

Department of Public Safety - Division of Emergency Management Eligible Costs for Public Assistance - COVID-19

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Eligible emergency protective measures taken to respond to the COVID-19 emergency at the direction or guidance of state, local, tribal public health officials may be reimbursed under Category B of FEMA's Public Assistance program.

If an eligible organization has or may have at least \$3,300 in eligible uninsured Category B Emergency Protective Measure costs, the organization should submit a FEMA Request for Public Assistance (RPA) through Grants Portal by **April 12, 2020**.

- Eligible costs associated with response to COVID-19 after January 20, 2020
- FEMA **WILL NOT** duplicate assistance provided by HHS, CDC or any other federal agency. While some activities listed may be eligible for funding through HHS/CDC, final reimbursement determinations will be coordinated by HHS and FEMA.
- 75% of eligible costs

What is eligible under Cat B Emergency Protective Measures

- Management, Control and reduction of immediate threats to public health and safety:
 - Emergency Operations Centers
 - Training specific to the declared event
 - Disinfection of eligible public facilities
 - Technical assistance to state, tribal, territorial or local governments on emergency management and control of immediate threats to public health and safety
- Emergency medical care:
 - Non-deferrable medical treatment of infected persons in a shelter or temporary medical facility
 - Related medical facility services and supplies
 - Temporary medical facilities and/or enhanced medical/hospital capacity (for treatment when existing facilities are reasonably forecasted to become overloaded in the near term and cannot accommodate the patient load or to quarantine potentially infected persons)
 - Use of specialized medical equipment
 - Medical waste disposal
 - Emergency medical transport
- Medical sheltering (e.g. when existing facilities are reasonably forecasted to become overloaded in the near future and cannot accommodate needs)

- All sheltering must be conducted in accordance with standards and/or guidance approved by HHS/CDC and must be implemented in a manner that incorporates social distancing measures
 - Non-congregate medical sheltering is subject to prior approval by FEMA and is limited to that which is reasonable and necessary to address the public health needs of the event, is pursuant to the direction of appropriate public health officials and does not extend beyond the duration of the Public Health Emergency
- Household pet sheltering and containment actions related to household pets in accordance with CDC guidelines
- Purchase and distribution of food, water, ice, medicine, and other consumable supplies, to include personal protective equipment and hazardous material suits
- Movement of supplies and persons
- Security and law enforcement
- Communications of general health and safety information to the public
- Search and rescue to locate and recover members of the population requiring assistance
- Labor and supply costs associated with their response to COVID-19
 - Overtime paid to employees preparing for and responding to COVID-19
 - Please refer to the [Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide \(PAPPG\)](#) V. A Labor Policies.
- Measures taken to protect staff and community members
- Costs of PPE associated with COVID-19
- Costs for contractors performing emergency protective work
- Any other costs associated with preparing for, responding to, or recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic could be eligible.

If you have not done so already, set up a cost code to help you track costs. Your finance section should be compiling these costs now and not wait until the Pandemic is over.

A detailed list of eligible activities is provided in FEMA fact sheets, <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/03/19/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-eligible-emergency-protective-measures>