

Private Non-Profit

COVID-19 Cost Recovery Webinar

Virginia Emergency Support Team

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Private Non-Profit (PNP) Specific COVID-19 Cost Recovery Webinar

Agenda

- FEMA Authorized Assistance
- PNP Eligibility Guidance & Criteria
- PNP Eligibility Screening Process
- Overview of Resources Available
- PNP POCs



Federal Assistance – Declaration

- April 2, 2020 Major Disaster Declaration for Virginia received
This allows state agencies, local governments, and certain non-profit organizations to purchase additional supplies and receive reimbursements for COVID-19 related costs under the FEMA Public Assistance program.
- The President Declared a National Emergency on March 13, 2020



Federal Assistance – Declaration

- **January 20, 2020 - and ongoing (*the date in which costs begin, no end date, as of now*)**

Authorized for the reimbursement of Category B (*emergency protective measures*) under the Public Assistance grant program at a 75% federal cost share

- Minimum threshold of \$3,300

Authorized the ability for the Commonwealth to request direct federal assistance to fulfill a specific gap or need at a 75% federal cost share (*mission requests through the Virginia Emergency Operations Center*)



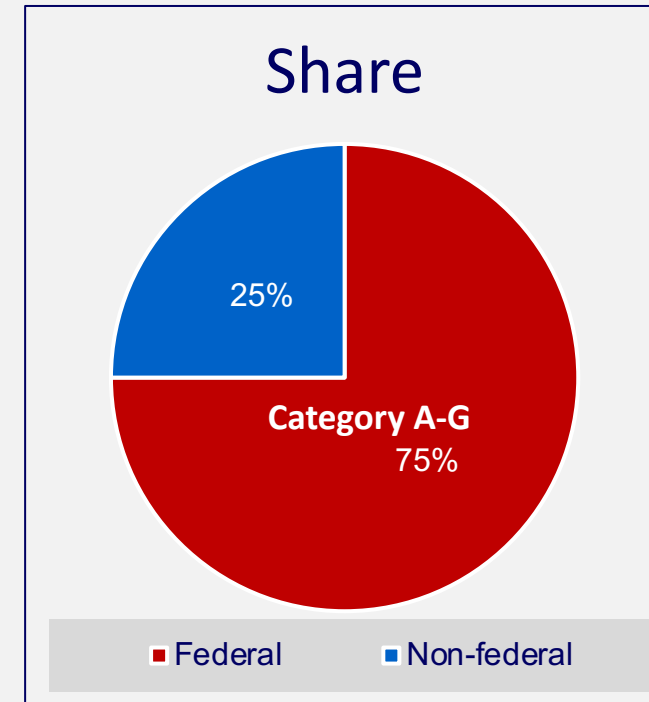
VDEM's Role in the PA Program

- VDEM is the pass-through state agency for funds obligated by FEMA through this program
- Coordinate cost recovery operations with FEMA
- Provide technical assistance to potential applicants
- Grant administration and reimbursement



Public Assistance Program Cost Share

- ❖ FEMA will reimburse no less than 75% of eligible costs for project within the Category B Guidance specific to COVID-19.
- ❖ The non-federal share, remaining 25%, will be the responsibility of the PNP.
- ❖ Thirds party donations for eligible work performed, if documented, may off-set the 25% non-federal share.



FEMA Eligibility Guidance

COST

WORK

FACILITY

APPLICANT

FEMA makes
final
determination



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PNP Applicant Eligibility

Documentation to Support PNP Eligibility

- Private Non-Profit organizations must have a ruling letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) granting a tax exemption under Section 501(c), (d), or (e) of the IRS Code of 1954; or
- They must have documentation from the State substantiating that the non-revenue producing organization or entity is a non-profit entity organized or doing business under state law.



PNP Facility Eligibility

COST

WORK

FACILITY

APPLICANT

PNPs must own or operate
an eligible facility to be an
eligible applicant



PNP Facility Eligibility

- For PNPs, an eligible facility is one that provides an eligible service, which includes education, utilities, emergency, medical, custodial care, and other essential social services.



PNP Facility Eligibility – Required Documentation

- If the Applicant owns the facility, proof of ownership
- If the Applicant leases the facility, proof of legal responsibility to perform eligible work
- List of services provided in the facility and when and to whom
- Who is allowed membership
- What fees are charged
- Policy regarding waiving memberships



Special Facility Considerations

- Education/School
 - Proof that the school is accredited or recognized by the state Department of Education.
- Child Care Facility
 - Proof that the State Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Human Services, or a similar agency, recognizes it as a licensed child care facility.
 - Child care has been deemed ineligible at this time by FEMA in relation to COVID-19.
- Mixed-use facility
 - Proof of the established purpose of the facility with documentation such as:
 - Pre-disaster charter, bylaws, and amendments
 - Calendar of activities



Eligible Work Under COVID-19

Must be the legal
responsibility of the
PNP to perform the
work



FEMA COVID-19 Work Eligibility Guidance

Management and
Control to Reduce
the Immediate
Threat

Medical Sheltering
(when existing
facilities cannot
accommodate)

Emergency
Medical
Care

Other Resources



Eligible Work for PNPs – Management and Control

Eligible Work

Emergency Operation Center costs

Training specific to the declared event

Disinfection of eligible public facilities

Technical assistance to state, tribal, or local governments on emergency management and control of immediate threats to public health and safety

Management and
Control to Reduce
the Immediate
Threat



Eligible Work for PNPs – Medical Care

Eligible Work

Non-deferrable medical treatment of infected persons in a shelter or temporary medical facility

Related medical facility services and supplies

Temporary medical facilities and/or enhanced medical/hospital capacity (for treatment when existing facilities are reasonably forecasted to become overloaded in the near term and cannot accommodate the patient load or to quarantine potentially infected persons)

Use of specialized medical equipment

Medical waste disposal

Emergency medical transport

Emergency
Medical
Care



Eligible Work for PNPs - Medical Sheltering*

Eligible Work

All sheltering must be conducted in accordance with standards and/or guidance approved by HHS/CDC and must be implemented in a manner that incorporates social distancing measures

Non-congregate medical sheltering is subject to **prior approval by FEMA** and is limited to that which is reasonable and necessary to address the public health needs of the event, is pursuant to the direction of appropriate public health officials and does not extend beyond the duration of the Public Health Emergency

*Medical Sheltering is further defined by FEMA for COVID-19 (e.g. when existing facilities are reasonably forecasted to become overloaded in the near future and cannot accommodate needs)

Medical Sheltering
(when existing
facilities cannot
accommodate)



Eligible Work for PNPs – Other Resources

Eligible Work

Purchase and distribution of food, water, ice, medicine, and other consumable supplies, to include personal protective equipment and hazardous material suits Movement of supplies and persons

Security and law enforcement

Communications of general health and safety information to the public

Search and rescue to locate and recover members of the population requiring assistance
Reimbursement for state, tribe, territory and/or local government force account overtime costs

Household pet sheltering and containment actions related to household pets in accordance with CDC guidelines

Other Resources



Private Non-Profit (PNPs) and Government Entities

PNP as Applicant:

- PNPs that **own or operate an eligible facility and perform eligible work**, such as providing emergency, medical or custodial/sanitation services for which they are **legally responsible** for in response to the COVID-19 incident, may be eligible for reimbursement of costs as a Public Assistance Applicant independent of another entity.

Government Entity as Applicant:

- A government entity may be legally responsible to provide services and enter into a memorandum of agreement (MOU) with a PNP to provide those services (e.g., sheltering or food distribution).
- In these cases, Public Assistance funding is provided to the legally responsible government entity, which then reimburse the PNP for the cost of providing those services under the agreement.



Eligibility Process Flow

▼ Private-Non-Profit Guidance

| Resource | File |
|---|---------------------|
| PNP COVID-19 Eligibility Fact Sheet Final | PDF |
| COVID-19 Private Nonprofit Organizations Fact Sheet | PDF |
| PNP Eligibility Process Flow | PDF |



Eligibility of Costs



Costs Must Be

- Tied directly to eligible work
- NECESSARY AND REASONABLE
- Reduced by all applicable credits
 - Ex: Insurance, other federal programs (CDC/HHS)
- Consistent with applicant's policies and procedures
 - Policies and procedures must be in place prior to the event
- NOT ELIGIBLE – Loss of Revenue



Cost Categories

- Force Account (*Inside Sources*):
 - Labor
 - Equipment (FEMA Equip rates apply)
 - Materials/Supplies
- Contract Costs – (*Outside Sources*)



Cost: Labor

- Labor rates must be based on the applicant's pre-disaster labor policy, that is uniformly applied
- Category B – Only overtime is eligible



Cost: Equipment

- Force Account Equipment
- State, Local, or FEMA 2019 Equipment Rates <https://www.fema.gov/schedule-equipment-rates>
- Other Leased/Rental Equipment



Cost: Supplies and Materials

- Used for eligible work
- Reasonable and Necessary



Cost: Contracts

- Eligible if:
 - Comply w/Federal, State, and Local procurement procedures 2 CFR 200.317-326
 - Procurement Disaster Assistance Team
 - <https://www.fema.gov/procurement-disaster-assistance-team>
 - Contract Provisions Template
 - <https://www.vaemergency.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Procurement-Disaster-Assistance-Team-Contract-Provisions-Template.pdf>



Documentation Requirements for Potential Reimbursement

- Obtain cost estimates and determine eligibility
- Coordinate with FEMA on setting up account in the FEMA Grants Portal
- Grant writing process/eligibility review (new guidance for this event)
- FEMA obligates funding to VDEM at 75% of total costs
- Grant management processes for post-obligation are being developed for this disaster
- **Due to the unprecedented nature of this event, it is unclear how quickly federal funding will be available**



Next Steps

Getting Started

Step 1: Track your costs related to COVID-19 back to January 20, 2020.

Step 2:

For state, local, and tribal governments Submit your cost estimates in <https://VirginiaPA.org> (see “COVID-19 Cost Recovery Instructions”)

For private non-profit organizations fill out eligibility screening survey:

- Downloadable word version template with instructions [Download Template \(.docx\)](#).
- [Web-Portal to Submit PNP Pre-Screening Eligibility Survey](#).



Next Steps continued...



Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)
COVID-19 Public Assistance (PA) Pre-Screening
FEMA-DR-4512-VA

VDEM has set up this tool to gain the necessary information from your organization to pre-screen eligibility for the FEMA PA Program. This tool is set up to mirror the FEMA requirements, and ultimately FEMA makes the final eligibility determination for PNP applicants. In addition to determining eligibility, the intent of this tool is to prevent un-necessary efforts from your organization if the eligibility requirements for the PA Program are not met.



Due Date for Submitting your PNP's Pre-Application Portal

- Please submit your organization's pre-application screening through the portal by COB April 30, 2020



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Requests for Public Assistance

- No due date set – it will be 30 days after the National Public Health Emergency is over



Resources and Next Steps:

- Take advantage of our Public Assistance resource library, including Job Aids and Cost-Tracking templates <https://virginiapa.org/site/resources.cfm>
- Pay particular attention to the 2018 version of the FEMA Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide (PAPPG) and the Commonwealth Public Assistance Administrative Plan (2020) for cost-tracking guidance and supporting documentation requirements
- PNP expenses not reimbursable by HHS, FEMA, nor any Other Federal Agency should be tracked as they may be reimbursable by other means.
- For more information and disaster-specific guidance from FEMA, please visit <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus>



Additional Information and CBFO/HOW resources:

Look for updates on the COVID-19 disaster as they become available on VDEM's website <https://www.vaemergency.gov/coronavirus>

Guidance for Faith Leaders and Faith Communities

Download more information: [English](#) | [Español](#) | [العربية](#) | [한국어](#) | [官话](#)

Guidance from the CDC:

[Link for CDC Guidance for Community and Faith Organizations](#)

[Link for CDC FAQ Guide for Community and Faith Organizations](#)



Additional Information and CBFO/HOW resources:

If you may not qualify for FEMA's Public Assistance program, there are other options available for Community Faith-Based Organizations and Houses of Worship.

My place of worship will not survive the economic crisis the COVID-19 crisis has created. What help is there for faith leaders?

There are mechanisms for help for faith communities. First, on March 20, 2020, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved an SBA disaster declaration for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The disaster declaration allows SBA to provide assistance to Virginia businesses and nonprofits negatively impacted by COVID-19. For more information, you can visit- <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance>

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/paycheck-protection-program>

Secondly, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act is a \$2 trillion relief bill. The 800-plus page document contains thousands of provisions covering virtually every part of the American economy, including faith and non-profit organizations. The CARES Act provides one-time cash payments to individual and families. The CARES Act also provides assistance to businesses and places of worship under certain circumstances. Virginia businesses and nonprofits impacted by COVID-19 can make applications to the SBA for the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program (EIDL) at <https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#/>

You can also contact the [Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity](https://www.sbsd.virginia.gov/) for specific questions.

Website for Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity <https://www.sbsd.virginia.gov/>

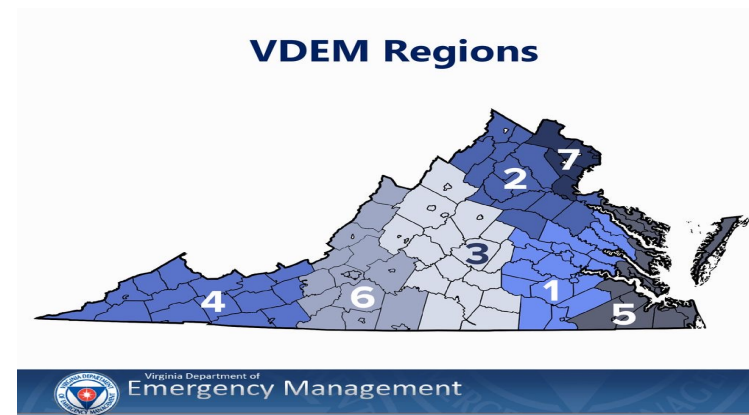


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Technical Support for PNPs:

For assistance submitting your assessment, please utilize the following contacts:

| Geographic Area | PA/Recovery Coordinator | Contact |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| VDEM Regions 2, 3, 4, 6 (West) | Heather Williams | heather.williams@vdem.virginia.gov |
| VDEM Regions 1, 5, 7 (East) | Andrew Forcucci | andrew.forcucci@vdem.virginia.gov |
| Recovery Team (alternate) | Recovery Team (alternate) | Recovery@vdem.virginia.gov |



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DR-4512 (COVID-19) Public Assistance Program Houses of Worship Webinar

Presented by the VEST Finance and Recovery Sections

April 9 & 13, 2021

Agenda:

- COVID-19 Disaster overview
- Public Assistance Grant Program
- Houses of Worship as PA Applicants
PNP Eligibility Tree Discussion
- Application Process
- Contact/Assistance with Application Process



Declaration Summary

- Incident Period: January 20, 2020 and continuing
- Declaration Date: April 2, 2020
- Statewide Public Assistance (100% federal funded)
Cat B- Emergency Protective Measures
- Request Deadline: Open and Continuing, no deadline for application at this time



FEMA Fact Sheet: *Coronavirus Pandemic: Eligible Emergency Protective Measures*

- Eligible emergency protective measures taken to respond to the COVID-19 emergency at the direction or guidance of public health officials may be reimbursed



Roles and Responsibilities

| Applicant | Recipient (VDEM) | FEMA |
|---|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creates/Maintains Organization Profile in Grants Portal (GP)• Attends Applicant Briefing• Submits Request for Public Assistance (RPA) in GP• Completes COVID-19 Streamlined Project Application and Uploads in GP• Provides supporting documentation | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Activates Organization Profiles in GP• Conducts Applicant Briefing(s)• Reviews RPA and makes recommendation• Administers Grant Awards• Grant management including reimbursement requests, scope of work changes, time extensions, and closeout | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve RPAs• Determine Eligibility• Issue Determination Memos |



FEMA Public Assistance Eligibility of Houses of Worship

Can HOW provide documentation to support the organization being an eligible applicant?

1. Houses of Worship are not required in Virginia to have the IRS exemption
2. If the organization is not required to obtain 501(c)(3) status or tax-exempt status under applicable state law, the organization must provide articles of association, bylaws, or other documents indicating that it is an organized entity, and a certification that it is compliant with Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3) and State law requirements.

Eligible HOWs do not need an MOU to seek direct reimbursement from FEMA for eligible work for which they have the legal responsibility to perform.

Eligible HOWs do not need to apply to SBA for Emergency Work. This provision of FEMA policy applies to Permanent Work.

NO

Organization does not meet the definition of a HOW and is not eligible for reimbursement.

YES

Does HOW own or operate a facility?

YES

NO

Did the HOW perform eligible work as defined by FEMA for COVID-19?

YES

NO

HOW did not perform eligible work and is not eligible for reimbursement.

Is HOW legally responsible for the emergency actions resulting in the need to seek reimbursement?

YES

NO

HOW is not legally responsible and is not eligible for reimbursement.

Did the HOW have at least \$3,300 in eligible costs?

YES

NO

HOW did not meet the minimum threshold and is not eligible for reimbursement.

HOW is eligible to apply for FEMA Public Assistance.

Eligible Houses of Worship (HOW) could seek reimbursement for PPE and enhanced disinfection between January 20, 2020 and September 15, 2020.

Under COVID-19 specific FEMA policy, a HOW may be able to apply directly with FEMA for PPE and disinfection after September 15, 2020 for work associated with a Community Vaccination Center. Since a HOW does not have the legal responsibility to establish and operate a CVC, therefore additional cost incurred would likely not be eligible for reimbursement.

In these cases, PA funding is provided to the legally responsible government entity, which would then pay the private non-profit for the provision of services under the formal agreement or contract.



Potential Applicants

- Visit grantee.fema.gov
 - Create Applicant/Organizational Profile (if new applicant)
 - Submit Request for Public Assistance under the event (DR-4512)



National Strategy Policy:

- Presidential Executive Order issued late last week regarding the [National Strategy for the COVID-19 response and pandemic preparedness](#).
- Focus on vaccination efforts, funding and resources.



Summary of National Strategy:

- Fairly compensate providers, and states and local governments for the cost of administering vaccinations (page 10) - The federal government will fund vaccine supply and will greatly expand funding for vaccine administration by allowing state and local governments to reimburse vaccination administration expenses through the FEMA.
- Implement a national strategy to support safely reopening schools (page 17).
- Establish new, federally supported community vaccination centers across the country (Pages 41-42).
- Increase emergency funding to states and bolster FEMA response (pages 69-70).
- Provide funding for PPE and other critical supplies through FEMA disaster relief (page 85).
- Restore FEMA reimbursement for sanitizing public transit (Page 92).



DR-4512-VA (COVID-19 Pandemic)

Summary:

- Houses of Worship may be eligible for a Public Assistance (PA) grant for eligible emergency protective measures.
- VDEM can assist potential applicants in successfully formulating and submitting a Public Assistance project to expedite the progress from submission (applying for funding) to obligation (receiving funding).
- FEMA Grants Portal: grantee.fema.gov



Assistance with Project Formulation?

IEM. DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER OF EXCELLENCE



OUTREACH

Reach out to potentially eligible applicants to inform them of the program and how to apply. A widespread email campaign directs further questions to the customer service number.



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE/ TROUBLESHOOTING

Answer questions, provide customer service information, technical assistance, and troubleshooting to applicants in response to calls or emails.

2 TOUCH-POINTS

Prompt responses 24/7/365
Backed by defined, timebound metrics



1-800-609-9214

Calls fielded by a cascading tree of staff. Voicemails are captured via coordinating software, checked and responded to twice daily.



VDEMCommunications@iem.com
Same day responses to email queries

*More Eligible Applicants
Aware of the Program*



*More Successful Navigation
of the Application Process*



More Eligible Claims Submitted



*More Federal Funding Entering
the Commonwealth of Virginia*



Additional Resources:

- VDEM Coronavirus Website Resources:
<https://www.vaemergency.gov/coronavirus/disaster-grants-and-loans/gov-ngo/>
- The webinar and slides will be posted here:

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▼ House of Worship Guidance

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Questions?



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THANK YOU!

