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FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE MMAA CONFERENCE JUNE 16, 2021

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MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
DISASTER RECOVERY UNIT

AGENDA

- Introduction to the Public Assistance Process
- COVID19 Guidance
- Grants Portal & FEMA Streamlined Application
- Documentation Requirements and Examples
- FEMA's Compliance Review
- State's Compliance Review
- Public Assistance Appeal Process
- CARES vs Public Assistance Funding
- Questions and Closing

OBJECTIVES & GOALS

- Understanding FEMA COVID19 Specific Guidance
- Documentation Requirement Expectations and Examples
- FEMA Denied My Funding....Now What?
- When to apply for CARES versus Public Assistance



INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

WHAT IS FEMA PA?



FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PA) PROGRAM

FEMA provides supplemental financial assistance to state, local and tribal governments, and certain private non-profit organizations for emergency protective measures that may be eligible under FEMA's Public Assistance Program in accordance with the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration in order to ensure that resource constraints do not inhibit efforts to respond to this unprecedented disaster.

The assistance FEMA provides through its PA Program is subject to a cost share. The Federal share is 100% of the eligible costs.

FEMA will not duplicate assistance provided by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or other federal agencies. Additionally, this emergency declaration does not make direct financial assistance available to private businesses or individuals.

CATEGORIES OF WORK

DEFINITION:

An emergency protective measure (Category B) is an activity undertaken to eliminate or lessen an immediate threat to lives, public health, or safety.

Emergency Work

Address an immediate threat:

- A** Debris removal
- B** Emergency protective measures

Permanent Work

Restoration of:

- C** Roads/bridges
- D** Water control facilities
- E** Buildings/equipment
- F** Utilities
- G** Parks, recreational, and other facilities

MINIMUM WORK ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Be required as a result of the declared incident
- Be located within the designated area
- Be the legal responsibility of an eligible applicant

Want to Learn More on FEMA Public Assistance?

Visit our website [here](#) to view our Applicant Briefing Video!



COVID-19 GUIDANCE

WHAT CAN I GET REIMBURSED FOR?



MAJOR DECLARATION

FEMA-4496-DR-MA

DECLARATION DATE: March 27, 2020

INCIDENT DATE: January 20, 2020 and continuing

DECLARED COUNTIES: All Massachusetts Counties

AUTHORIZED DISASTER ASSISTANCE: FEMA Public Assistance Program

Category B - FEMA Public Assistance Program

ELIGIBILITY PERIODS

COVID-19 Public Assistance Eligible Work – Comparison Table

		Initial Eligibility Jan. 20, 2020 – Sept. 14, 2020	Ongoing Eligibility Sept. 15, 2020 – Jan. 20, 2021	Eligibility Under Updated Policies Jan. 21, 2021 – Sep. 30, 2021
Medical Care	Clinical Care for COVID patients	✓	✓	✓
	Vaccination	⚠	✓	✓
	Alternate Care Sites & Community Testing Sites	✓	✓	✓
	Contact Tracing Disease & Research	✗	✗	✗
Opening & Operating	Personal Protective Equipment	✓	⚠	✓
	Cleaning & Disinfecting	⚠	⚠	✓
	Screening incl. Testing & Temp. Checks	⚠	⚠	✓
	Temp. Physical Barriers	⚠	⚠	✓
	Virtual Operations	✗	✗	✗
Mass Care	Non. Cong. Sheltering	✓	✓	✓
	Emergency Feeding	✓	✓	✓

Legend: ✓ Eligible Work ⚠ Limited Eligibility with Specific Documentation ⚠ Very Limited Eligibility with Specific Criteria ✗ Ineligible Work

Want to Learn More on Cost Eligibility?

Visit our website [here](#) to view our training!

Links to Guidance: [Initial Eligibility](#)
[Ongoing Eligibility](#)
[Eligibility Under Updated Policies](#)

ELIGIBILITY: SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 – JANUARY 20, 2021

- a. Purchase and distribution of face masks,¹⁹ including cloth facial coverings, provided to persons conducting eligible emergency work and/or in facilities where eligible emergency work is performed.
- b. Temperature scanning, including purchase and distribution of hand-held temperature measuring devices and associated supplies, in facilities where eligible emergency work is performed.
- c. Disinfection, in accordance with CDC guidance,²⁰ in facilities where eligible emergency work is performed, including purchase and provision of necessary supplies and equipment, and in excess of current operating costs.
- d. Acquisition and installation of temporary physical barriers, such as plexiglass barriers, in facilities where eligible emergency work is conducted.
- e. Law enforcement and security.
- f. Training and technical assistance specific to the declared event.
- g. Reimbursement for force account overtime costs, costs related to hiring temporary employees, and contract labor costs associated with performance of eligible emergency protective measures.²¹
- h. Movement of equipment and supplies, including transportation and storage.
- i. Other work and costs delineated within COVID-19 policies referenced in C.4.

- Eligible Emergency Work: emergency actions taken to directly respond to COVID-19.
- Does not include school re-opening or operation costs

Click [HERE](#) for FEMA guidance.

ONGOING GUIDANCE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 – JANUARY 20, 2021

- a. Medical care, in accordance with COVID-19 specific policy or subsequent updates.¹⁰
- b. Purchase and distribution of food, in accordance with COVID-19 specific policy or subsequent updates.¹¹
- c. Non-congregate medical sheltering, in accordance with COVID-19 specific policy or subsequent updates.¹²
- d. Operation of Emergency Operations Centers to direct and coordinate resources and response activities for COVID-19 declarations.¹³
- e. Communications to disseminate public information regarding health and safety measures and provide warnings about risks and hazards.¹⁴
- f. Mass casualty management, including storage of human remains and mass mortuary services, as necessary to manage fatalities caused by COVID-19.¹⁵
- g. Purchase and distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)¹⁶ that is directly related to the performance of otherwise eligible emergency work,¹⁷ or is provided to healthcare workers, patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 infection, and first responders.¹⁸
 - i. Funding for stockpiling a supply of eligible PPE is limited to a supply that is projected for up to 60 days from date of purchase.
 - ii. Funding for storing eligible PPE is limited to what is necessary to store a projected 60-day PPE supply.

Activities are eligible for reimbursement **ONLY** if the entity has the legal responsibility!



ELIGIBILITY: JANUARY 21, 2021 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

FEMA may provide assistance to all eligible PA Applicants, including SLTTs and eligible PNPs, for the following measures implemented to facilitate the safe opening and operation of all eligible facilities in response to COVID-19 declared events:

- a. Purchase and distribution of face masks, including cloth face coverings, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- b. Cleaning and disinfection, in accordance with CDC guidance or that of an appropriate Public Health official available at the time the work was completed, including the purchase and provision of necessary supplies and equipment in excess of the Applicant's regularly budgeted costs.
- c. COVID-19 diagnostic testing.
- d. Screening and temperature scanning, including, but not limited to, the purchase and distribution of hand-held temperature measuring devices or temperature screening equipment.
- e. Acquisition and installation of temporary physical barriers, such as plexiglass barriers and screens/dividers, and signage to support social distancing, such as floor decals.
- f. Purchase and storage of PPE and other supplies listed in this section based on projected needs.

- Supplemental to September 1st 2020 policy
- Eligible Public Facilities
- Click [HERE](#) for FEMA guidance.

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Opening Guidance?**

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GRANTS PORTAL & THE STREAMLINED APPLICATION

HOW DO I SUBMIT COSTS?



SIMPLIFIED PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROCESS

Step 1 – Streamlined Application Submission

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Step 2 – State Preliminary Review

MEMA performs an application review, tying out cost totals and confirming supporting documentation.



Step 3 – FEMA Formulation and Final Review

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Step 4 – State Final Review

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Step 5 – Applicant Review

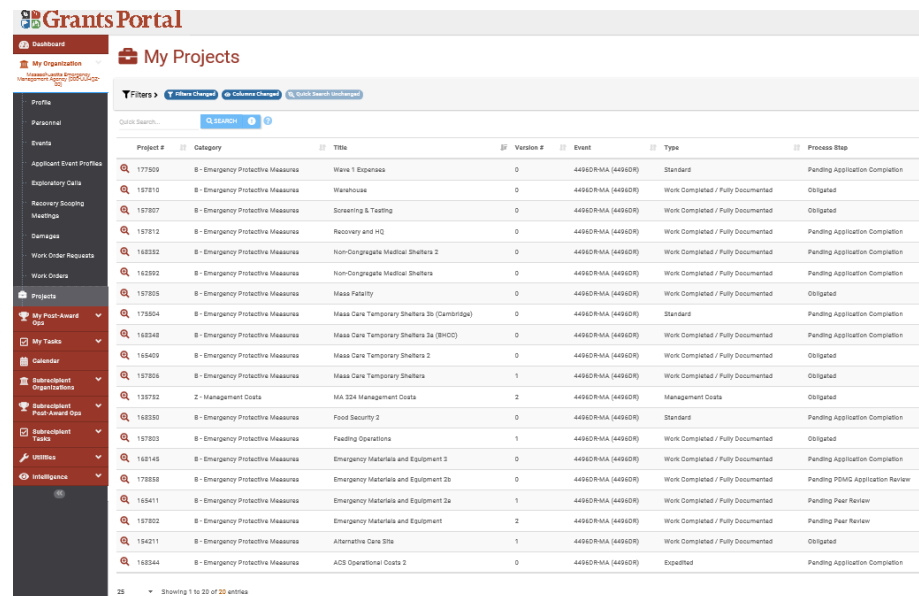
- Applicant reviews the project to confirm agreeance with what was written and approved within the project.

FEMA GRANTS PORTAL

- FEMA Grants Portal is the online platform to apply, submit, and track all projects for FEMA Public Assistance.
- Applicants **NEED** to use this platform in order to submit projects. MEMA nor FEMA will accept paper applications via email.

**Want to Learn More on
How to Use Grants
Portal?**

Visit FEMA's Youtube
Tutorials!



The screenshot displays the FEMA Grants Portal interface. On the left is a navigation sidebar with sections like 'Profile', 'Personal', 'Events', 'Applicant Event Profiles', 'Exploratory Calls', 'Recovery Briefing Meetings', 'Damages', 'Work Order Requests', 'Work Orders', 'Projects', 'My Post-Award Ops', 'My Tasks', 'Calendar', 'Subrecipient Organizations', 'Subrecipient Post-Award Ops', 'Subrecipient Tasks', 'Intellus', and 'Intelligence'. The main content area is titled 'My Projects' and features a search bar and filter options. Below this is a table listing various projects with columns for Project #, Category, Title, Version #, Event, Type, and Process Step.

Project #	Category	Title	Version #	Event	Type	Process Step
177909	B - Emergency Protective Measures	Ware 1 Expenses	0	4496DR-MA (4496DR)	Standard	Pending Application Completion
187910	B - Emergency Protective Measures	Warehouse	0	4496DR-MA (4496DR)	Work Completed / Fully Documented	Obligated
187907	B - Emergency Protective Measures	Screening & Testing	0	4496DR-MA (4496DR)	Work Completed / Fully Documented	Obligated
187912	B - Emergency Protective Measures	Recovery and HQ	0	4496DR-MA (4496DR)	Work Completed / Fully Documented	Pending Application Completion
182392	B - Emergency Protective Measures	Non-Congregate Medical Shelters 2	0	4496DR-MA (4496DR)	Work Completed / Fully Documented	Pending Application Completion
162992	B - Emergency Protective Measures	Non-Congregate Medical Shelters	0	4496DR-MA (4496DR)	Work Completed / Fully Documented	Pending Application Completion
187906	B - Emergency Protective Measures	Mass Fatality	0	4496DR-MA (4496DR)	Work Completed / Fully Documented	Obligated
179904	B - Emergency Protective Measures	Mass Care Temporary Shelters 3a (Cambridge)	0	4496DR-MA (4496DR)	Standard	Pending Application Completion
183348	B - Emergency Protective Measures	Mass Care Temporary Shelters 3a (RHOC)	0	4496DR-MA (4496DR)	Work Completed / Fully Documented	Pending Application Completion
164409	B - Emergency Protective Measures	Mass Care Temporary Shelters 2	0	4496DR-MA (4496DR)	Work Completed / Fully Documented	Obligated
187906	B - Emergency Protective Measures	Mass Care Temporary Shelters	1	4496DR-MA (4496DR)	Work Completed / Fully Documented	Obligated
138762	Z - Management Costs	MA 224 Management Costs	2	4496DR-MA (4496DR)	Management Costs	Obligated
183390	B - Emergency Protective Measures	Food Security 2	0	4496DR-MA (4496DR)	Standard	Pending Application Completion
187903	B - Emergency Protective Measures	Feeding Operations	1	4496DR-MA (4496DR)	Work Completed / Fully Documented	Obligated
187149	B - Emergency Protective Measures	Emergency Materials and Equipment 3	0	4496DR-MA (4496DR)	Work Completed / Fully Documented	Pending Application Completion
178939	B - Emergency Protective Measures	Emergency Materials and Equipment 2b	0	4496DR-MA (4496DR)	Work Completed / Fully Documented	Pending PDMG Application Review
164411	B - Emergency Protective Measures	Emergency Materials and Equipment 2a	1	4496DR-MA (4496DR)	Work Completed / Fully Documented	Pending Peer Review
187903	B - Emergency Protective Measures	Emergency Materials and Equipment	2	4496DR-MA (4496DR)	Work Completed / Fully Documented	Pending Peer Review
164211	B - Emergency Protective Measures	Alternative Care 31a	1	4496DR-MA (4496DR)	Work Completed / Fully Documented	Obligated
183344	B - Emergency Protective Measures	ACS Operational Costs 2	0	4496DR-MA (4496DR)	Expended	Pending Application Completion

Showing 1 to 20 of 20 entries

STREAMLINED PROJECT APPLICATION

- FEMA rolled out the streamlined project application for COVID-19 to simplify the process.
- The application is built into the FEMA Grants Portal.

Cost	Funding Request Type	Work Status	Cost Basis	Schedules Required					
				A	B	C	D	EZ	F*
Less than \$131,100	Small	Any	Any					X	X
Equal to or greater than \$131,100	Large Expedited	Any	Applicant-Provided Information	X					X
	Large Regular	Complete	Actual Costs		X		X		X
		In-progress	Actual Costs & Applicant-Provided Information			X	X		X
		Not started	Applicant-Provided Information			X	X		X

*Schedule F may be required based on specific activities.

Want to Learn More About the Application?

Visit our website [here](#) to view guidance!



DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS & EXAMPLES

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BEFORE SUBMISSION - DETERMINING COST

1. Identify and collect your source documents for each cost type
 - a) Labor Costs – Timesheets, Activity Logs
 - b) Equipment Costs – Activity Logs, Timesheets, Work Orders
 - c) Material Costs – Work Orders, Invoices, Receipts
 - d) Contractor Costs – Purchase Orders, Invoices
2. Create a summary record for each cost type using the source documents
3. Fill out the MEMA Summary Workbook

**Want to Learn More
About the MEMA
Summary
Workbook?**

Visit our website [here](#)
to view guidance!

UPLOADING SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- Upload documentation to grants portal
- Ensure the source documents used to reach your claim amounts are included

**Want to Learn More
About Uploading
Documents to
Grants Portal?**

[Click here](#) to view
guidance!

Documents

The screenshot displays the 'Documents' section of the Grants Portal. It features a tree view under the heading 'Project Cost & Cost Eligibility'. The tree is organized into two main categories: 'Labor' and 'Materials and Supplies'. Each category contains a list of required documents, each with a '+ Add Document' link and a green 'Requirement Met' status indicator.

- Project Cost & Cost Eligibility**
 - Labor**
 - Force Account Labor Documentation (+ Add Document) ✓ Requirement Met
 - Standby Time Justifications (+ Add Document)
 - Labor Pay Policies (+ Add Document) ✓ Requirement Met
 - National Guard Pay Policies (+ Add Document)
 - Mutual Aid Agreements (+ Add Document)
 - Timesheets (+ Add Document) ✓ Requirement Met
 - Logs / Activity Reports (+ Add Document) ✓ Requirement Met
 - Materials and Supplies**
 - Material Summaries (+ Add Document) ✓ Requirement Met
 - Stock Cost Documentation (+ Add Document) ✓ Requirement Met
 - Stock Supporting Documentation (+ Add Document)
 - Purchase Invoices or Receipts (+ Add Document) ✓ Requirement Met
 - Not Used Justifications (+ Add Document) ✓ Requirement Met
 - Acquisition Threshold Documentation (+ Add Document) ✓ Requirement Met

STREAMLINED APPLICATION COSTS

- Copy the cost amounts of each cost category from your MEMA Summary Workbook into your FEMA Streamlined Application in Grants Portal.

☒ Labor [\(More Info \)](#)

Including the Applicant's own staff, Mutual Aid, prison labor, or National Guard.

Please enter the total cost of labor. To calculate the total cost, complete [FEMA Form 009-0-123 Force Account Labor Summary](#) and [FEMA Form 009-0-128 Applicants Benefit Calculation Worksheet](#) or provide all information contained therein.

Please also provide:

- Justification for any standby time claimed
- Labor pay policy (must cover each employee type used, for example part time, full time, and temporary)
- National Guard pay policy (required for National Guard)
- Mutual aid agreement (required for mutual aid labor)
- Timesheets (please provide either (1) a summary list of all your timesheets, which FEMA will sample and request copies of a limited number of time sheets; or (2) a sample set of timesheets and a detailed explanation of the sampling methodology you used to select the representative sample)
- Daily logs or activity reports (please provide either (1) a summary list of all your logs or reports, which FEMA will sample and request copies of a limited number of logs or reports; or (2) a sample set of logs or reports and a detailed explanation of the sampling methodology you used to select the representative sample)

Costs

\$302,125.00

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About the MEMA
Summary
Workbook?**

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DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

WHAT NEEDS TO BE UPLOADED TO YOUR APPLICATION

SMALL PROJECT DOCUMENTATION from \$3,300 - \$131,100

- Electronic Streamlined Project Application
- MEMA Workbook (Summary Log)
- Subrecipient Small Project Certification Form
- Procurement Policy
- Pay Policy & Applicable Union Contracts

LARGE PROJECT DOCUMENTATION equal to or exceed \$131,100

- Electronic Streamlined Project Application
- MEMA Workbook (Summary Log)
- Procurement Policy
- Pay Policy & Applicable Union Contracts
- Force Account Labor
 - *Time Sheets*
 - *Proof of Payment*
- Force Account Equipment
 - *Proof of Ownership*
 - *Operator Time Sheets & Logs*
- Materials & Supplies
 - *Invoices/Receipts*
 - *Proof of Payment*
 - *Procurement Documentation*
- Contracts
 - *Contract Agreements*
 - *Invoices/Receipts*
 - *Proof of Payment*
 - *Procurement Documentation*



MEMA & FEMA REVIEWS

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I SUBMIT AN APPLICATION?



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WHAT DOES MEMA AND FEMA REVIEW?

Supporting documentation helps validate the expenses claimed for each project. Supporting documentation helps support the underlying cost principles of 2 CFR 200, which are:

Allowable

- Necessary and reasonable for the performance of the federal award

Reasonable

- Does not exceed that which would be incurred by a prudent person under the circumstances prevailing at the time the decision was made to incur the cost.

Allocable

- Goods or services involved are chargeable or assignable to that federal award or cost objective.

**Want to Learn
More About PA
Policy?**

View FEMA's Public
Assistance Program
and Policy Guide [here!](#)

SUPPORTING COSTS - EXAMPLES

Policies

- Purchase Policy
- Payroll Policy
- Personnel Policy
- Insurance Policies

Procurement

- Solicitation for Bids
- Bid Documents
- Bid Tabulations
- Price Analysis
- & etc.

Proof of Payment

- Bank Statement
- Payroll Register
- Cancelled Checks
- Payment Voucher

FORCE ACCOUNT LABOR

Review Step Examples

1. Tie Source Document to Summary
2. Confirm Activity is within Scope of Work
3. Confirm Pay Rates
4. Confirm a Breakout of Fringe Benefits
5. Confirmed Overtime & Fringe is Consistent with Subrecipient's Payroll Policy
6. Confirm pay rates are not contingent upon federal funding or arbitrarily increased
7. Verify Proof of Payment

Documentation

1. Timesheet
2. Activity Log
3. Payroll Register / Bank Statement
4. Fringe Benefit Breakout
 - i. Individual
 - ii. Group
5. Payroll Policy

LABOR TIMESHEET EXAMPLE

Time Card

[Redacted]

Rank: Patrolman 133 Patrol Division From: 2/28/2020 Through: 4/30/2020 Group: Group One

Week 1	Fri 2/28/2020	Sat 2/29/2020	Sun 3/1/2020	Mon 3/2/2020	Tue 3/3/2020	Wed 3/4/2020	Thu 3/5/2020	Total
worked	8	8	8	8	OFF	OFF	8	40
swap		8						8
Overtime				8				8
								56

2/29/2020 Swapped with [Redacted] for 2/29/2020 On 'B' Shift [Redacted] } [processed]

3/2/2020 [Redacted] 8 hr ot b shift replace [Redacted] sick [Redacted] } [processed]

- I. Key Timekeeping Attributes
 1. Tracking by days and hours
 2. Tracking Activities

LABOR PAYROLL REGISTER EXAMPLE

[illegible]

FORCE ACCOUNT EQUIPMENT

Review Steps Example

1. Verify within SoW
2. Review Equipment List
3. Review Ownership Documentation
4. Verify Hourly Rates
5. Verify Operator Hours

Supporting Documents

1. Timesheet
2. Equipment Ownership Documentation
 - i. Title
 - ii. Invoice with Proof of Payment
 - iii. Equipment Listing (Equipment Schedule)

MATERIALS

Review Steps

1. Verify Materials in Scope of Work
2. Compare Work Order/ Picking Ticket to claimed materials
3. Review Inventory Listings
4. Review Purchase Policy (If applicable)
5. Review Purchase Order/Fees to Invoice
6. Validate Cost of Pre-Existing Inventory (If applicable)

Force Account Materials (Stock)

1. Material Summary
2. Historical Costs – Invoice
3. Inventory Listing
4. Work Order, Picking Tickets

Purchased Materials

1. Material Summary
2. Purchase Order
3. Invoice
4. Proof of Payment
5. Procurement Documentation

CONTRACT COSTS

Review Steps

1. Verify Procurement
2. Reconcile Invoices
3. Compare Fee Structure to Invoices
4. Compare Goods/Services to PW SoW
 - a. 100% Complete Projects
5. Dates of Work are within Period of Performance
6. Confirm Proof of Payment

Documentation

1. Invoices
2. Proof of Payment
 - i. Cancelled Checks
 - ii. Bank Statements
3. Contract or Written Agreement
4. Procurement Information
5. Purchasing Policy



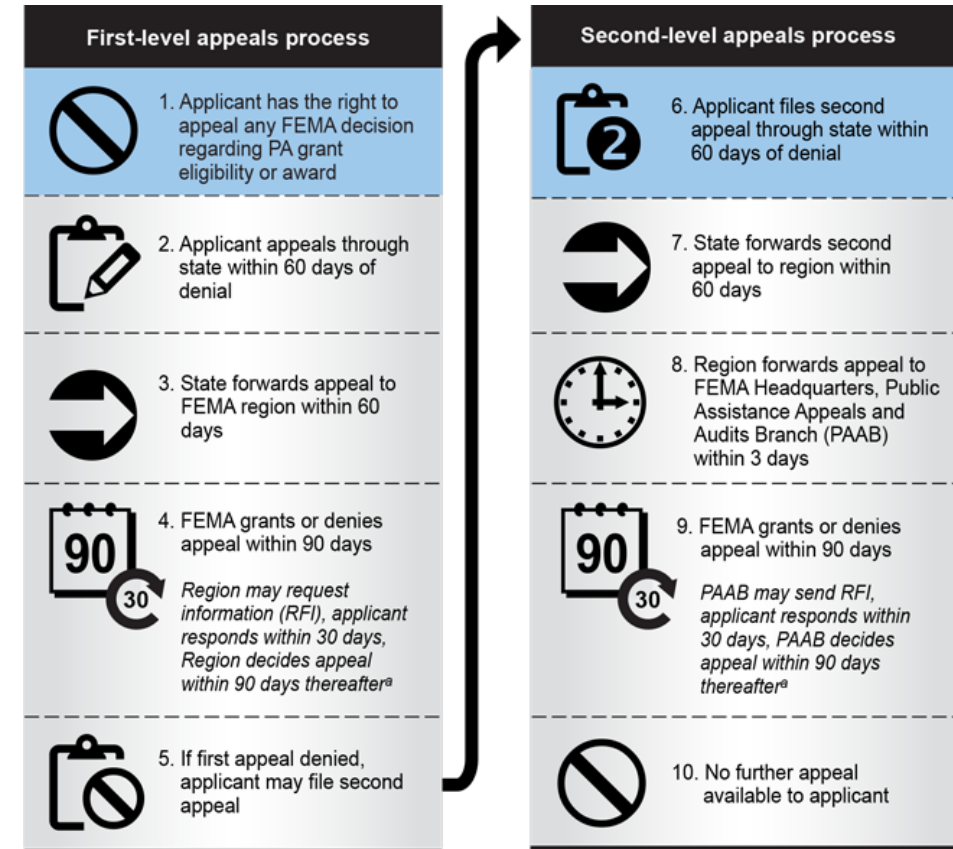
APPEALS PROCESS

WHAT HAPPENS IF FEMA DENIES MY COSTS?



APPEALS PROCESS

- FEMA will first issue a Request for Information, i.e. please provide a narrative on how increase construction costs is not an increased operating cost.
- FEMA will review additional information submitted by applicant in response to RFI. If FEMA determines that the costs are ineligible or not supported by appropriate documentation- a DETERMINATION MEMO (DM) will be issued via FEMA Grants Portal.
- Grants Portal will generate a notification email. Once applicant logs onto Grants Portal and reviews DM, the System will date and time stamp the opening of that document. This will be the start of the applicant's 60 day window.



Sources: GAO analysis of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) information. | GAO-18-143

^a FEMA may issue an RFI to an applicant multiple times before it renders a decision on an appeal.

CRITICAL DEADLINES

FIRST APPEAL

1. Applicant Deadline

Submit appeal to MEMA Project Coordinator within **60 days** of reviewing DM on Grants Portal.

2. MEMA Deadline

Forward appeal with recommendation to FEMA Region within **60 days** of receiving appeal from applicant.

3. FEMA Deadline

Must make a written decision on appeal or issue a request for information within **90 days** of receiving appeal from MEMA.

SECOND APPEAL

1. Applicant Deadline

Submit second appeal to MEMA Project Coordinator within **60 days** of receiving FEMA's first appeal decision.

2. MEMA Deadline

Forward appeal with recommendation to FEMA HQ within **60 days** of receiving second appeal from applicant.

3. FEMA Deadline

Must make a written decision on appeal or issue a request for information within **90 days** of receiving second appeal from MEMA

**Want to Learn About
Arbitration Options?**

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view guidance!

WHAT NEEDS TO BE IN MY APPEAL

- The written appeal letter should be on official letterhead and addressed to:
Samantha Phillips, Director
Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
400 Worcester Road
Framingham, MA 0170
- The Subrecipient must include the following in their appeal:
 - The facts surrounding the damage incurred, development of the Request for Public Assistance or the Project Worksheet, and ineligibility determination;
 - Documented justification supporting the Subrecipient's position;
 - Specify the monetary figure in dispute; and
 - Cite the provisions in federal law, regulation, or policy with which the Subrecipient believes the initial action was inconsistent.

CARES VS PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUNDING

- The Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF), which was established through the CARES Act is administered by the Executive Office of Administration and Finance, whereas MEMA administers FEMA PA.
- CRF is more expansive than FEMA PA.
- Municipalities are expected to seek reimbursement on costs eligible for FEMA Public Assistance before seeking CRF for those costs.
- Questions on what is eligible for FEMA PA? Please submit a question [here](#).

STATE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CONTACTS

- MA Public Assistance Officer

Erica.Heidelberg@mass.gov

- MA Public Assistance Program Coordinator – Complex Lane Projects

Lorraine.Eddy@mass.gov

MA Public Assistance Program Coordinator – Standard Lane Projects

Amanda.Campen@mass.gov

- Questions?

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-federal-disaster-declaration#questions->

Disaster.Recovery@mass.gov