

## Sandy Funding Criteria Worksheet

<b>State Department:</b>
Department of Law and Public Safety
<b>Name of Expenditure or Program:</b>
FEMA Public Assistance Program
<b>Amount:</b>
\$225,000,000

<b>Overview:</b>
<p>The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Public Assistance Program provides aid in the wake of a major disaster to state and local governments, and to certain non-profits, to help communities in their recovery efforts. The Public Assistance Program provides federal disaster grant assistance for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged property. The Public Assistance Program is meant to supplement any federal disaster grant assistance that a business or organization has already received. The Public Assistance, or PA Program, is based on a partnership between FEMA, State, and local officials.</p>
<b>Federal Department of Origin:</b>
FEMA
<b>Federal Requirements / Restrictions:</b>
<p>For a facility to be eligible for FEMA Public Assistance, it must be located in a designated disaster area and be under the legal responsibility of an eligible applicant. The facility should have been in active use at the time of the disaster; and open to the general public. The FEMA Public Assistance Grant Program can only be applied to two types of disaster recovery work. The first being Emergency Work- this includes the debris removal and the preventative measures taken to secure the property and prevent further damage to the property and to public health. The second is Permanent Work- which covers the measures needed to restore, or replace, the property. The accounting of funds and SF425, Federal Financial Report, for this program must be submitted to the FEMA Region II Administrator with documentation of expenditures on a quarterly basis.</p>
<b>Selection Standards:</b>
<p>The Division of State Police, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) serves as the conduit for all FEMA Public Assistance funds. These funds are utilized to reimburse eligible expenditures incurred by applicants from state, county, and local levels of government in this recovery effort.</p>
<b>Eligibility Standards:</b>
<p>In order to receive a Public Assistance Grant, the applicant must register within sixty days of the disaster. The applicant must first be deemed eligible to apply for FEMA Public Assistance. Those eligible include: state government agencies, local governments, federally-recognized Indian tribes, and private non-profit organizations.</p>
<b>Other Notes:</b>
<p>The initial Application for Federal Assistance for this disaster, DR-4086, awarded the State of New Jersey \$225,000,000 in budget authority to initiate the reimbursement process to eligible applicants. Preliminary damage assessments revealed that this disaster may exceed \$1 billion for the Public Assistance Program. The current cost share agreement is 75% federal and 25% non-federal which may be adjusted to 90% federal and 10% federal by a presidential declaration if the State reaches the \$1.2 billion threshold for Public Assistance.</p>