

DEADLINES FOR PUBLIC AGENCIES, PRIVATE NONPROFIT AGENCIES TO FILE REQUESTS FOR STORM RECOVERY ASSISTANCE

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HONOLULU – On May 8, 2018, President Donald J. Trump issued a major disaster declaration for the State of Hawaii triggering the release of Federal funds, specifically Public Assistance and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs, from severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides that occurred April 13-16, 2018.

FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program provides assistance to State agencies, local governments, and certain Private Non-profits for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and permanent restoration of infrastructure.

The deadline for eligible organizations in the City and County of Honolulu and Kaua'i County to submit Requests for Public Assistance for the FEMA PA Grant Program is June 7, 2018. It is critical that county agencies, special districts and certain Private Non-profit organizations that provide essential services in The City and County of Honolulu and Kaua'i County file by the deadline. For additional information, contact Hawaii Emergency Management Agency at Lorinda.G.Wonglau@hawaii.gov.

Under the Public Assistance program, FEMA reimburses eligible applicants 75 percent of approved costs and the counties pay for the remaining 25 percent.



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Private Non-profit organizations may also be eligible for federal reimbursement of up to 75 percent of their response, repair, and restoration costs. Eligible facilities operated by Private Non-profits agencies include certain educational facilities; utilities; irrigation facilities; medical facilities; custodial facilities; and fire protection, ambulance, rescue, and other emergency services facilities.

The President's declaration also makes mitigation grant funding available through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

FEMA provides up to 75 percent of the eligible activity costs for projects under the HMGP. State agencies, local governments/communities and Private Non-profit organizations are eligible for this program. If approved for this grant, applicants are responsible for funding the remaining 25 percent. Applicants can use in-kind services and other "soft" matches to fund their share of the cost. Only under eligible circumstances can other Federal funds be used as a match source for this grant.

By law, the state serves as the Grantee, administers the program, and determines the project priorities and activities for awarding the grants.

HMGP funds should be used to fund projects that will reduce or eliminate the losses from future disasters. Projects must provide a long-term solution to a problem. In addition, a project's potential savings must be more than the cost of implementing the project. Smaller allocations are available for the development and/or update of a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hazard warning systems, and hazard mitigation public education programs.



The deadline for eligible organizations to submit HMGP notices of interest (project identification worksheets) is July 11. For questions, contact the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency at mitigation@hawaii.gov.

Additional information about the HMGP is available on the FEMA Web site at <https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-grant-program>. After reviewing notices of interest, the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency will invite eligible applicants to submit their formal grant applications, and then submit them to FEMA for review and award.

