

FEMA Public Assistance Program

What does the Public Assistance program cover?

State, territorial, tribal, and local government entities and certain nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for Public Assistance. FEMA assistance will be provided at a 75 percent federal cost share. This assistance will require execution of a FEMA-State/Tribal/Territory Agreement, as appropriate, and execution of an applicable emergency plan. Local governments and other eligible PA applicants will apply through their respective state, tribal or territorial jurisdictions.

For more information, see the [FEMA guide on Eligible Emergency Protective Measures](#).

What steps do organizations need to take?

Organizations wishing to apply for Public Assistance must submit a Request for Public Assistance. THIS REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED 30 DAYS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DECLARATION, WHICH WAS MADE ON MARCH 13, 2020. Information on the RPA and a PDF request form may be found on [FEMA's website](#).

[A step by step guide](#) on making an online request for Public Assistance has been made by Iowa Homeland Security.

Slides from the Iowa Homeland Security March 23 briefing will be posted when they become available.

What is a private non-profit (PNP)?

Organizations having IRS 501 (c), (d), or (e) or State documentation that substantiates that it is a non-revenue producing, nonprofit entity organized or doing business under state law. In addition to nonprofit status the entity must own or operate an eligible facility and must provide a critical service, which is defined as education, utility, emergency, or medical or provide a non-critical, but essential service (childcare, food assistance programs, senior citizen centers, etc.). You can find a list of critical and essential services [here](#).