

Private Non-Profit Applicant Briefing 12/03/20

Participant	Question	Response
Thao Nguyen-Le	What do you mean by legal responsibility?	To determine legal responsibility for Emergency Work, FEMA evaluates whether the Applicant requesting the assistance either had jurisdiction over the area or the legal authority to conduct the work related to the request at the time of the incident. Measures to protect life, public health, and safety are generally the responsibility of SLTT governments. For example, local governments are legally responsible for emergency feeding programs. Private Non-Profits must enter into agreements with local governments and the municipality is responsible for submitting the FEMA Public Assistance application.
Thao Nguyen-Le	I am from a youth agency and have been providing food and ppe to the community, and we have also purchased PPE for our programs. Would this be eligible cost	PPEs are only eligible for facilities/individuals performing eligible COVID-19 emergency response activities. Distribution of PPEs to the general public is ineligible.
Deborah Watrous	DHCD is serving as a go-between for MA nonprofits with FEMA. Is this the same program or is this for a direct application to FEMA?	Private Non-Profits must enter into agreements with local governments and the municipality is responsible for submitting the FEMA Public Assistance application.
Tracy Davis	Can you provide more information on emergency services? We are a residential care setting and purchased PPE. Are you stating that there needs to be a suspected or positive case in the residential home to recover these PPE costs?"	DHCD is responsible for submitting all eligible costs to FEMA for Public Assistance funding.
Deborah Watrous	Is this the same program as the one that DHCD is running, serving as the applicant to FEMA on MA nonprofits' behalf? Or is this to apply directly to FEMA?	Please provide additional information on the provided services and FEMA can help determine the eligibility of those costs.
Andrew Steiner	Question. We previously applied for a FEMA PNP Public Assistance Grant in May 2020. It is still not approved and stuck at FEMA OCC Review. How can we get our application approved?	DHCD is responsible for submitting all eligible costs to FEMA for Public Assistance funding.
Icornish	We are a Regional Housing Authority and closed to the public except for limited by appointment meeting. We are doing this to protect our employees, in addition we are doing additional covid cleaning on our proerties and in our office. Would these cleaning and PPE be covered	FEMA is working diligently to review Request for Public Assistance to make an eligibility determination. The OCC is reviewing applications for 6 states.
Michael Tobin	Residential care setting that Tracy Davis was referring to is congregate housing for folks with disabilities	Prior to 9/15/20, FEMA allows a one-time cleaning in eligible public facilities. After 9/15/20, costs related to disinfection/decontamination are only eligible in facilities performing eligible emergency response activities.
Peggy Payton	any construction costs to protect staff and residents covered?	PPEs are eligible for staff performing emergency response activities, such as the eligible cleanings.
		Please email Amanda Campen (Amanda.Campen@Mass.gov) to provide additional clarification and review eligibility.
		This is dependent on the provide services, but likely renovations are ineligible for FEMA Public Assistance. Protective barrier, such as plexiglass barriers, are only eligible in faciilites where emergency work is conducted.