



# Public Assistance Damage Assessment Guidelines

Category	Purpose	Eligible Activities
<b>A: Debris Removal</b>	Clearance of trees and woody debris; building wreckage; sand, mud, silt, and gravel; vehicles; and other disaster-related material deposited on public and, in very limited cases, private property.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debris removal from a street or highway to allow the safe passage of emergency vehicles.</li> <li>• Debris removal from public property to eliminate health and safety hazards.</li> </ul>
<b>B: Emergency Protective Measures</b>	Measures taken before, during, and after a disaster to save lives, protect public health and safety, and protect public and private property.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency Operations Center activation</li> <li>• Warning devices (barricades, signs, and announcements).</li> <li>• Search and rescue.</li> <li>• Security forces (police and guards).</li> <li>• Construction of temporary levees.</li> <li>• Provision of shelters or emergency care.</li> <li>• Sandbagging. • Bracing/shoring damaged structures.</li> <li>• Provision of food, water, ice and other essential needs.</li> <li>• Emergency repairs. • Emergency demolition.</li> <li>• Removal of health and safety hazards.</li> </ul>
<b>C: Roads and Bridges</b>	Repair of roads, bridges, and associated features, such as shoulders, ditches, culverts, lighting and signs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligible work includes: repair to surfaces, bases, shoulders, ditches, culverts, low water crossings, and other features, such as guardrails.</li> </ul>
<b>D: Water Control Facilities</b>	Repair of irrigation systems, drainage channels, and pumping facilities. Repair of levees, dams, and flood control channels fall under Category D, but the eligibility of these facilities is restricted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Channel alignment • Recreation</li> <li>• Navigation • Land reclamation</li> <li>• Fish and wildlife habitat</li> <li>• Interior drainage • Irrigation</li> <li>• Erosion prevention • Flood control</li> </ul>
<b>E: Buildings and Equipment</b>	Repair or replacement of buildings, including their contents and systems; heavy equipment; and vehicles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buildings, including contents such as furnishings and interior systems such as electrical work.</li> <li>• Replacement of pre-disaster quantities of consumable supplies and inventory. Replacement of library books and publications.</li> <li>• Removal of mud, silt, or other accumulated debris is eligible, along with any cleaning and painting necessary to restore the building.</li> <li>• All types of equipment, including vehicles, may be eligible for repair or replacement when damaged as a result of the declared event.</li> </ul>
<b>F: Utilities</b>	Repair of water treatment and delivery systems; power generation facilities and distribution lines; and sewage collection and treatment facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restoration of damaged utilities.</li> <li>• Temporary as well as permanent repair costs can be reimbursed.</li> </ul>
<b>G: Parks, Recreational Facilities, and Other items</b>	Repair and restoration of parks, playgrounds, pools, cemeteries, and beaches. This category also is used for any work or facility that cannot be characterized adequately by Categories A-F.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roads, buildings, and utilities within those areas and other features, such as playground equipment, ball fields, swimming pools, tennis courts, boat docks and ramps, piers, and golf courses.</li> <li>• Grass and sod are eligible only when necessary to stabilize slopes and minimize sediment runoff.</li> <li>• Repairs to maintained public beaches may be eligible in limited circumstances.</li> </ul>

**Only states, local government agencies and authorities, public utilities, and certain non-profit organization may be eligible for Public Assistance grants.**

**Eligibility Criteria: State Population per latest US Census x annual multiplier for state eligibility:  
Locality population per latest US Census x annual local multiplier for local eligibility**