

CALIFORNIA COVID-19 (EM-3428)

FEMA Eligibility Fact Sheet

In accordance with section 502 of the [Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act](#), eligible emergency protective measures taken to respond to the COVID-19 emergency at the direction or guidance of public health officials may be reimbursed under Category B of FEMA's Public Assistance Program.

Eligible Applicants

- State Agencies
- Local Governments (e.g., Cities, Towns, Counties, etc.)
- Special Districts (e.g., School Districts, Sanitation Districts, Community Services Districts, etc.)
- Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments
- Private non-profit organizations which own or operate a private nonprofit facility as defined in [44 CFR, section 206.221\(e\)](#)

For-profit organizations are not eligible.

Eligible Assistance

Under the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration, FEMA may provide assistance for emergency protective measures including, but not limited to, the following*:

- Management, control and reduction of immediate threats to public health and safety:
 - Emergency Operation Center costs
 - Training specific to the declared event
 - Disinfection of eligible public facilities
 - Technical assistance to state, tribal, territorial or local governments on emergency management and control of immediate threats to public health and safety
- Emergency medical care:
 - Non-deferrable medical treatment of infected persons in a shelter or temporary medical facility
 - Related medical facility services and supplies
 - Temporary medical facilities and/or enhanced medical/hospital capacity (for treatment when existing facilities are reasonably forecasted to become overloaded in the near term and cannot

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- accommodate the patient load or to quarantine potentially infected persons)
- Use of specialized medical equipment
- Medical waste disposal
- Emergency medical transport
- Medical sheltering (e.g. when existing facilities are reasonably forecasted to become overloaded in the near future and cannot accommodate needs)
 - All sheltering must be conducted in accordance with standards and/or guidance approved by HHS/CDC and must be implemented in a manner that incorporates social distancing measures
 - Non-congregate medical sheltering is subject to prior approval by FEMA and is limited to that which is reasonable and necessary to address the public health needs of the event, is pursuant to the direction of appropriate public health officials and does not extend beyond the duration of the Public Health Emergency
- Household pet sheltering and containment actions related to household pets in accordance with CDC guidelines
- Purchase and distribution of food, water, ice, medicine, and other consumable supplies, to include personal protective equipment and hazardous material suits
- Movement of supplies and persons
- Security and law enforcement
- Communications of general health and safety information to the public
- Search and rescue to locate and recover members of the population requiring assistance
- Reimbursement for state, tribe, territory and/or local government force account overtime costs

*If not funded by the Health and Human Services (HHS), Center for Disease Control (CDC), or other federal agency. While some activities listed may be eligible for funding through HHS/CDC, final reimbursement determinations will be coordinated by HHS and FEMA. **FEMA will not duplicate any assistance provided by HHS/CDC.**

Further information about eligible emergency protective measures can be found in the [Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide \(FP 104-009-2 /April 2018\)](#)

For more information, visit the following federal government websites:

- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) \(CDC\)](#)
- [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#)

If you have any questions, please send an email with your contact information to DisasterRecovery@caloes.ca.gov.