

DISASTER RELIEF

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”), in conjunction with the State of Alabama, offers financial assistance to certain private, nonprofit organizations for facility repairs, replacement or restoration, debris removal and other emergency protective measures.

The Application Process

1. Register with FEMA by calling 1-800-621-FEMA or by applying online at www.fema.gov.
2. Fill out a Request for Public Assistance Form 90-49. This form must be submitted to the State Public Assistance Officer within 30 days after the area is designated eligible for assistance. The form may be delivered in person at the Applicants' Briefing, sent by mail, or faxed.
3. FEMA and the State of Alabama will host an Applicants' Meeting for nonprofit organizations who may be eligible for assistance through the Public Assistance Grant Program. **If you think your organization might be eligible, you should attend the meeting.** The exact date for this meeting has not been set at this time, however the meeting should occur **in the next two to three weeks.** Watch for an announcement from the media about this meeting. At the meeting, officials will be on hand to detail the application process.
4. You can expect to be contacted by your Public Assistance Coordinator (PAC) within one (1) week from the time you submit your Request form in order to schedule a Kickoff Meeting. If you have not heard from your PAC by the end of two (2) weeks, please notify your State Public Assistance Officer. Your PAC will help walk you through the application process.

Eligible Nonprofits

- Open to the general public
- Provide services otherwise performed by a government agency

Categories

- Education—colleges, universities, parochial and other private schools
- Utility—Energy, communication, water supply, sewage collection/treatment and other similar public service facilities
- Emergency—fire protection, ambulance, rescue, etc.
- Medical and Custodial Care—hospital, outpatient facility, rehabilitation facility, homes for the elderly, and institutional care, facility for long-term care for mental or physical injury or disease.
- Museums, zoos, community centers, libraries, homeless shelters, rehabilitation facilities, senior citizen centers and other facilities that provide health and safety services of a governmental nature. Examples of health and safety services are: low-income housing, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, programs for battered spouses, transportation to medical facilities, and food programs.