Understanding Public Assistance After a Disaster
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What is Public Assistance v. Individual Assistance

Where is the state in requesting Public Assistance for the Winter Weather Event

County Reported Damage
- PA Work Categories
- Supporting Documentation

Requesting Resources

Questions
**Public Assistance v. Individual Assistance**

**Two Types of Possible Federal Assistance Following a Disaster**

**Individual Assistance**

**Who’s Eligible:**
Individuals and families who sustained loss after a disaster for declared counties.

**How to Become Eligible:**
A Major Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance must be declared by the President for your county following the disaster.

**Assistance May Include:**
- Grants to help pay for temporary housing
- Emergency home repairs
- Uninsured or underinsured personal property losses
- Medical expenses caused by the disaster
- Other serious disaster-related expenses

**Public Assistance**

**Who’s Eligible:**
Local and state governments as well as certain non-profits for declared counties.

**How to Become Eligible:**
A Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance must be declared by the President for your county following the disaster.

**Assistance May Include:**
- Emergency protective measures
- Debris removal
- Infrastructure repairs or replacement needed due to disaster-related damage
WHERE ARE WE?

- County threshold must be reached to be eligible
- State damage threshold must be reached to be eligible ($4,599,310)
- Private Nonprofit Electric Power Cooperatives also report damage by county. (Excludes MS Power, Entergy, etc.)

WHERE WE ARE

- After Declaration Approval, counties/cities must apply for assistance, when approved submit projects for FEMA for approval
- FEMA can approve or deny projects based on a number of reasons
- Every PA declaration/award, 15% of that money goes to Hazard Mitigation Grant fund
DAMAGE REIMBURSEMENT

100% Reimbursement

FEMA 75%

STATE 12.5%
From Disaster Trust Fund

APPLICANT 12.5%

Does not apply to Private Nonprofits – Only Receive FEMA 75%
State Report in Damage Per Category

• Cat A: $3,664,849.41
• Cat B: N/A
• Cat C: $45,500.00
• Cat D: $18,474,000.00
• Cat E: $542,647.00
• Cat F: $205,050.00
• Cat G: $26,250.00

PRELIMINARY TOTAL: $23,018,296.41 (not including Electric COOP Damage)

CURRENT COOP TOTAL DAMAGE: around $14 million

These are preliminary estimates that have not been validated at this time.
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOR CATEGORY D

- Photographs
- Force account (work completed)
- Basis for estimations (work to be completed)
- Historic costs for similar work (provide example for large projects)
- Notated maps
- Contracts, bids or invoices
- Commercial estimated source report
- Codes and standards to be considered
- Estimate by professional familiar with the facility
- Recent Safety Inspections or maintenance records that show pre-disaster condition
- Specifications or as-built drawings of the damaged facility
- Recent inspection reports or maintenance records that show pre-disaster condition
REQUESTING RESOURCES

HOW RESOURCES ARE REQUESTED & DISTRIBUTED FOLLOWING A DISASTER

START

DISASTER OCCURS

COUNTY RECEIVES AND DISTRIBUTES RESOURCES LOCALLY

RESIDENTS REPORT NEEDS TO COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

MEMA COORDINATES BASED ON COUNTY'S NEEDS AND RESOURCE AVAILABILITY

LOCAL RESOURCES EXHAUSTED

COUNTY MAKES OFFICIAL RESOURCE REQUEST TO MEMA
QUESTIONS?