

Participant	Question	Answer
Alisa Klein	My nonprofit stepped up to deliver fresh local produce and farm foods to people experiencing food insecurity in the pandemic. Do you think we can be reimbursed for the purchase of the farm foods that we purchased beginning April 1, 2020?	COVID-19 emergency feeding programs are the legal responsibility of local governments and private non-profits are unable to request FEMA Public Assistance for these expenses. A private non-profit must enter into an agreement (MOU/contract) with a local government and the municipality is responsible for submitting the FEMA application. In essence, the private non-profit functions as a vendor for the local government.
Alisa Klein	In follow-up to my previous question about purchase of local produce and farm foods, since we hired new staff to work on the food delivery program, can we request reimbursement to cover their wages/salaries?	COVID-19 emergency feeding programs are the legal responsibility of local governments and private non-profits are unable to request FEMA Public Assistance for these expenses. A private non-profit must enter into an agreement (MOU/contract) with a local government and the municipality is responsible for submitting the FEMA application. In essence, the private non-profit functions as a vendor for the local government. Temporary labor costs necessary for the operation of the emergency feeding program are eligible for FEMA Public Assistance.
Benjamin Werner	We completed a PNP APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY REVIEW last July. Do we need to do it again?	Please contact MEMA to verify that the private non-profit account form was received.