What is the Public Assistance Program?

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The mission of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) **Public Assistance (PA)** Program is to provide assistance to State, local, Territorial, or Tribal, and local (SLTT) governments, and certain types of private nonprofit (PNP) organizations so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies declared by the President. Through the PA Program, FEMA provides supplemental Federal grant assistance for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly owned facilities and specific facilities of certain PNP organizations.

The State of Vermont is the "recipient" of Vermont's PA funding for a presidential declared emergency or disaster. **Vermont Emergency Management (VEM)**, a division of the Department of Public Safety, **is the State entity responsible for administering PA funds in partnership with FEMA.** Eligible Applicants for the Program that received PA funds are considered "subrecipients." The Program reimburses subrecipients for at least 75 percent of eligible costs that were a result of the disaster.

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