

Public Assistance Program

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Alternative Procedures

Executive Briefing



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Sandy Recovery Improvement Act of 2013 (SRIA)

- Public Law 113-2, signed by the President on January 29, 2013
- Adds Section 428 to the Stafford Act authorizing PA alternative procedures
- Goals are:
 - Reduce costs to Federal Government of providing assistance through the PA Program
 - Increase flexibility in the administration of assistance
 - Expedite the provision of assistance to customers
 - Provide financial incentives and disincentives for timely and cost-effective completion of PA Program-funded projects



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Alternative Procedures Pilot Program

- FEMA is implementing the new alternative procedures as a pilot program
- State, tribal, local governments and owners/operators of certain private nonprofit facilities may participate
- Participation is voluntary
- Procedures can be used in emergencies and major disasters declared on or after the date of issuance
- The procedures may also be applied to permanent work in major disasters declared prior to date of issuance if construction has not begun



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Debris Removal Overview

- Debris removal pilot includes:
 - Accelerated Debris Removal Incentive (Sliding Scale)
 - Retaining Recycling Revenues
 - Reimbursement for Straight Time Force Account Labor
 - One-Time Incentive for Debris Management Plan
- All debris removal pilot features can be used individually or with any other pilot feature
- *Debris removal subgrants based on estimates is not being implemented at this time*



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Permanent Work Overview

- Participation in the permanent work pilot is based on a Subgrantee agreeing to a fixed estimate subgrant; the pilot includes:
 - Grants Based on Fixed Estimates
 - Acceptance of Subgrantee Cost Estimates
 - Referral of Cost Estimates to Expert Panel
 - Consolidated Subgrants
 - Elimination of Alternate Project Penalty
 - Use of Excess Funds
- Subgrantee is responsible for costs above the fixed estimate
- Subgrantee has flexibility in use of funds within the fixed estimate



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Special Considerations

- Environmental and historic preservation (EHP)
 - FEMA must ensure compliance with EHP requirements
 - EHP reviews must be completed before work begins
- Insurance
 - Insurance reductions will be based on actual or anticipated proceeds
 - If a Subgrantee receives a greater amount in insurance proceeds than was originally anticipated, funding will be reduced
- Section 406 hazard mitigation
 - May be included in fixed estimate subgrant
 - May also be included in a consolidated subgrant if the same or greater amount of risk reduction is achieved



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Grants Management

- Work must be completed within established regulatory timeframes
- Quarterly progress reports for large projects in which work has not been completed and financially reconciled must be submitted
- Final actual costs must be provided at closeout
- FEMA determinations are subject to appeal
- Funding is subject to audit and financial accountability



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Additional Information

Please visit the PA Alternative Procedures webpage at:
<http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit/alternative-procedures>



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