

## FEMA Public Assistance DR-4557 - Applicant Briefings and How to Submit a Request for Public Assistance

We are now accepting requests for Public Assistance (RPA) for DR-4557 for eligible applicants within the 16 declared counties. To learn how to submit a request for Public Assistance please visit, [https://www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/disasters/public\\_assistance.html](https://www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/disasters/public_assistance.html). For more information on what is eligible under the FEMA Public Assistance Program please visit, [https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-06/fema\\_public-assistance-program-and-policy-guide\\_v4\\_6-1-2020.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-06/fema_public-assistance-program-and-policy-guide_v4_6-1-2020.pdf).

Eligible applicants to apply for FEMA Public Assistance include:

### Local Governments:

- Counties and parishes
- Municipalities, cities, towns, boroughs, and townships
- Local public authorities
- School districts
- Intrastate districts
- Councils of governments
- Regional and interstate government entities
- Agencies or instrumentalities of local governments
- Special districts established under State law
- State recognized Tribes

Federally recognized Indian Tribal governments

### Private Nonprofit Organizations:

To be an eligible PNP, the PNP must show that it:

- Has a ruling letter from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service
- Has documentation from the State substantiating it is a non-revenue producing, nonprofit entity organized or doing business under State law.
- Owns or operates an eligible facility. An eligible facility is one that provides a critical service (education, utility, emergency, or medical) or a facility that provides non critical but essential social services and provides those services to the general public.

PNP Eligible Critical Services:

Table 1. PNP Eligible Critical Services

PNP ELIGIBLE CRITICAL SERVICES	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EDUCATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary or secondary education as determined under State law and provided in a day or residential school, including parochial schools; OR</li> <li>• Higher-education institutions that meet all of the following criteria:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Admit students or persons having a high school diploma or equivalent;</li> <li>○ Are legally authorized to provide education beyond a secondary level;</li> <li>○ Award a bachelor's degree or 2-year degree that is acceptable as full credit toward a bachelor's degree or provides at least a 1-year training program to prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation; and</li> <li>○ Are accredited by a nationally recognized agency or association (as determined by the Secretary of Education).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Educational facilities that meet the above criteria are eligible without regard to religious character or use for religious instruction.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency medical care (diagnosis or treatment of mental or physical injury or disease) provided in:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clinics</li> <li>○ Dialysis facilities</li> <li>○ Facilities that provide in-patient care for convalescent or chronic disease patients</li> <li>○ Hospices and nursing homes</li> <li>○ Hospitals and related facilities, including:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Central service facilities operated in connection with hospitals</li> <li>➢ Extended-care facilities</li> <li>➢ Facilities related to programs for home-health services</li> <li>➢ Laboratories</li> <li>➢ Self-care units</li> <li>➢ Storage, administration, and record areas</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Long-term care facilities</li> <li>○ Outpatient facilities</li> <li>○ Rehabilitation centers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>UTILITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communications transmission and switching, and distribution of telecommunications traffic</li> <li>• Electric power generation, transmission, and distribution.</li> <li>• Irrigation to provide water for drinking water supply, fire suppression, or electricity generation</li> <li>• Sewer and wastewater collection, transmission, and treatment</li> <li>• Water treatment, transmission, and distribution by a water company supplying municipal water</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ambulance</li> <li>• Fire protection</li> <li>• Rescue</li> <li>• Public broadcasting that monitor, receive, and distribute communication from the Emergency Alert System to the public</li> </ul>
<p>Administrative and support facilities essential to the provision of the PNP critical service are eligible facilities.</p>	

PNP Eligible Noncritical, Essential Social Services:

Table 2. PNP Eligible Noncritical, Essential Social Services

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<p>Community centers established and primarily used for the following services (or similar) to the general public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art services authorized by a SLTT government, including, but not limited to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts administration</li> <li>• Art classes</li> <li>• Management of public arts festivals</li> <li>• Performing arts classes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Community center activities that serve the public</li> <li>• Educational enrichment activities that are not vocational, academic, or professional training. Examples include hobby or at-home pursuits, such as:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Car care</li> <li>○ Ceramics</li> <li>○ Gardening</li> <li>○ Personal financial and tax planning</li> <li>○ Sewing</li> <li>○ Stamp and coin collecting</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Multi-purpose arts programming</li> <li>• Senior citizen projects, rehabilitation programs, community clean-up projects, blood drives, local government meetings, and similar activities</li> <li>• Services and activities intended to serve a specific group of individuals (e.g., women, African Americans, or teenagers) provided the facility is otherwise available to the public on a non-discriminatory basis</li> <li>• Social activities to pursue items of mutual interest or concern, such as:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Community board meetings</li> <li>○ Neighborhood barbecues</li> <li>○ Various social functions of community groups</li> <li>○ Youth and senior citizen group meetings</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Performing arts centers with a primary purpose of producing, facilitating, or presenting live performances, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Construction of production materials</li> <li>○ Creation of artistic works or productions</li> <li>○ Design</li> <li>○ Professional training</li> <li>○ Public education</li> <li>○ Rehearsals</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Facilities that do not provide medical care, but provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alcohol and drug treatment and other rehabilitation services</li> <li>• Assisted living</li> <li>• Custodial care, even if the service is not provided to the general public (including essential administration and support facilities)</li> <li>• Childcare</li> <li>• Center-based childcare, even if not provided to the public</li> <li>• Day care for individuals with disabilities or access and functional needs (for example, those with Alzheimer's disease, autism, muscular dystrophy)</li> <li>• Food assistance programs, including Food Banks and storage of food for Food Banks</li> <li>• Health and safety services, including animal control services</li> <li>• Homeless shelters</li> <li>• Houses of worship</li> <li>• Libraries</li> <li>• Low-income housing (as defined by Federal or SLTT law or regulation)</li> <li>• Museums:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Constructed, manufactured, or converted with a primary purpose of preserving and exhibiting a documented collection of artistic, historic, scientific, or other objects</li> <li>○ Buildings, associated facilities, fixed facilities, and equipment primarily used for the preservation or exhibition of the collection, including:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Permanent infrastructure, such as walkways and driveways of outdoor museum-type exhibition areas</li> <li>➢ Historic buildings, such as barns and other outbuildings, intended for the preservation and exhibition of historical artifacts within a defined area</li> <li>➢ Permanent facilities and equipment that are part of arboretums and botanical gardens</li> <li>➢ Infrastructure, such as utilities, and administrative facilities necessary for support</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ The grounds at museums and historic sites are ineligible.</li> <li>○ Open natural areas/features or entities that promote the preservation/conservation of such areas are ineligible.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Residential and other services for families of domestic abuse</li> <li>• Residential services for individuals with disabilities</li> <li>• Senior citizen centers</li> <li>• Shelter workshops that create products using the skills of individuals with disabilities</li> <li>• Zoos</li> </ul>
<p>With exception of custodial care facilities and museums, administrative and support facilities essential to the provision of PNP noncritical service are ineligible facilities.</p>	

We will begin hosting online applicant briefings next week. Please be on the lookout for further communication from me on the briefing schedule, I should have this out by this afternoon/early Thursday.

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