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Public Assistance

The FEMA public assistance (PA) program provides supplemental federal disaster grant assistance for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly owned facilities and specific facilities of certain private nonprofit organizations. The PA program also encourages protection of these damaged facilities from future incidents by providing assistance for hazard mitigation measures. For more information, refer to the [Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide](#) (PAPPG).



Public Assistance Information

The six primary factors considered when evaluating a request for the FEMA PA program are:

- Estimated cost of assistance
- Insurance coverage in force
- Other Federal assistance programs
- Localized impacts
- Hazard mitigation
- Recent multiple disasters

Including the six factors above, tribes have additional considerations when evaluating requests for PA. Refer to the *Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance* for more information.

To be considered eligible for FEMA PA, work must:

- Be required as a result of the disaster
- Be within a jurisdiction being assessed
- Be the legal responsibility of a potential SLTT government or eligible private nonprofit organization



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PA Work Categories	
Category A Debris	Emergency Work <i>This work must be done immediately to save lives; protect public health and safety; protect improved property; or eliminate or lessen the threat of additional damage.</i>
Category B Emergency Protective Measures (EPM)	
Category C Roads and Bridges	Permanent Work <i>Work that is required to restore a facility damaged by the event to its pre-disaster size, capacity, and function in accordance with applicable codes and standards.</i>
Category D Water Control Facilities	
Category E Buildings and Equipment	
Category F Utilities	
Category G Parks, Recreational, and Other Facilities	

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Supporting Documentation

The following information should be collected for each PA work category while conducting a PDA. However, this table is not all-encompassing and other documentation may be requested during the PDA process.

Supporting Documentation	PA Work Category						
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Photographs (sample if multiple similar damage has occurred)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Force account (work completed)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Basis for estimations (work to be completed)			X	X	X	X	X
Historic costs for similar work (provide example for large projects)			X	X	X	X	X
Notated maps	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Contracts, bids, or invoices	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Commercial estimating source report (RS Means, Cost Works, etc.)			X	X	X	X	X
Codes and standards to be considered (provide when the code or standard will dramatically increase the cost of restoration)			X	X	X	X	X
Estimate by professional familiar with the facility (provide breakdown – especially when replacement is requested)			X	X	X	X	X
Recent safety inspection reports or maintenance records that show pre-disaster condition (provide for large projects)			X	X			
Information used to evaluate the need for reconductoring (provide if reconductoring is requested)						X	
Debris quantity calculation sheet	X						
Mutual aid agreements used (provide for large projects)		X					
Specifications or as-built drawings of the damaged facility (provide when helpful, only for large projects)				X			
Recent inspection reports or maintenance records that show pre-disaster condition (provide when pre-disaster condition may impact estimate of large project)				X			
Insurance documentation needed to establish deductible and limits (provide for large projects)					X		

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