

Expedited Funding

Public Assistance FEMA Job Aid



When responding to a disaster, an agency or local government may have a need for funding to conduct response activities that address an immediate threat. If governments need to conduct emergency protective measures or debris removal activities in response to a Presidentially-declared disaster, FEMA may provide **expedited funding** for these activities under its Public Assistance Program. This document provides guidance for individuals requesting and processing expedited funding projects. A state or FEMA representative will guide local officials through the process. For background information on the Public Assistance program visit <https://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit>.

Overview

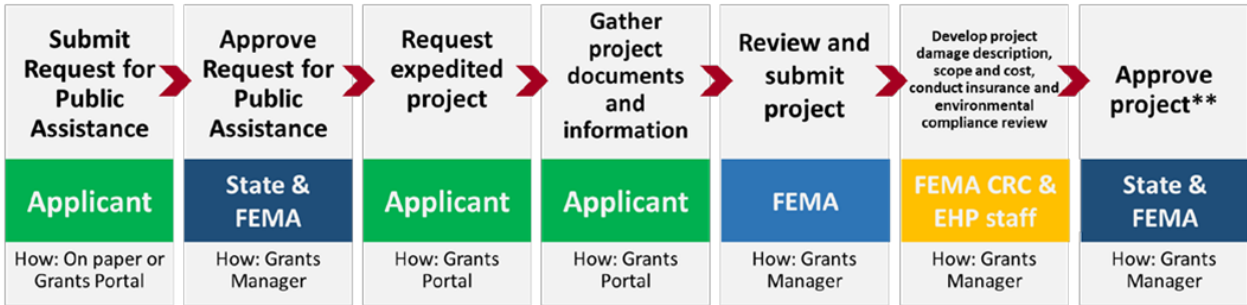
FEMA may provide expedited funding for Emergency Protective Measure projects that exceed the large project threshold. Project scopes of work and cost estimates are:

- Scoped in clear operational periods (30, 60, or 90 days)
- Submitted to FEMA within 60 days of the applicant’s recovery scoping meeting
- Limited to projects that meet or exceed the large project¹ threshold
- Initially funded at 50% of the estimated cost;² and
- Funded at the incident’s federal cost-share for the defined operational period

Example

Emergency operation center activities for an Applicant for the first 90 days after a declaration is estimated to cost \$500,000 with a federal cost share of 75%. FEMA will fund at \$187,500

(\$500,000 × 50% × 75%)



Expedited Funding Considerations

Since funding is provided at 50 percent of estimated costs, expedited funding may not be appropriate for some projects. In lieu of expedited funding, FEMA may work with Recipients and Applicants to prioritize these projects for award.

¹ A large project has costs equal to or greater than the [threshold](#).
² FEMA may provide additional funds through a project amendment. Amendment processing requires Applicants to provide documentation to support the expenditure of the originally expedited funding.

To ensure quick processing when developing expedited projects, FEMA staff should coordinate with the Consolidated Resource Center assigned to the incident.

Prerequisites

For FEMA to provide expedited project funding:

- The Recipient must have a signed FEMA-State/Tribe/Territory agreement for the incident
- The Recipient must submit, and FEMA must approve, an application for federal assistance (Standard Form-424)
- FEMA and the Recipient must have approved the Applicant's Request for Public Assistance

Information Required

The Applicant provides the following information and documentation to support legal responsibility, work eligibility, and costs:

- Operational period (30, 60, or 90-days, or to mirror the declaration's cost-share periods)
- Insurance documentation for activities, if applicable
- Confirmation that the work is the legal responsibility of the Applicant.
- Location(s) where activities were performed
- List or high-level description of activities
- Information about who will conduct the work, including estimated cost as follows:
 - **Applicant's employee labor:**
 - Number of personnel; average hours per day; average days per week
 - Average pay rate. If not available, FEMA will estimate at \$24.77 per hour
 - **Equipment:**
 - If Applicant's own equipment: amount of equipment used, by type; average hours per day; and days per week; and hourly rate. If not available, FEMA will estimate based on FEMA equipment rates
 - If rented equipment, rental agreement with pricing. If not available, FEMA will estimate at \$74.30 per hour
 - Purchase price, if purchased
 - **Materials:**

Sample Eligible Emergency Protective Measure (Category B) Work Activities

- *Buttressing, Shoring, or Bracing Facilities*
- *Emergency Access*
- *Emergency Medical Care and Support*
- *Emergency Operation Centers*
- *Emergency Pumping*
- *Evacuations*
- *Fire Fighting*
- *Flood Fighting*
- *Medical Care and Transport*
- *Placing Barricades for Safety*
- *Provisions of Supplies and Commodities*
- *Safety Inspections*
- *Sand Bagging*
- *Search and Rescue*
- *Security & law enforcement overtime*
- *Sheltering*
- *Temporary facilities*
- *Temporary Slope Stabilization*

- Estimated amount of materials by type
 - Purchase or stock replenishment cost
- **Mutual aid** (another jurisdiction's staff and equipment):
 - Copy of either the mutual aid agreement, memorandum of understanding, or other agreement
 - Number of personnel, average hours per day, and days per week
 - Average pay rate for personnel. If not available, FEMA will estimate at \$24.77 per hour
 - Lodging and per diem rates. If not available, FEMA will estimate using federal rates
 - Pieces of equipment used, average hours per day, and days per week
 - Hourly rate for equipment. If not available, FEMA will estimate at \$74.30 per hour
- **Contracted work:**
 - Copy of request for proposals, bid documents or signed contracts, if available. If contracts are not available, provide unit price estimates with the basis for the unit prices (e.g., historical pricing, vendor quotes)
- **Debris removal:**
 - Cubic yard estimate (by debris type); and the basis or methodology for the estimate
 - Debris disposal information, including method of disposal (burn, grind, landfill, other), locations of disposal, and copy of permits, if applicable
 - Debris temporary staging descriptions and locations and copies of permits, if applicable
 - **Contracted Debris removal:**
 - Description of debris monitoring plan
 - Debris Monitoring cost information

The Public Assistance Program provides Federal grant funding to help communities quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies declared by the president. Read more about Public Assistance Program delivery in other Job Aids, the [Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide](#), and resources available on [Grants Portal](#).