# FEMA

### PUBLIC ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

#### **FEMA Mission**

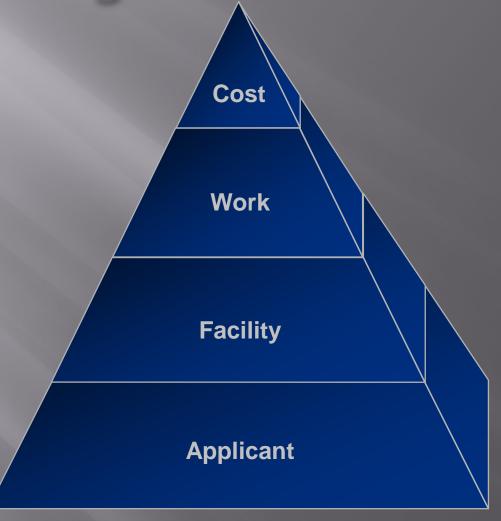
To build, sustain and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards

### Public Assistance Mission

To provide SUPPLEMENTAL financial assistance to state, local, tribal governments, and certain private non-profit organizations for response and recovery activities required as the result of a declared disaster.



# Eligible Structure





### Eligible Applicant

- Federally Recognized Native American Tribal Governments
- State Governments
- County Governments
- □ City / Town / Village Governments
- Other political subdivisions of the State
- Certain Private Non-Profit Organizations that provide critical services of a governmental nature

A **grantee** is a State, Territory or Tribal government that is responsible for administering Public Assistance grants.

A **sub-grantee** is an eligible applicant that receives a Public Assistance grant as reimbursement for performing **eligible** disaster work.



### Eligible Facility

To be eligible, the facility must:

- Be the legal responsibility of an eligible applicant
- Have been in active use at the time of the disaster
- Be damaged as a result of the declared disaster
- Be located in the designated disaster area
- Not fall under the specific authority of another Federal agency



### Eligible Work

### To be eligible, the work must be;

- ✓ Be required as a direct result of the disaster
- ✓ Be located within the designated disaster area, and
- ✓ Be the legal responsibility of an eligible applicant at the time of the disaster
- ✓ And not under the authority of another federal agency



### Category D: Water Control Facilities

#### Typical facilities include:

- ✓ Dams, reservoirs, levees
- ✓ Drainage and irrigation channels/facilities
- ✓ Pumping facilities

#### <u>Ineligible facilities include:</u>

- ✓ Flood Control Works (FCW's)
- ✓ Federally funded shore protection devices





### Flood Control Works

Flood Control Work (FCW) is defined as any facility providing flood protection as its primary purpose that meets the following criteria:

- Has a drainage area greater than 1.5 square miles, or provides flood protection to an urban area
- Has a capacity of greater than 800 cfs,
- And has been engineered



## Eligible Emergency Work

- Emergency work performed by an eligible applicant during flood fighting activities may be eligible if the work does not fall under the responsibility of another federal agency
- The removal of debris including flood fighting materials may be eligible if it presents an immediate threat to life, safety, or improved property if left in place, and the facility does not fall under the authority of another federal agency
- Dewatering of areas behind levees by breaching or pumping may be eligible if there is a threat to public health and safety, or improved property.



# Ineligible Work

- Permanent repair of Flood Control Works that meet the criteria defined in section A(1), (FCW), regardless of status in the USACE RIP (active, inactive, withdrawn, or never enrolled) is ineligible for FEMA reimbursement.
- Debris removal from Flood Control Works that are eligible under USACE or NRCS' authority are ineligible for FEMA reimbursement.
- Debris removal that does not eliminate an immediate threat is ineligible for FEMA reimbursement.
- ✓ These restrictions apply even if funding is not available from the other federal agency.



## Eligible cost

#### To be eligible for reimbursement, cost must:

- Be reasonable and necessary to accomplish eligible work
  - Historic documentation for similar work
  - Average costs for similar work in the area
  - Published unit costs from national cost estimating databases
  - FEMA cost codes, equipment rates and engineering and design services curves
- Comply with federal, state, and local laws and regulations
- Not funded by another Federal Agency
- Does not include deductions of insurance proceeds, or off set by salvage value, and purchase discounts



### Publications, Policies and Forms

- Publications and Policies
  - FEMA Publication 321 Policy Digest
  - FEMA Publication 322 Public Assistance Guide
  - FEMA Publication 323 Applicant Handbook
  - 9500 Series Policies
  - 44 CFR
- Forms
  - RPA Request for Public Assistance Assistance Assistance
  - PW Project Worksheet





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### Thank You

