**FEMA Public Assistance Covid-19 Brief**

**Eligible Entities**

Under President Trump’s COVID-19 Emergency Declaration, FEMA may provide reimbursement for emergency protective measures through its Public Assistance Program. **Local governments** and certain **private non-profit organizations** (ex: hospitals, schools, churches, etc.) that assist with COVID-19 emergency measures are eligible to apply.

**Applicable Activities**

Emergency measures can include:

* Emergency medical care
* Medical sheltering
* Purchase and distribution of food and other consumable supplies
* Communications of general health and safety information
* Emergency Operations Center costs
* Training specific to the declared event
* Disinfection of eligible public facilities
* Non-deferrable medical treatment of infected persons in a shelter or temporary medical facility
* Emergency medical transport
* Use of specialized medical equipment
* Purchase of personal protective equipment and hazardous material suits
* Security and law enforcement
* Reimbursement for state, tribe, territory and/or local government force account overtime costs

For a complete list, review [FEMA’s March 19th press release](https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/03/19/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-eligible-emergency-protective-measures?fbclid=IwAR1-szqL49PRFxPPePehhfaB6809TyR1qyavDO8DEOk6lJL9vQLHZgl-IN0).

**Reimbursement**

For local governments and eligible non-profits, the federal government will reimburse 75% of applicable costs. The state of Kentucky will cover 12%, and the applicant is responsible for 13%.

**Next Steps**

1. Submit Request for Public Assistance at the [PA Grants Portal Page.](https://grantee.fema.gov/)
2. Keep track of all COVID-19 related expenses.