

Nonprofits and Local Governments Eligible to Apply for FEMA Funds

FEMA Support for Nonprofits

The CARES (H.R. 748) Act includes Stafford Act Disaster Relief Funds. \$45 Billion was allocated to FEMA for its Disaster Relief Fund and will be distributed pursuant to the Stafford Act to reimburse states, **local governments** and **private nonprofits** for expenses associated with responding to the emergency declarations. The Federal share of assistance is not less than 75% of the eligible cost for emergency measures taken to respond to the COVID-19 emergency at the direction of guidance of state and local public health officials. Qualifying organizations can include expenditures for personal protective equipment, personnel, supplies, etc.

Funding is available for private nonprofits (PNPs), not only healthcare providers, so housing and other service providers are eligible to apply. Eligible applicants include state, local governments, tribal governments, special districts, state agencies, and certain private nonprofits (PNPs). **PNPs are those entities that provide a governmental type service, and have a 501(c), (d) or (e) tax exception status.** See [PNP Eligibility List](#). If a PNP is not sure of their eligibility, you can complete the RPA and PNP questionnaire for an eligibility determination.

NOTE: If your organization is owned by a local unit of government, it appears that your local unit of government would need to apply for this grant.

The self-registering in the grants portal is ONLY available to local governments and states, and unfortunately not yet available to nonprofits. Currently, nonprofit organizations should reach out to their local State Emergency Management representative to apply for Public Assistance Funding. ***In Kansas, nonprofit applicants should submit, as soon as possible, their [Request for Public Assistance \(RPA\)](#) and [Private Nonprofit Facility Questionnaire](#) directly your county Emergency Management Manager. [Here is the contact information.](#)***
<http://www.kansastag.gov/KDEM.asp?PageID=200>

Once approved, the primary contact on the RPA will receive an invite with a username and temporary password for login into the grants portal. Additional information on FEMA Public Assistance:

- **FEMA Public Assistance Program Policy and Guide Book (PAPPG) FEMA PA program guidance and eligibility** <https://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-policy-and-guidance>
- **FEMA COVID 19 – Fact sheets and disaster specific guidance** <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus>