

# Evacuation & Sheltering Assistance under an Emergency Declaration in a COVID-19 Environment

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Due to the added complexities of conducting evacuations and sheltering during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, in limited circumstances grant assistance for evacuation and sheltering may be authorized to states, tribes, and territories under an emergency declaration for an imminent or pre-landfall incident. The purpose of this Fact Sheet is to describe eligible evacuation and sheltering costs for those emergency declarations under which grant reimbursement is authorized.

## Eligible Evacuation and Sheltering Costs

Eligible costs are outlined in the [Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide](#) (version 4) and the approval of these costs is limited to that which is reasonable and necessary to address the needs of the incident and may include:

- Congregate Sheltering – Facility costs, staff costs, supplies and commodities, and shelter services.
- Non-congregate Sheltering – [FEMA’s Interim Policy Emergency Non-Congregate Sheltering during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency \(104-009-18\)](#) provides eligibility criteria for the use of non-congregate sheltering during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Evacuation – Transportation to evacuate and return survivors, household pets, service animals, assistance animals, luggage, and durable medical equipment, as well as emergency medical transportation.
- Pre-positioning of resources – Costs for the pre-positioning of resources to execute an evacuation or the delivery of emergency medical care during the evacuation.
- Emergency Supplies and Commodities – Costs for purchasing supplies or using stock to conduct sheltering and evacuation activities.



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- Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) – Costs associated with operating an EOC are eligible when necessary to conduct sheltering and evacuation activities, including increased utility costs, costs to lease a facility, supply costs and meals.
- Security – Eligible emergency protective measures and costs include security necessary to conduct sheltering activities.
- Law Enforcement – Overtime costs related to evacuation activities may be eligible.
- Emergency Communications – Dissemination of information to the public to provide warnings and guidance on sheltering and evacuation activities.

## Additional Information

For more information, visit:

- [Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide](#). See PAPPG V4, Chapter 7: Emergency Work Eligibility.
- FEMA Policy 104-009-18: [FEMA Emergency Non-Congregate Sheltering during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency \(Interim\)](#)

