

Public Assistance Alternative Procedures Pilot Program Training

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Section 428 Overview

- SRIA Authorizes several changes
- Added alternative procedures to the Stafford Act via Section 428: http://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-resources-and-tools
- Authorizes FEMA to implement via pilot programs
- Unless specifically noted, all other PA eligibility requirements/processes still apply
- Subgrantees must still comply with all applicable Federal, state and local laws and regulations.



Section 428 Goals

- Pilot programs evaluated on:
 - ✓ Reduce costs
 - ✓ Increase flexibility
 - ✓ Expedite assistance
 - ✓ Provide incentives and disincentives for timely and cost-effective completion



Alternative Procedures for Debris Removal



Debris Removal Pilot

- Alternative procedures:
 - Accelerated Debris Removal Increased Federal Cost Share Incentive (Sliding Scale)
 - Retention of Recycling Revenues
 - Reimbursement for Force Account Straight-Time Labor
 - Incentive for Debris Management Plan and Pre-qualified Contractor(s) identified
- Use individually or in combination
- Grants based on estimates not implemented at this time



Debris Removal Pilot Participation Criteria

- State, Tribal, local governments, PNPs
- Voluntary at local level
- Declarations from June 28, 2013 to June 27, 2016
- Debris removal (Category A)
- Does not apply to other Emergency Protective Measures (Category B)or Demolition
- Must prepare PW based on actual costs, not estimates
- Applies to small and large projects



Accelerated Debris Removal (Sliding Scale)

Applies to debris removal activities performed during each time frame

Days from Start of Incident Period	Federal Cost Share
0-30	85%
31-90	80%
91-180	75%

Cost share for days 0-30 and 31-90: adjust in final review queue in EMMIE





Accelerated Debris Removal (Sliding Scale)

- Participation determined at Kick-Off or shortly thereafter to achieve intent
- Direct Federal Assistance cannot be used with Sliding Scale
- No Federal funding after 180 days
 - Only FEMA can extend; Grantee cannot
 - Time extensions limited to removing debris from specified areas
 - 180-day limit does not apply if not participating in sliding scale
 - Must be applied to all debris removal PWs



Recycling Revenues

- Subgrantee may retain recycling revenues
- Revenues must be used for approved purposes
- Must be used within the approved timeline
- Costs to establish/operate recycling program is not eligible
- Subgrantee must document certain elements of the recycling activities



Recycling Revenues

- Report revenue received within 30 days of debris removal completion:
 - Document revenue received
 - Subgrantee must provide detailed accounting of how it used the funds within 90 days of project deadline



Straight-time Force Account Labor

Applies to both large and small projects

No increased documentation requirements



Straight-time Force Account Labor

- Specific scope of work details and associated costs including, but not limited to:
 - Type of debris
 - Quantity by type
 - Pick-up/Drop-off locations
- Critical to justify regulatory changes for straight-time reimbursement
 - Only data related to actual costs should be captured
 - > All Cat A PWs regardless of participation in pilot



Debris Management Plan Incentive

2% Increase for debris removal activities during the first 90 daysMay be used only once during the pilot Incentives applies if:

- FEMA has accepted the Plan at the time of the incident
- Applicant implements Plan
- Plan includes pre-qualified debris contractor

Procurement requirements still apply



Debris Management Plan Review

- Debris Management Plan Review Job Aid
- Grantee reviews and submits plan to FEMA
- FEMA reviews plan to ensure completeness/accepts
- FEMA's acceptance does not:
 - Indicate approval of operational components
 - Commit FEMA to fund plan components



Summary of Timeframes-Debris Alternative Procedures

Feature	Timeframe
Sliding Scale:	
85% Federal share	0-30 days from start of incident period
80% Federal share	31-90 days from start of incident period
75% Federal share	91-180 days from start of incident period
2% incentive for Debris Management Plan	0-90 days from start of incident period

QUESTIONS?

