

**MARYLAND'S PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM -  
PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION OF MAJOR DISASTER**

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

**GOVERNMENTS** - State, County, Local, Municipal Authorities (Special Taxing Districts, etc.)

**PRIVATE NON-PROFIT** – Educational Institutions, Utility, Emergency, Medical, Custodial Care, and others which provide health and safety services of a governmental nature. All must be open to the general public and have IRS or State Certification of PNP status.

**ELIGIBLE WORK**

**BASIC CRITERIA**– To be eligible, work must be required as a result of the Presidentially-declared Major Disaster, be located within the designated disaster area, be the legal responsibility of an eligible applicant, and no other federal agency may have statutory authority to provide funding.

**DEBRIS REMOVAL (Category A)** – When in the public interest to eliminate an immediate threat to life, **public health** and safety; OR eliminate an immediate threat of significant damage to improved property; OR to ensure the economic recovery of the affected community.

**EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE MEASURES (Category B)**– Measures taken to save lives, protect **public health** and safety, and to protect improved property. Must eliminate or lessen the threat.

**PERMANENT RESTORATION (Categories C-G)** – Restore the disaster damaged parts of the facility to pre-disaster designed function and capacity, plus upgrade restored parts to meet current codes and standards. Road systems, water control facilities, buildings and equipment, public utility systems, and parks/recreation facilities are the general categories of property eligible. May replace facilities if cost of repair is more than 50% of replacement cost.

**ELIGIBLE COSTS**

**FORCE ACCOUNT** – (Applicant's own labor, equipment, and materials) – Equipment use at FEMA rates or applicant rates (whichever is lower or more reasonable); Materials at applicant's cost; Labor at applicant's cost including fringe benefits. **Cost of regular time labor of permanent employees performing emergency protective measures is NOT ELIGIBLE.**

**CONTRACT** – Reasonable and necessary net cost to perform required and FEMA approved work. All contracting and procurement laws must be followed. Contracting is the responsibility of the applicant.

**NOTES:**

- **This is a SUPPLEMENTARY reimbursement program.** Accurate, complete, records of the cost of all eligible work must be maintained to be reimbursed. **Records will be audited.**
- If the applicant has a system that provides this information, use the existing system. If not FEMA or MEMA can provide help in this matter.
- Application for the program must be submitted at the Applicant's Briefing (or **within 30 days** if your "applicant agent" did not attend the Applicant's Briefing) which will be held following the President's Declaration. State and County Emergency Management Agencies will announce the date, time, and location of the briefing.

This is only a very brief summary of the program. Specific program details will be provided at the Applicants' Briefing. The Applicant's Agent and primary record keeper must attend.

For further information consult your County Emergency Management Director or call MEMA's Public Assistance Officer at 1-877-MEMA-USA or email to: [kelly.devilbiss@maryland.gov](mailto:kelly.devilbiss@maryland.gov)