



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Eligible Emergency Protective Measures

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has declared a statewide emergency for the Coronavirus (COVID-19). This fact sheet simplifies what activities may be eligible for 75 percent reimbursement from FEMA and 25 percent from the Disaster Assistance Contingency Account (state of Minnesota).

Category B: Emergency Protective Measures

FEMA may provide reimbursement for emergency protective measures including, but not limited to, the following, if not funded by the HHS/CDC or 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. FEMA will not duplicate any assistance provided by HHS/CDC:

- Management, control and reduction of immediate threats to public health and safety:
 - Emergency Operation Center costs
 - Training specific to the declared event
 - Disinfection of eligible public facilities
 - Technical assistance to state, tribal, 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, including durable medical equipment
 - 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 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
- 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
- Reimbursement for state, tribe, territory and local government force overtime costs



Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: FEMA Reimbursement Process

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has declared a statewide emergency for the Coronavirus (COVID-19). This fact sheet simplifies the FEMA reimbursement process.

Since assistance is limited to emergency protective measures, FEMA’s complex eligibility criteria going to be significantly streamlined. Public Assistance applicants are empowered to drive their own recovery and directly apply for reimbursement through a streamlined process designed to eliminate portions of the process that are unnecessary for the unique circumstances of, and types of assistance available from this emergency.

FEMA is currently working on these changes in Grants Portal and will communicate any changes should further adjustments be made.

Step one: Applying for assistance

Potential applicants will need to fill out a request for public assistance (RPA). This is the state, tribal, territorial, local or private not for profits (PNP’s) application to request reimbursement from FEMA. Jurisdictions need to log on to Grants Portal (<https://grantee.fema.gov>) and fill out an application. The application will collect minimal information about the work activities being performed. Basic questions will be asked to ensure HHS/CDC are not duplicating funds. HSEM and FEMA will review your application and determine if you’re an eligible applicant.

If your jurisdiction does not have an account in Grants Portal, they can create an account. As of March 27th 2020, PNP’s and Tribal governments need to contact HSEM to set up an account.

Step two: Submitting documentation

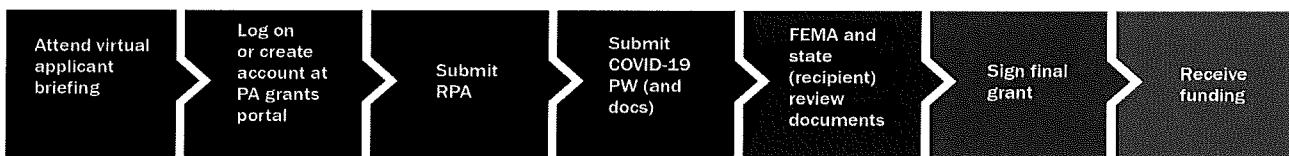
After your application has been approved, you will be asked to upload documentation into Grants Portal to support your project worksheet costs. Once all documentation is received, the project worksheet will be developed.

Step three: Review process

Developed project worksheets will be reviewed for eligibility and completeness by both FEMA and HSEM. When both organizations agree that the project is complete, the project will be forwarded to the applying jurisdiction for review of accuracy. The jurisdiction will be asked to sign off on the project. The signed project is then returned through Grants Portal to FEMA for funding

Step four: Receiving funding

FEMA will send HSEM the 75 percent federal funding of the project. HSEM will forward a payment on the project as the work is completed. This payment will be electronically transferred through the SWIFT financial system.





Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Eligible Private Nonprofit Organizations

This fact sheet is to identify eligible private nonprofit organizations (PNPs). Only certain PNP are eligible applicants. To be an eligible applicant, the PNP must show that it has:

1. A current ruling letter from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service granting tax exemption under sections 501(c), (d), or (e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954;
or
 Documentation from the State substantiating it is a non-revenue producing, nonprofit entity organized or doing business under State law;
2. PNP must own or operate an eligible facility.

PNP Eligible Critical Services

Education

Primary or secondary education as determined under State law and provided in a day or residential school, including parochial schools, or

- Higher-education institutions that meet certain criteria that includes:
 - Are accredited by a nationally recognized agency or association (as determined by the Secretary of Education).

Educational facilities that meet the above criteria are eligible without regard to their religious character or use for religious instruction

Medical

Emergency medical care (diagnosis or treatment of mental or physical injury or disease) provided in:

- Clinics
- Facilities that provide in-patient care for convalescent or chronic disease patients
- Hospices and nursing homes
- Hospitals and related facilities, including:

- Central service facilities operated in connection with hospitals
- Extended-care facilities
- Facilities related to programs for home health services
- Laboratories
- Self-care units
- Storage, administration, and record areas

- Long-term care facilities
- Outpatient facilities
- Rehabilitation centers that provide medical care

Emergency Services

- Ambulance
- Fire protection
- Rescue

PNP Eligible Non Critical, Essential Social Type Services

Facilities that do not provide medical care, but do provide:

- Alcohol and drug treatment
- Assisted living
- Rehabilitation
- Child care
- Day care for individuals with disabilities or access and functional needs
- Food assistance programs
- Health and safety services
- Homeless shelters
- Houses of worship
- Libraries
- Low-income housing (as defined by Federal, State, Territorial, Tribal, or local law or regulation)
- Residential and other services for battered spouses
- Residential services for individuals with disabilities
- Senior citizen centers