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FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
SUMMER SERIES
INCIDENT PERIOD
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MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
DISASTER RECOVERY UNIT

AGENDA

- Major Disaster Declaration Overview
- What is an Incident Period and what do I have to do?
- Does the end of the MA State of Emergency impact anything?
- Do I need to submit a time extension?

OBJECTIVES & GOALS

- Defining Incident Period
- Making applicant aware of what to expect

PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION

DECLARATION DATE: March 27, 2020

INCIDENT DATE: January 20, 2020 and **continuing**

DECLARED COUNTIES: All Massachusetts Counties

AUTHORIZED DISASTER ASSISTANCE: FEMA Public Assistance Program

Category B - FEMA Public Assistance Program

FEMA Individual Assistance Program - *Crisis Counseling (through MA DMH)*

WHAT IS AN INCIDENT PERIOD?

- The incident period is the span of time during which the federally declared incident occurs. This period varies in length, depending on the incident.
- For this disaster the end of the incident period will most likely be the end of the eligible period of performance.

HAS FEMA DECLARED AN INCIDENT PERIOD END TO COVID-19?

- **NO**-FEMA has **NOT** declared an incident end date to COVID-19 declaration!
- The end of the Governor's State of Emergency does **NOT** impact the end of the incident period.
- Typically incident periods are for a short amount of time; however, for this disaster it is ongoing.
- We do not know exactly when this incident period for the current emergency declaration will end. At this time, there is no end in sight.
- Due to the time constraints of processing hundreds of projects and thousands of documents; we urge you to finish early and submit before the deadline.
- Once the deadline is reached, no more expenses will be allowed for reimbursement under the current Emergency Declaration.

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE END OF THIS INCIDENT PERIOD?

- The end of this incident period for this disaster will also most likely be the end of the period of performance
- This means that the activities you can claim reimbursement on will end on that date.
- FEMA may also apply a deadline for when to submit projects at that time.

HOW MUCH NOTICE WILL I BE GIVEN?

- FEMA will provide a 30 day notice to the end of the incident period.
- Your MEMA Project Coordinator will send an email announcing the end of the incident.

TIME EXTENSIONS

- You may see a note on Grants Portal that you should submit an extension.
- There is **no** need for applicants to submit an extension.

BOTTOM LINE- SUBMIT YOUR PROJECTS!

- The process of gathering information, filling out forms, uploading everything to GP and reviewing projects takes time, do not wait until the last day to submit your projects. This may cause a delay of weeks or even months in getting through the system.
- Gather documentation for all outstanding projects as soon as possible
- Start and Finish the MEMA Workbook
- **Enter required information into Grants Portal and get projects in for the costs you have already incurred!**

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- Questions?

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-federal-disaster-declaration#questions->

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