

**What is a “small project”  
under FEMA's Public  
Assistance Program?**

In August 2022, FEMA published a [final rule](#) to increase the established threshold for Small Project maximum for the agency's Public Assistance (PA) program to \$1,000,000 (Small Project). The increased threshold reduces the administrative burden on state, local, tribal, or territorial (SLTT) governments and private non-profit (PNP) organizations receiving FEMA financial grants following a disaster.\*

The Vermont Department of Public Safety (DPS) is Vermont's "Recipient" of all FEMA Public Assistance dollars - State and municipal. For municipalities' portion, they "subgrant" these funds. Although FEMA has set the Small Project maximum at \$1,000,000, VT DPS has adopted a lesser threshold per their internal procedures to mitigate risk. \*\*

Sources:

[\\*FEMA Policy: Public Assistance Simplified Procedures FEMA Policy FP-104-23-001](#)

[\\*\\*Public Assistance Grant Program Briefing](#) (pages 25 and 39)

