Local government must document their compliance with MWBE solicitation requirements
- State HUB requirements also apply to construction contracts involving a building

## To assist with this requirement, <u>always</u> post your RFP's on:



✓ NC Dept. of Administration's HUB Bid Posting Site



## FEMA Top 10 Procurement Mistakes



- 1. Violating bidding requirements
- 2. Sole source beyond emergency or exigent circumstances
- 3. Piggybacking
- Time and materials contract w/o justification and not-to-exceed cap
- 5. Cost-plus contract never allowed

- 6. No federal contract clauses
- 7. Geographic preference
- 8. No MWBE solicitation
- 9. No cost/price analysis
- 10. Inadequate or lack of documentation





# Arbitration Option (instead of a 2nd Appeal)



- 1. If a subrecipient of FEMA Public Assistance funding has **received a determination memo about eligibility** within the eligibility pyramid, that subrecipient has the right to appeal.
- 2. If FEMA denies your first appeal, subrecipients of FEMA Public Assistance funds have the right to request arbitration instead of a second appeal. <u>Under certain</u> <u>circumstances</u>, arbitration may be a better option than a second appeal.

The Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 (DRRA) amended Section 423 of the Stafford Act and provided arbitration as an option to the second appeal.

<u>Questions?</u> Please call or email your <u>NCEM PA Grants Manager, their Team Lead,</u> or <u>PA leadership</u> to arrange a review of the project in question, and for guidance.



## FEMA PA Procurement Resource



# More information about Uniform Guidance and FEMA Procurement Requirements is available at:



FEMA Procurement Disaster Assistance Team (PDAT) Website

FEMA  Navigation	PDAT Resources when Procuring with Federal Grant Funds
(Q) Search	Some communities may not always have the resources on hand to properly prepare for, respond to, or recover from a disaster.
Languages	When using <u>FEMA Public Assistance</u> funds to procure goods and services before, during and after a disaster, you must follow the <u>federal</u> <u>procurement under grant regulations</u> .
About the Agency > Leadership	Failure to follow the applicable rules may place your FEMA grant funding at risk.





# We're Here to Help

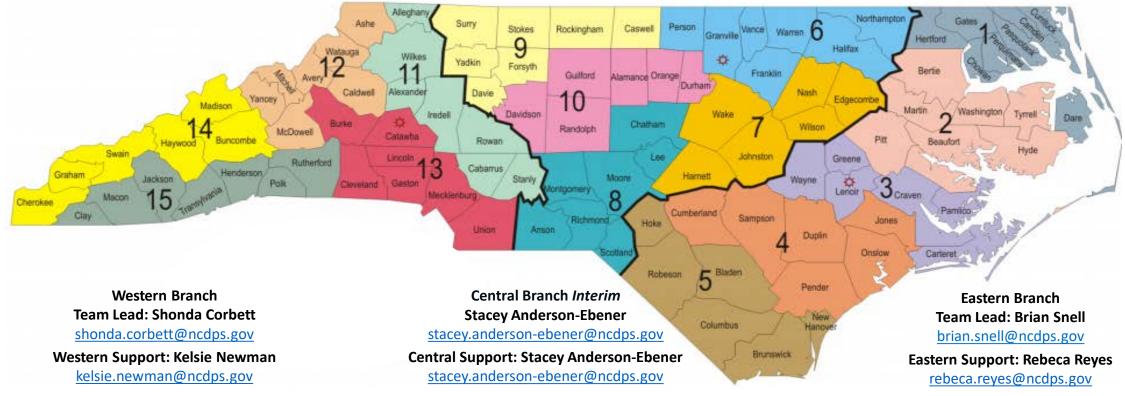
Timelines, Resources and Contacts



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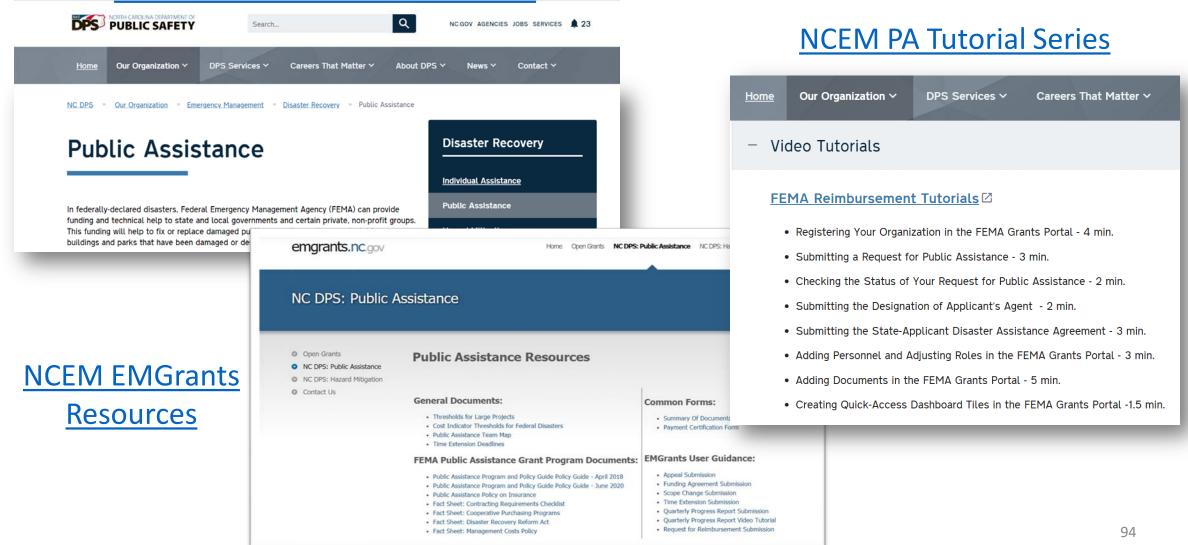
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## **NCEM Web Resources**



#### **NCEM Public Assistance Website**





#### FEMA & NC Resources



NCEM Public Assistance – About Us and Resources

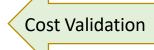
FEMA Policies and Guidance – General Guidance and Eligibility



**UNC Local Government Purchasing & Contracting Web Site** 

FEMA Procurement Disaster Assistance Team (PDAT)

FEMA Web Site on Management Costs and Cost Reasonableness



FEMA Public Assistance Self-Paced Trainings for the Public

About FEMA Alternative Procedures (aka 428 Projects) for PA



NC DEQ Disaster Management Information and Real-Time Site Map

FEMA Appeals Database – Searchable by Type of Issue





# **FEMA Grants Portal Help**

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or

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#### Thank you. Again, we are here to help.

Please reach out with questions or comments about FEMA PA, work timelines, EMGrants, FEMA Grants Portal, documentation or this presentation.



Required Action	Deadline
Request for Public Assistance (RPA)	Friday, October 8, 2021 (30 days from declaration date)
Emergency Work Completed	Tuesday, March 8, 2022 (6 months from declaration date)
Permanent Work Completed	Wednesday, March 8, 2023 (18 months from declaration date)
428 Alternative Procedures signed off (aka FEMA's Fixed Cost Offer)	Wednesday, March 8, 2023 (18 months from declaration date)





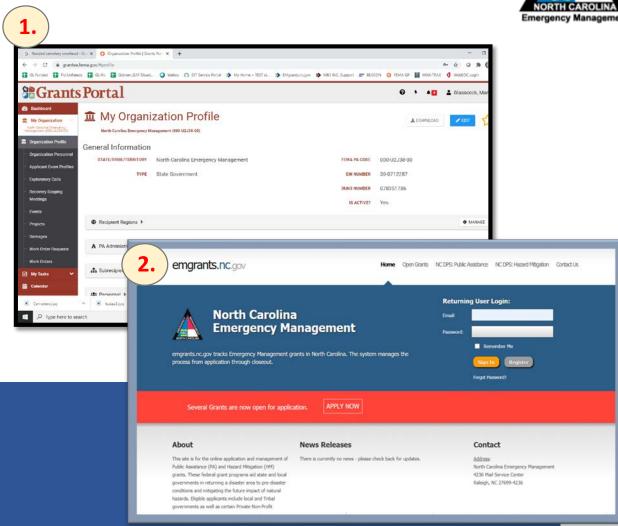
# Registration with FEMA Grants Portal and NCEM's EMGrants





# Step 1: REGISTER in FEMA Grants Portal & EMGrants

Required registration for both.





# All Interested Applicants Should Register



#### **Public Entities include:**

- Counties
- Cities
- Public Schools
- Community Colleges
- K 12 Schools & Public Universities
- Private Colleges
- Water and Sewer Authorities
- Airport Authorities
- Public Transportation Authorities
- Public Housing Authorities
- Regional Councils of Government
- Other Political Subdivisions of the State

## **Private Non-Profits (PNP) include:**

- Community Center
- Custodial Care Facility
- Educational or Arts Center
- Emergency Care Facility
- Homeless Shelter
- Library
- Medical Care Facility
- Rehabilitation Facility
- Senior Citizen Center
- Shelter Workshop
- Utilities
- Houses of Worship

- Emergency Services
- Low Income Housing
- Assisted Living
- Child Care
- Day Care (for individuals with disabilities or access and functional needs)
- Food Assistance Programs
- Health and Safety Services
- Animal Control Services
- Domestic Violence Services
- Residential Services for Individuals with Disabilities



Specifics on FEMA PA applicant eligibility



# **Private Nonprofits**



- <u>ALL</u> **PNPs** must be tax exempt under Sections 501(c), (d), or (e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or through the North Carolina Secretary of State
- PNP's should be ready to provide a list of services they provide, and when and to whom they provide those services. (for example: have a calendar of events ready to upload into FEMA Grants Portal)
- For Permanent work repairs, **Non-Critical PNP's must** apply to the Small Business Administration (SBA) to be eligible for Public Assistance.
  - Non-critical PNP's don't have to take the loan, but the cost reimbursement total that FEMA
    allocates will be reduced by the amount the SBA would have provided you



## New to FEMA Grants Portal?



## Here's the rundown...

Create Profile	Organizational profile to include primary and/or secondary contacts and any relevant staff that need to be in the loop
Submit RPA	Your Request for Public Assistance (RPA)
Assign Roles	Roles within Grants Portal to organizational staff
Submit Projects	Expenses (AKA damage inventory) and all related documentation
Receive & Respond	To FEMA and NCEM PA's requests for information (RFI)
Upload and Update	Documentation related to reimbursement request (information will vary depending on specific expenses)



## Local Governments & FEMA Grants Portal



Individual departments within a local government should submit their damages and costs through that local government - not independently.

- Example: Office of the Sheriff expenses are included under the County
- Example: City Public Works Department expenses are included under City
- Example: Individual public schools expenses will roll up under Board of Education/other LEA

#### Contacts should be established for each disaster:

- 1) Who is your primary point-of-contact at your local government?
- 2) How should individual departments submit their projects to that contact?





# **FEMA Grants Portal Registration**





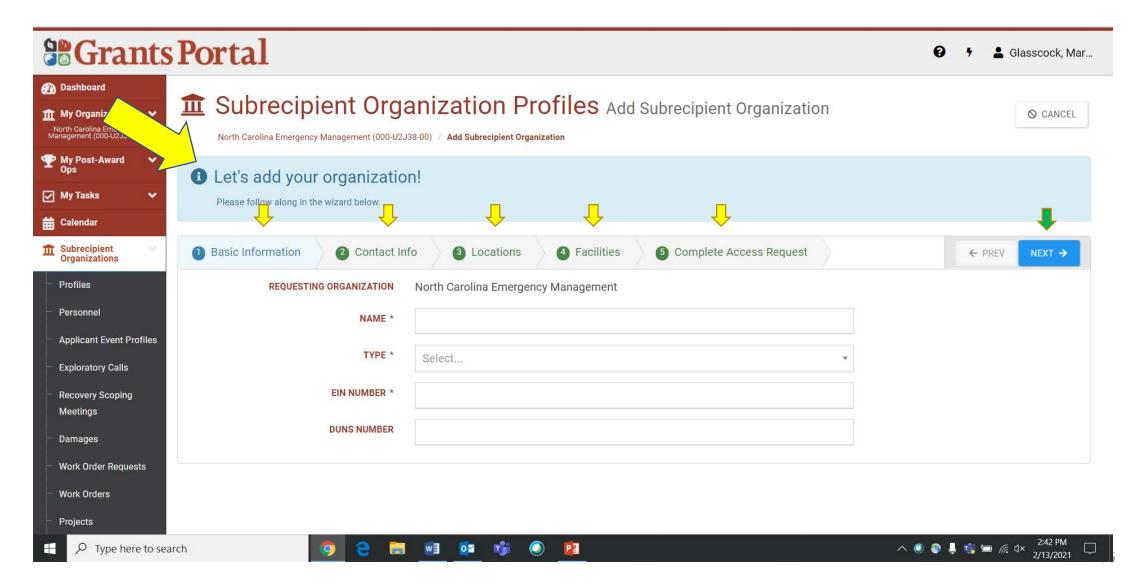
# Not Registered in FEMA Grants Portal Yet? Here's How To Do It...

- 1. If you aren't already registered with FEMA, go to the <u>FEMA Grants Portal</u> to apply.
- Submit a New Registration request. Prepare to provide all of your organization's
   ownership information in one sitting including DUNS and EIN, if applicable. More needed
   if you are a PNP.
- **3. FEMA will send you an email** letting you know whether or not your organization was **deemed eligible** for Public Assistance funding.
- 4. Once you are registered in the FEMA Grants Portal for your approved organization, you will be able to **log in and invite** necessary staff and stakeholders to also register.



# What FEMA Grants Portal Registration Looks Like







# FEMA Grants Portal - What Happens Next?



- You will receive an email from <u>support.pagrants@fema.gov</u> prompting you to **complete your registration** with a new password that you choose
- Answer the basic questions about your organization and submit them to FEMA
- Once your organization is approved you will receive another email that will prompt you to log back in and set a security question and password and add any personnel with roles and responsibilities you choose

## **Invitation Email to the Applicant - #1 Task**

Date: July 10, 2018 at 8:32:39 AM EDT 6: michelleb@cityofws.org Subject: FEMA PA Notification - You have been invited to join the FEMA Grants Portal. Step 1: Open this email Hello Michelle. from You've been invited to join FEMA's Grants Portal for the Public Assistance program as a potential "support" subrecipient within North Carolina Emergency Management by Ward, Tinishia . FEMA's Grant Portal is used to request assistance under the Public Assistance Program, submit documentation, and communicate with FEMA during development of your public assistance subgrants. Please click here to fill in your organization's information and create an account: https://grantee.fema.gov/#organizationrequest/form/71B811B7-D39B-45B3-9D18-83B59ACF4FA7 -FEMA PA Support Team FEMA-PA-Support@FEMA.DHS.Gov https://grantee.fema.gov Step 2: Click on this link to start your registration

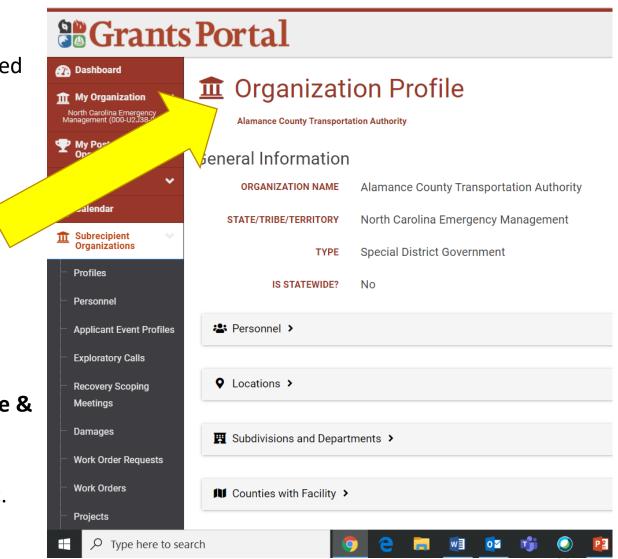
Registration in FEMA Grants Portal is One and Done!



# Already Registered with FEMA? Review Your FEMA Grants Portal Profile



- Confirm log in
  - Any <u>NCEM PA staff</u> can reset your password if needed
  - If you already have an NCEM PA Grants Manager, contact your grants manager
- Update <u>personnel</u> & <u>facility or location</u> information
  - All needed personnel are added
  - Contact information is up to date (email, etc.)
- Ensure all <u>necessary policies</u> are up to date
  - Most recent Insurance Information
  - Most recent Personnel Policy
- PNPs Only: Ensure your PNP documentation is complete & accurate
  - Tax Exempt Certification
  - Articles of Incorporation, Charter, By-Laws, etc.





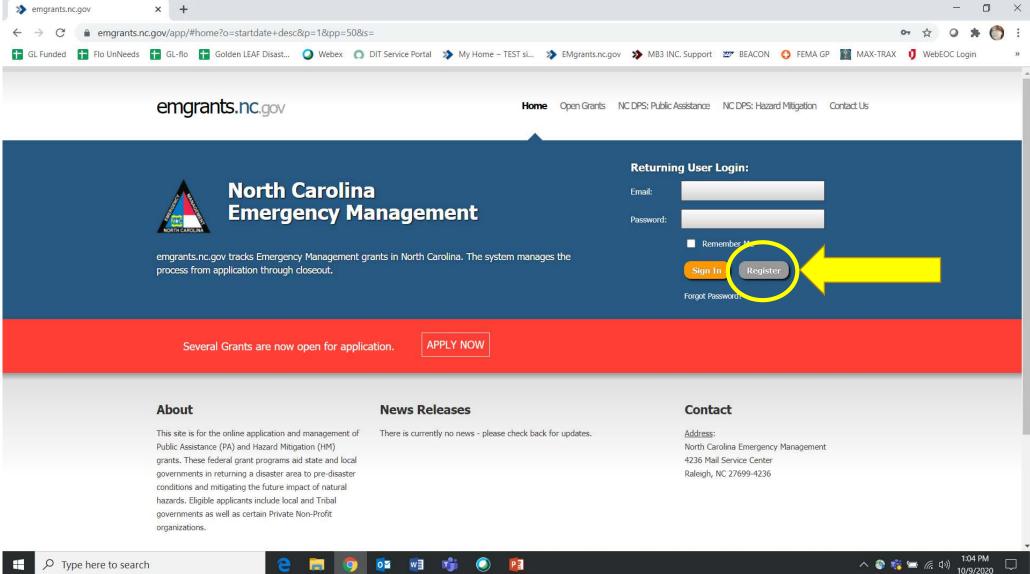


# **EMGrants Registration for NCEM**



# EMGrants – Registration First the Organization, then the Staff







# EMGrants Getting Paid and Critical Communications



EMGrants is NCEM PA's official online system used to manage subrecipient's payments and time-specific requests, providing subrecipients full visibility on every project for each individual disaster you take part in.

Subrecipients can now log into EMGrants to kick off and track:

- Requests for Cost Reimbursement (or "RFR's")
- Time Extension Requests for Work Completion
- Scope of Work Change Requests
- Closeout Requests/Final Inspections
- Quarterly Reports
- Appeal & Arbitration Requests

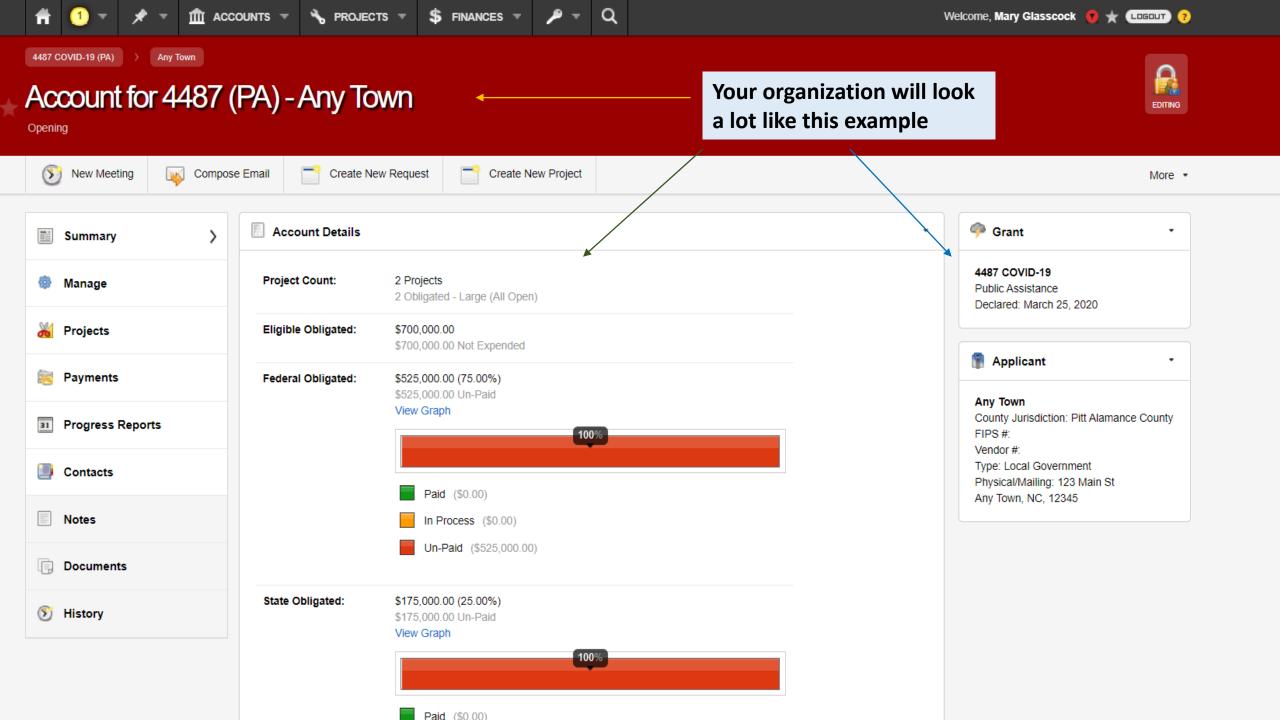




# **EMGrants Registration Looks Like This:**



Title:		
Email:		
Phone - Business:	Select One  Create New Applicant Organization	
Is Direct Line:	Create New Applicant Organization 28777 (Statewide County) A Helping Hand (Durham County) Aberdeen, Town Of (Moore County) Acme-Delco-Riegelwood Fire-Rescue, Inc. (Columbus County) Adkin High School Alumni And Friends, Inc. (Lenoir County)	You'll set up you
Phone - Fax:	Adult Center for Enrichment, The (DBA Well-Spring's Solutions) (Guilford County) Adult Life Programs, Inc. (Catawba County)	organization firs
Phone - Cell:	ADVANCED HOME CARE (Wake County)  AdventHealth Hendersonville (Henderson County)  Adventist Health System Sunbelt Healthcare Corporation (Henderson County)	then add yourse and necessary
Request Type:	Ahoskie, Town Of (Hertford County)  Alamance Community College (Alamance County)  Alamance County (Alamance County)  Alamance, Village of (Alamance County)	staff to that organization
Please select your user type:	Albemarle Downtown Development Corporation (Stanly County) Albemarle, The City of (Stanly County) Albermarle EMC (Perquimans County)	<b>. . .</b>
Applicant Organization:	Aldersgate United Methodist Retirement Community, Inc. (Mecklenburg County)  ▼ Select One	
	If your specific Applicant Organization does not appear on the list, please select "Create New Applicant Organization" and fill in the required fields.	
Requested Permission Level:	Select One ▼	









- Major Disaster Declaration: DR-4617-NC
- Declaration Date: September 8, 2021
- Incident Period: August 16, 2021 August 18, 2021
- Formal Request for Public Assistance Deadline: Friday, October 8, 2021
- Categories of Work: All Categories A G plus Z

Category A: Debris removal

Category B: Emergency protective measures

Category C: Roads and bridges

Category D: Water control facilities

Category E: Buildings and contents

Category F: Public utilities

Category G: Parks, recreational, and other facilities

Category Z: Administrative (management) costs