

ELIGIBLE COSTS

Generally, costs that can be directly tied to the performance of eligible work are eligible. Such costs must be:

- ✓ Reasonable and necessary to accomplish the work;
- ✓ Compliant with Federal, State, and local requirements for competitive procurement (including 44 CFR Part 13); and
- ✓ Reduced by all applicable credits, such as anticipated insurance proceeds and salvage value.

PROCESS

Following a Presidential declaration MEMA conducts an Applicants' Briefing to provide details about the program. Applicants may then submit a Request for Public Assistance. If approved, applicants are contacted by a FEMA representative to formulate and process their Public Assistance Program project claims. FEMA approves the projects and obligates funds to the State, who in turn provides those funds to the applicant. After all eligible work is complete and funds provided to the applicant, the State closes the projects and the applicant with FEMA.



*Hurricane Irene (2011)
Elkton, MD*

FEMA Public Assistance Funds

*Obligated funding for open Maryland disasters:
(Data as of 07/07/2015)*

Hurricane Irene (2011)
DR-4034 • \$20,006,052

Tropical Storm Lee (2011)
DR-4038 • \$9,680,151

Severe Storms & Straight-Line Winds (2012)
DR-4075 • \$12,161,591

Hurricane Sandy (2012)
DR-4091 • \$32,221,977

Snow Storm (February 2014)
DR-4170 • \$8,702,291

CONTACT

Information regarding this program can be obtained by contacting the State Public Assistance Officer at the Maryland Emergency Management Agency.



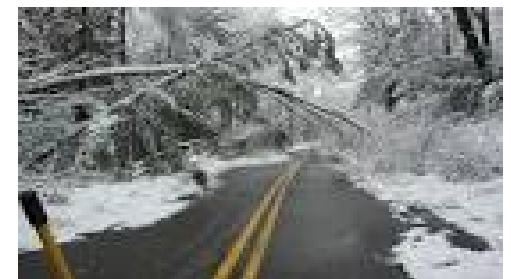
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Maryland Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance Program



*Ocean City, MD
Hurricane Sandy (2012)*



*Garrett County, MD
Hurricane Sandy (2012)*

FEMA's Public Assistance Program provides, following a Presidentially-declared disaster or emergency, supplemental Federal disaster grant assistance for emergency protective measures and for the repair, replacement or restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly-owned facilities. The facilities of certain Private non-Profit (PNP) organizations are also eligible. The grant becomes available after the President declares an emergency or major disaster. The Federal share of assistance is not less than 75% of the eligible cost for emergency measures and permanent restoration. The applicant is responsible for the remaining 25%.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants in Maryland are State departments and agencies, all local governments and certain critical PNP organizations. Eligible PNP facilities must be open to the public and perform essential services of a governmental nature.

Eligible PNP facilities generally include the following:

- **Educational facilities:** primary and secondary schools, colleges, and universities
- **Utilities:** water, sewer, and power
- **Irrigation facilities:** water for fire suppression, the generation and supply of electricity and drinking water (but not when irrigation facilities are solely used for agricultural purposes)
- **Emergency facilities:** fire departments, ambulance services, rescue squads and other similar facilities
- **Medical facilities:** hospitals, outpatient and rehabilitation centers and similar facilities

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS (CONTINUED)

- **Custodial care facilities** that provide institutional care for persons requiring supervision
- Facilities that provide **essential governmental services**. These must be open to the general public, and may include museums, zoos, community centers, libraries, homeless shelters, senior citizen centers and health and safety services of a governmental nature



Severe Storms & Straight-Line Winds (2012)

ELIGIBLE WORK

To be eligible, the work must be required as the result of the disaster, be located within the designated disaster area, and be the legal responsibility of an eligible applicant. Work that is eligible for supplemental Federal disaster grant assistance is classified as either emergency work or permanent work.

Emergency Work:

Work which must be performed to reduce or eliminate an immediate threat to life, to protect public health and safety, and to protect improved property that is threatened in a significant way as a result of the disaster.

Categories of emergency work include:

- **Category A:** Debris removal from public roads and rights-of-way as well as from private property when determined to be in the public interest.

ELIGIBLE WORK (CONTINUED)

- **Category B:** Emergency protective measures performed to eliminate or reduce immediate threats to the public, including search and rescue, warning of hazards, and demolition of unsafe structures.

Permanent Work:

Work to restore an eligible damaged facility to its pre-disaster design, function, and capacity in accordance with applicable codes. Work may range from minor repairs to replacement.

Categories of permanent work include:

- **Category C:** Roads, bridges and associated features such as shoulders, ditches, culverts, lighting, and signs.
- **Category D:** Water control facilities including dams, levees, drainage channels, and pumping facilities. Flood control works under the authority of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service are not eligible for permanent repairs under the Public Assistance Program.
- **Category E:** Buildings (including their contents and systems), equipment, and vehicles.
- **Category F:** Utilities such as water treatment and delivery systems; power generation facilities and distribution lines; sewage collection and treatment facilities; and communications.
- **Category G:** Public parks, recreational facilities, and other facilities, including playgrounds, swimming pools, and cemeteries.