



# ***PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PA) GRANT PROGRAM***

- **The PA Program provides reimbursement to state and local governments and certain private non-profit organizations (PNP's) for emergency protective measures that are the legal responsibility of an eligible applicant.**
- **Administered by the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Disaster Recovery Branch**
- **The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides the majority of funding, determines eligibility and is responsible for environmental and historic preservation reviews.**



# OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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**Public Assistance Handbook**

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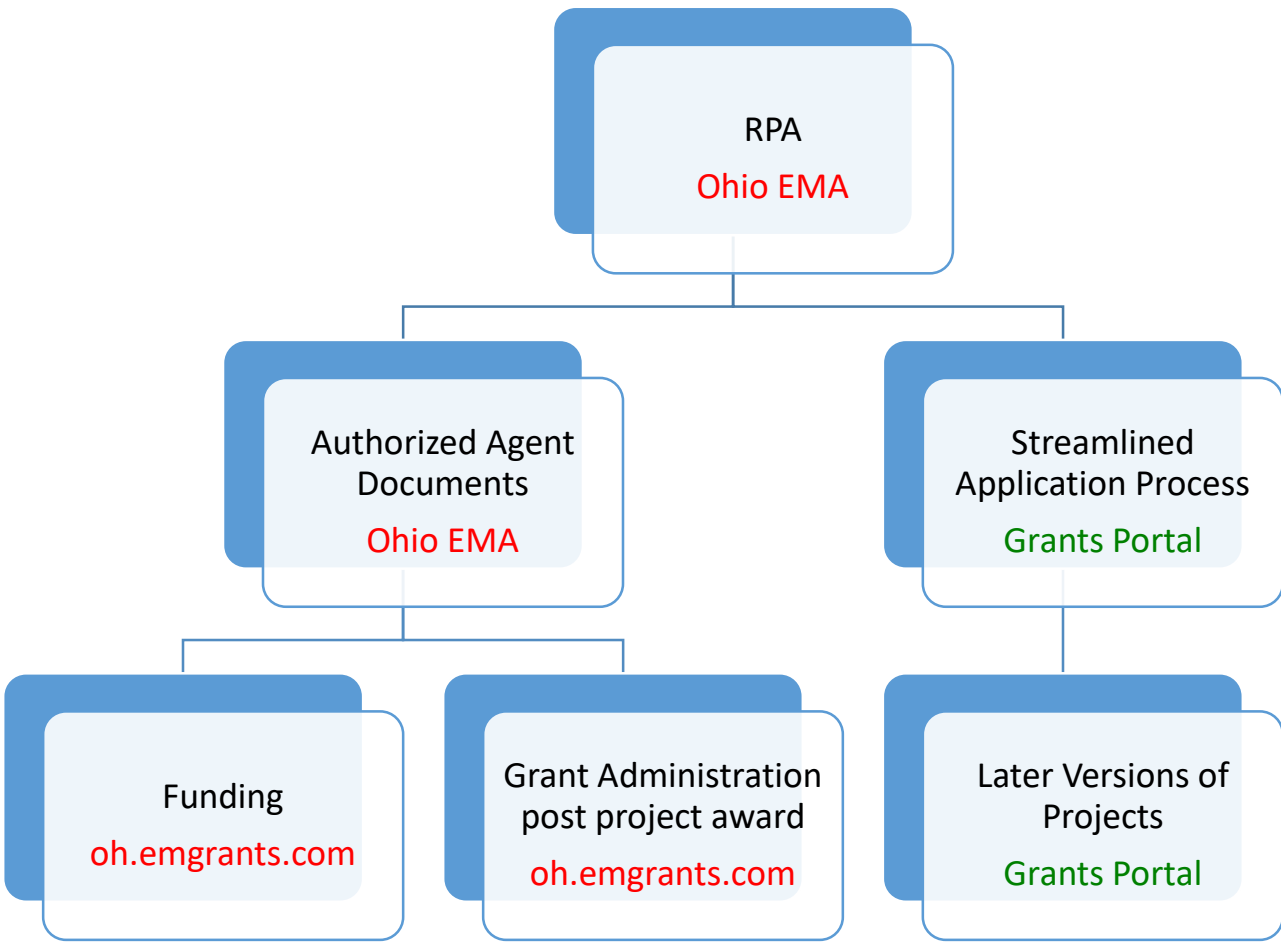


# COVID-19 INCIDENT OVERVIEW

- **Major Presidential Disaster Declaration**
  - Declaration Date: March 31, 2020 (DR-4507)
  - Incident Period: January 20, 2020 and continuing
  - Designated program: FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Program (Category B – Emergency Protective Measures only)
  - Designated area: All 88 Ohio counties
  - Federal share is 75%; non-federal share 25%
  - There can be no duplication of benefits



# GRANT PROCESS





# APPLYING FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

- FEMA has currently waived the 30 day RPA deadline until further notice. A notice will be sent out to all County EMAs once this deadline is set by FEMA.
- RPA Submission Options:
  - Email ([EMARecovery@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:EMARecovery@dps.ohio.gov))
  - Fax (614-791-0018)
  - Mail
    - Ohio Emergency Management Agency  
Attn. Disaster Recovery  
2855 W. Dublin-Granville Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43235
  - FEMA's Grants Portal ([grantee.fema.gov](http://grantee.fema.gov))
    - Private Non-Profits are not able to directly apply to Grants Portal



# ***FOUR BUILDING BLOCKS OF ELIGIBILITY***





# ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND WORK

## Eligible Applicants

- State and local governments
- Schools and Universities (Public and Private)

## Eligible Work

- Be required as a result of the declared incident
- Be located in a designated area
- Be the legal responsibility of an eligible applicant



# ***CATEGORIES OF WORK***

Category A – Debris Removal

**Category B – Emergency Measures**

Category C – Roads and Bridges

Category D – Water Control Facilities

Category E – Buildings and Equipment

Category F – Utilities

Category G – Parks and Recreation





# ***CATEGORY B – FEMA ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA***

- **Actions taken by an applicant legally responsible to reduce or eliminate an immediate threat to public health and safety**
- **Generally, legal responsibility for public health and safety falls to the local or state government responding to an incident**
- **Any other PNP's responding to the incident cannot submit their costs directly to FEMA, rather they need to partner with the local government they are assisting (in writing) and submit costs through that local government.**
  - **This would include organizations that provide shelter, mass feeding, fire, etc.**



# ***CATEGORY B – FEMA ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA***

- **PPE for fire, EMS, law enforcement and critical medical care**
- **Emergency Operations Centers**
- **Cleaning and disinfecting of public spaces (including emergency vehicles)**
- **Sheltering**
- **Dissemination of information to the public to provide warnings and guidance about health and safety hazards using various strategies, such as flyers, public service announcements or newspaper campaigns**
- **Security**



# CATEGORY B - NOT ELIGIBLE

- **Increased operating expenses**
  - Payment of sick leave (FMLA)
  - Payment of wages for employees not working
- **Loss of revenue**
- **Regular time of applicant's employees engaged in response (note some work being performed by backfilled and reassigned employees may be eligible for regular time reimbursement)**



# PENDING WITH FEMA

- Continued sanitizing of facilities
- Permanent measures to protect public health and safety
  - Barriers
  - Separate work areas
  - Thermal cameras
  - UV sterilizers

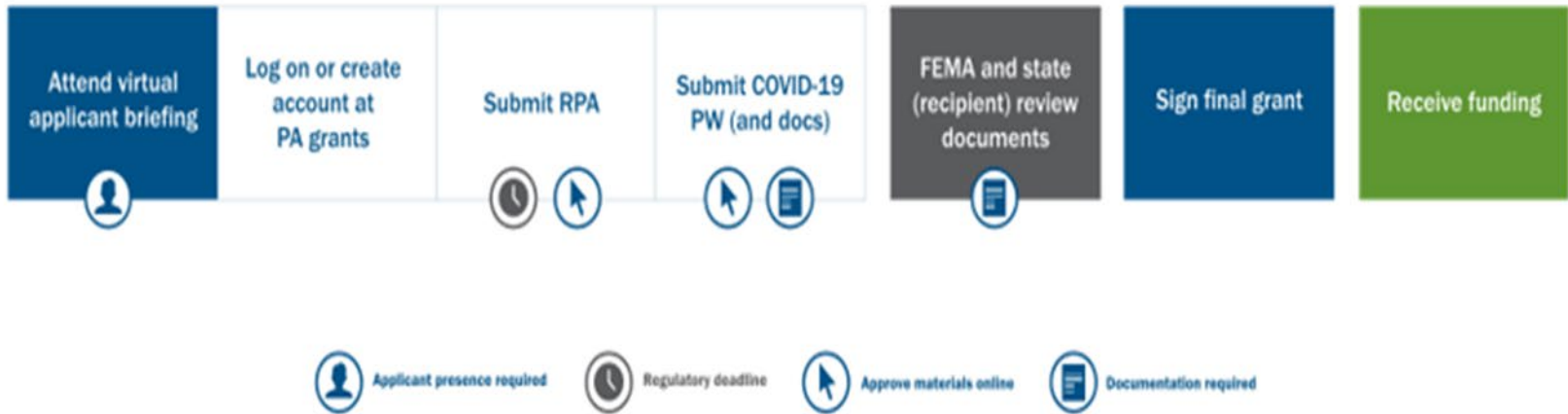


# *PROJECT FORMULATION*

- There is a \$3,300 minimum per PW
- In general, FEMA wants only one Category B project per applicant
- In limited circumstances, multiple Category B projects may be allowed
- There are provisions for amending projects at a later date
- Forecasting future costs



# COVID19 PROJECT PROCESS FLOW



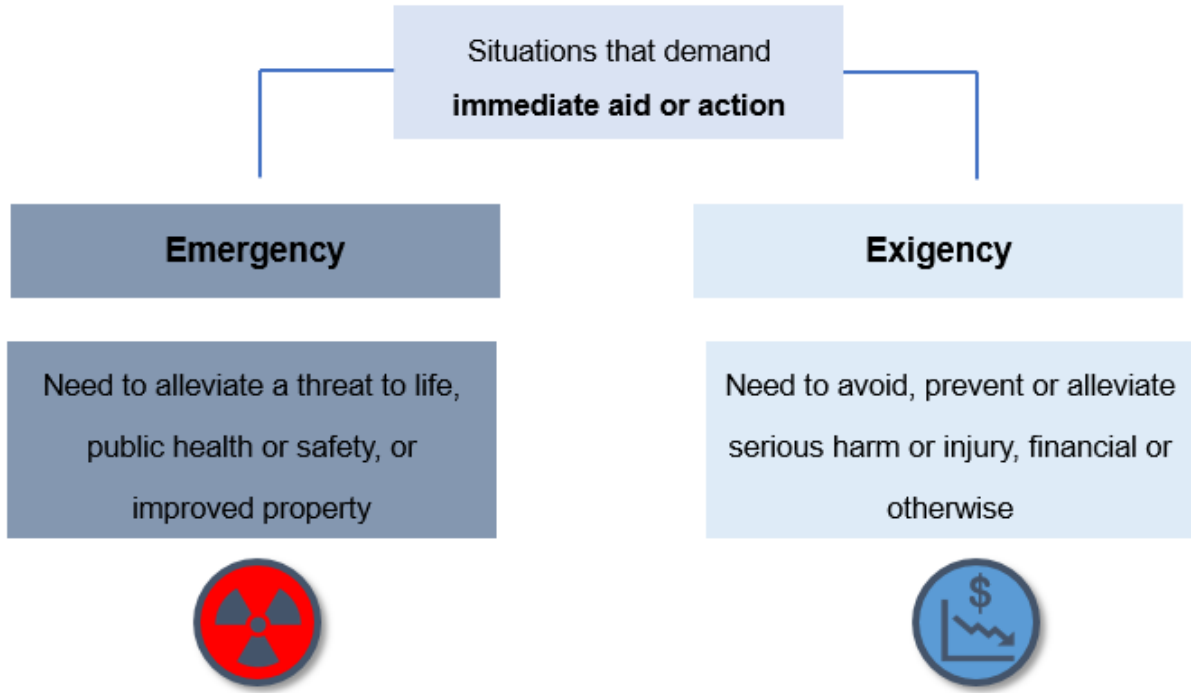


# *OTHER PROGRAM INFORMATION*

- **Management costs**
- **Donated resources**
- **Mutual aid**
- **Deadlines**



# PROCUREMENT/CONTRACTING



If using sole sourcing due to emergency or exigency, you must:

Justify with **documentation**

Use only during the **period of actual** exigent or emergency circumstances

Transition to a competitive method **as soon as period ends**





# OTHER RESOURCES

- Web Addresses

- [https://ema.ohio.gov/Recovery\\_PAGrantProgram.aspx](https://ema.ohio.gov/Recovery_PAGrantProgram.aspx)  
(includes “underscore” between Recovery and PAGrantProgram)
- [https://ema.ohio.gov/Recovery\\_covid19.aspx](https://ema.ohio.gov/Recovery_covid19.aspx)  
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- <https://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit>

- Email Addresses

- [ladcock@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:ladcock@dps.ohio.gov)
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# QUESTIONS