

Participant	Question	Response
from Jeff M to everyone:	I did not see religious institutions on the list of eligible entities. Are they eligible?	Yes, in general as long as you provide your 501 (c) 3, PNP certification sheet, mission statement, or brochure of organization, employer tax identification number (EIN) and Insurance policy.
from Kelly Millette to everyone:	Are EMT's overtime, due to a COVID situation, eligible costs?	If you are asking if a EMT is out due to COVID infection and you need someone to back fill that position, no. But an EMT is submitting overtime specifically related to COVID-19, i.e. administering COVID tests, or the Vaccine, then that would be eligible, but you will need to submit timesheets and call logs.
from Marianne Delorey to everyone:	Is lost revenue a valid request?	Unfortunately, FEMA says that lost revenue is not eligible for FEMA Public Assistance. If you would like FEMA's official policy on that you can reach out to either your program coordinator, or email the disaster.recovery@mass.gov email.
from Jeff M to everyone:	If we submit multiple applications, can they cover the same period but different types of costs e.g. plexiglass in one, and extraordinary cleaning supplies in another?	Yes, You can submit as many projects for the COVID-19 Disaster as you need. You can break it up by period, or by costs, however you want. FEMA says that is has to be a logical grouping.
from Jane to everyone:	How do we define "legal obligation"? We have required masks inside based on public health guidance for certain counties. It wasn't mandated. Is that still a legal obligation?	The legal obligation, specifically for masks, is if you have a legal responsibility for facility. It is protecting the individuals walking in to the facility and the employees.
from Steve Mabee to everyone:	For houses of worship, can HEPA filters, fans and other mitigation costs needed to allow in person worship be considered acceptable costs.	All costs that are eligible for FEMA PA must be temporary measures to meet the immediate need of COVID19. Unfortunately, FEMA does not find costs related to heap filters, or fans, or HVAC upgrades as an eligible cost because those are more permanent changes to the building would not be viewed as temporary measure for addressing COVID-19.
from Diane to everyone:	Can you repeat what you just said about contact tracing costs?	Any costs related to contact tracing are not eligible for FEMA PA.
from Steve Mabee to everyone:	What about virtual operations cost for houses of worship when guidance did not allow congregations to gather. We still have to reach out virtually.	Unfortunately, any virtual operation costs, or tech purchases in houses of worship would not be eligible.
from Mary Giannetti to everyone:	Is there a deadline date for eligible expenses. The slide says thru dec 31 2021.	You can incur costs through April 1, 2022. The president just released a MEMO extending the deadline for eligible expenses to April 1st, 2022.
from acollins to everyone:	Question related to PPE. I am the Controller at Care Dimensions. I've worked with Joyce (she is the best!) on my questions regarding PPE. She said we can only be reimbursed for PPE used on Covid positive patients or patients possibly exposed to covid. Can we think about it another way, that we want to protect all patients from Covid, and we used unbudgeted PPE to protect them all, so all unbudgeted PPE is eligible? Thanks so much.	If your PPE is necessary for the operation of your facility, then we would encourage you to submit those costs. It is not just for COVID positive people, with the new policy released in April 2021. You can submit a narrative that explains what and how those products were used.
from Jared Mullane to everyone:	Are social distancing measures allowable? I.e. tents to allow employees and students from public buildings to reduce class size and work outside.	Typically, a tent is only eligible if it is needed to accomplish an emergency activity. We typically see tents reimbursed for vaccine sites or testing sites, not for nonemergency responses. Other types of social distancing measures, like plexiglass, are eligible for FEMA PA.

from Julia Goldberg to everyone:	As it was extended until 4/1/2022 do we need still to apply by 12/31/2021 or the deadline is extended until 3/31/2022?	The eligible period has been extended to 4/1/22, and you typically have 60 days to submit all costs incurred up to 4/1/22.
from Jeff M to everyone:	What if we don't have some of the policies and/or didn't solicit multiple bids for some purchases, such as air filters.	Air filters are typically not eligible because they fall under the HVAC upgrades and permeant systems. If you do not have a policy in place you have to follow federal guidelines or use the States procurement policy. However, due to the nature of the COVID-19 disaster, you can fill out the emergency justification form that details why you were not able to go about the usual procurement methods.
from Michael Nelson to everyone:	Just to clarify proof of payment is only required for large projects. Is that correct?	Correct, only required for any individual project that exceeds \$131,100.
from Jane to everyone:	Are legal fees included as allowable?	Unfortunately, we are not seeing FEMA reimburse legal fees.
from James Haskell to everyone:	Most of our staff work part-time. They kept track of the additional time they worked on Covid-related matters, but usually didn't go beyond 40 hours per week. Is there a way to make those additional hours refundable?	40 hours is not the cut off for hours worked. So, yes. All Overtime that is directly connected to the COVID-19 incident is reimbursable. You will need to provide the contracts and labor and pay policy for those works and their time sheets.
from Tammy Tefft to everyone:	Cat Z can only be done after all PA's are obligated, correct?	We encourage you to submit the Cat Z as the final project that you submit for the disaster. Due to the 5% calculated off all your submitted and obligated projects.
from Wendy to everyone:	Can we review again quickly what types of organizations qualify.	If you are a private nonprofit. If you have the PNP 501c3 documents then you can submit them to MEMA, and they will help you set up a Grants Portal profile.
from Michael Nelson to everyone:	Can a nonprofit that is a 501 (c) that is not a c3 apply?	yes, any PNP
from David to everyone:	Is each item purchased considered a separate project? For example, we tested 10 times at \$50,000 each time.	Projects are one streamlines application, not individual cost. So you can submit a project for all 10 tests, or you can break it up into smaller projects, but they must meet the minimum threshold of \$3,300.
from Renee harper to everyone:	Confirming that the cost must not incur prior to January 1, 2020.	You have to have preformed the work, and costs after 1/20/2020 to be considered eligible.
from Tammy Tefft to everyone:	On average how long is it taking for MEMA to release the grant to Cities/Towns once FEMA approves?	Once the project is obligated it can take 45- 60 days depending on how long it takes you to mail back the contract MEMA mails to you.
from Emily Kibbe to everyone:	How does FEMA determine whether funding has been duplicated? For example, if a city has been given unspecified ARPA funds and they are thinking of using some of it for testing, can they instead apply for this assistance and use ARPA for an auxiliary cost (such as language services for testing)?	The responsibility is on you as the applicant to divulge if any costs and payments will be duplicated. There can be an audit and you could be forced to pay back funding misused.
from Ellen dziura to everyone:	What about environment reviews/assessments to open schools and church operations.	Primarily FEMA has an environmental and historical preservation review que (EHP), and they look at any disinfecting runoff, or waste disposal, or permeate modifications to a historic building for each project.
from Leah to everyone:	In a correctional facility if we purchased tablets to have inmates have video visits, or/and continue educational services, is that an eligible expense?	Unfortunately, it is likely not eligible. FEMA does not custodial care as an emergency response activity to COVID-19. But if you had to purchase plexiglass as barriers, that would be eligible.

from Marianne Delorey to everyone:	We run a meals program for frail elders. Can we request reimbursement for increased costs due to supply chain issues related to COVID?	It depends, you are serving a vulnerable population, but if you had to implement changes to your programs, because food was not readily available because of COVID-19, then those costs could be eligible. The MEMA website has the FEMA feeding guidance.
from Emily Kibbe to everyone:	Would a church be able to claim legal responsibility in applying for assistance for a rapid testing program, which would be available beyond just church membership?	Any testing has to be related to operation of the facility. You cannot just send it home to people.
from Maria Whitcomb to everyone:	If we know we will be incurring costs for this up until the deadline, can we submit this application multiple times?	Yes, you can submit multiple applications. Up to 4/1/22. Typically, you have 60 days after the deadline.
from Ellen dziura to everyone:	If a multiple application causes you to exceed small project limit what happens?	That small vs large project limit applies to each individual project, not multiple. If you submit one project that is below the large project threshold of \$131,100 then submit another project below the large project threshold, then you will be fine. The threshold is based on the individual project.