Participant	Question	Answer
Kathleen Holmes	State contract rates where enhanced to cover costs for some of the eligible costs on the list but will be ending at relatively soon after the beginning of the fiscal year, are organizations still able to seek funding from FEMA?	The FEMA COVID-19 (DR-4496) disaster is still ongoing. The Safe Opening & Operating FEMA policy states, "FEMA has extended the deadline for completing emergency work indefinitely and will make notification no later than 30 days prior to establishment of the deadline." Applicants can continue to claim eligible COVID-19 response expenses until FEMA establishes the deadline for this disaster.
Kara Schnell	We are a private nonprofit (non-govt) that provides emergency food services (pantry/meal site). Is funding available for the purchase of food and food-related supplies?	The updated FEMA Safe Opening and Operations policy does not include any changes to the COVID-19 emergency feeding guidelines. Emergency feeding programs are the legal responsibility of municipalities and institutes of Private Non-Profits are unable to claim these expenses. Private Non-Profits must enter into agreements with local governments and the municipality is responsible for submitting the FEMA Public Assistance application.
a ndrea Cook₫	Where will the powerpoint be saved after the call 🛽	All presentations materials are uploaded to the MEMA website. https://www.mass.gov/info-details/webinars-for-dr-4496-covid-19-federal-disaster-declaration-in-massachusetts
Kara Schnell	Are organizations eligible for payroll expenses assoc. with reguarly employees in positions created before COVID, or only for position created due to COVID response? □	Overtime hours for full-time or budgeted employees performing eligible COVID-19 emergency response activities are eligible for FEMA Public Assistance. Please note, the pre-disaster pay policy must stipulate that personnel can incur overtime hours. Temporary staff or contractors hired during the pandemic to perform eligible COVID-19 emergency response activites are eligible for FEMA Public Assistance. Applicants are required to provide labor documentation associated with these expenses.
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