



## PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES FOR PERMANENT WORK PILOT FOR HURRICANES FLORENCE AND MICHAEL

### BACKGROUND

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For Hurricanes Florence and Michael, FEMA has revised its Public Assistance (PA) Alternative Procedures for Permanent Work Pilot (Permanent Work Pilot) to achieve better outcomes and further simplify the delivery of assistance.

### Objectives

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- Focus on outcome-based recovery.
- Enable applicants to use funds in a manner that best meets their specific needs for recovery.
- Promote long-term resiliency.
- Improve future preparedness.
- Simplify the delivery of assistance.

### Benefits of using the Pilot

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- No requirement to rebuild communities back to what existed prior to the disaster.
- Funds can be shared across all Permanent Work Pilot Projects.
- Applicants are not required to track costs to specific work items.
- Applicants are not required to track costs or work to specific Permanent Work Pilot Projects since funds can be shared.
- Excess funds may be used to reduce risk and improve future disaster operations.
- Hazard mitigation funding may be added to Replacement Projects.

### Pilot Project Requirements

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- In order to receive the benefits:
  - ✓ The project must be a Large Project. For Hurricane Florence disasters declared in September, Large Projects are those that are  $\geq$ \$125,500. For Hurricane Florence and Michael disasters declared on or after October 1, 2018, Large Projects are those that are  $\geq$ \$128,900.
  - ✓ Applicants are required to accept a fixed cost project.
- The fixed cost is based on the estimated amount to rebuild to pre-disaster design and function.
- Any project that does not have a fixed cost accepted within 12 months of the declaration date will be processed using standard PA policies.
- FEMA will consider time extensions on a case by case basis.

### National vs Hurricanes Florence and Michael Pilot

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The following chart outlines differences between the national Permanent Work Pilot and the Hurricanes Florence and Michael Permanent Work Pilot.

<i>National Permanent Work Pilot</i>	<i>Hurricanes Florence and Michael Permanent Work Pilot</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Projects were not eligible for the Permanent Work Pilot if work had started.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Projects are eligible even if work has started. Fixed cost will include any known costs (actual costs or bids/contracts).</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicants had to express an intent to participate before a fixed-cost offer was made.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fixed-cost offers are made on all projects and applicants can accept or decline the offers.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No deadline to accept the fixed-cost after receipt of the estimate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicant has 30-days to accept the fixed-cost offer.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Hazard Mitigation Proposal was always developed based on the work to restore the facility back to pre-disaster design and function.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Hazard Mitigation Proposal is developed based on the actual scope of work being performed.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Projects could be consolidated after obligation. FEMA processed versions to consolidate projects.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consolidation after obligation is not allowed. Applicants must consolidate projects during formulation.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funds could only be used within each Permanent Work Pilot subaward.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funds can be shared across all Permanent Work Pilot subawards.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excess funds could not be used toward Improved and Alternate projects.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of excess funds is expanded and includes but is not limited to Improved and Alternate projects, preparedness activities, PA or emergency management staff salaries, and insurance premiums.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>90-day deadline to define and request use of excess funds.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>180-day deadline to define and request use of excess funds.</li> </ul>