The mission of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program is to provide assistance to State, Tribal and Local Governments, and certain types of Private Non-Profit (PNP) organizations so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies declared by the President.

Through the PA Program, FEMA provides supplemental Federal disaster grant assistance for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly owned facilities and the facilities of certain PNP organizations. The PA Program also encourages protection of these damaged facilities from future events by providing assistance for hazard mitigation measures during the recovery process.
The Public Assistance Process

1. Disaster Event
2. Declaration PDA
3. Applicant’s Briefing
4. Submission of Request
5. Kickoff Meeting
6. Complete Project Worksheets
7. Validation of Small Projects
8. State
9. Funding
Declaration Process & PA Indicators

✓ Statewide per Capita
✓ Countywide per Capita
FY 2015 Indicators

• State - $1.41

• County - $3.56

Applies to DRs declared on or after 10/1/2014; adjusted annually to reflect changes in CPI
Statewide Per Capita

FY 2015 - $1.41

Rhode Island:

2010 Census Population

\((1,052,567) \times \$1.41\) equals

$1,484,120
Countywide Per Capita

FY 2015 - $3.56

2010 Census County Population x $3.56 equals County per Capita

Washington County:

126,979 x 3.56 = $452,045
Rhode Island County Indicators

Providence County: $2,230,935
Bristol County: $177,555
Kent County: $591,522
Newport County: $295,081
Washington County: $452,045
Factors of Eligibility

- Applicant
- Facility
- Cost
- Work
Types of Eligible Work

Emergency Work

Permanent Work
Emergency Work

Category A – Debris Removal

Debris removal is eligible when:

• It eliminates an immediate threat to life, health, and safety

• It eliminates an immediate threat of significant damage to improved property

• It ensures economic recovery of the community and provides a benefit for the community-at-large
Emergency Work
Category B – Emergency Protective Measures

Emergency Protective Measures are actions taken by a community before, during, and following a disaster to save lives, protect public health and safety, or eliminate immediate threat of significant damage to improved public and private property through cost effective measures.
Permanent Work

Work Categories C - G

- Eligible permanent work:
  - Must repair, restore or replace disaster-damaged facilities in accordance with regulations
  - Must restore to pre-disaster design, capacity and function in accordance with applicable codes and standards
  - Must be required as a result of the disaster
  - May include cost effective hazard mitigation measures
Special Considerations

Special considerations are issues other than program eligibility that could affect the scope of work and funding of a project. These issues include:

- Hazard Mitigation
- Environmental Requirements
- Historic Preservation & Cultural Resources
- Floodplain Management
- Insurance Requirements
Small Project or Large Project?

Annually updated, $121,600 is the FY 2015 threshold amount.
Small Projects versus Large Projects

Public Assistance projects are processed as either small or large projects. If the project cost is less than the annually updated cost threshold amount ($121,600 for FY 2015) the project is processed as a small project. If the project cost equals or exceeds the threshold the project is processed as a large project.

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44CFR §206.205 Payment of claims

• (a) Small Projects. The Grantee will make payment of the Federal share to the subgrantee as soon as practicable after Federal approval of funding.

• (b) Large projects. (1) Payments. Each large project shall be submitted as soon as practicable after the subgrantee has completed the approved work and requested payment.
Project Completion Time Limits

Time limits for all Projects begin the date of the disaster declaration

- Emergency work - 6 months
- Permanent work - 18 months
Additional information can be obtained from:

→ FEMA’s Web Site (www.fema.gov)