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# Local Finance Notice

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## Notice of Reimbursement Funding Availability FEMA Public Assistance Program Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: DR-4488 Eligible Emergency Protective Measures

The President declared an Emergency Declaration (EM-3451) for the State of New Jersey on March 13, 2020. However, in response to a recent request by our Governor, the President upgraded our EM Declaration to a **major disaster declaration (DR-4488)** on March 25, 2020, allowing:

- **Public Assistance (PA) - Category B: Emergency Protective Measures**
- **Individual Assistance – Crisis Counseling Program (CCP)**
- **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) – Not Yet Determined**

Under this major disaster declaration (DR-4488), FEMA reimbursement will be provided at a 75 percent Federal cost share, whereby eligible Applicants can be reimbursed 75% of their eligible costs. FEMA will not duplicate assistance provided by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), or other federal agencies, which will be reviewed on a case by case basis with NJOEM/FEMA representatives.

State, Territorial, Tribal, County, and local government entities, and private non-profit (PNP) organizations can apply for reimbursement under the FEMA Public Assistance grant program for any eligible costs **from January 20, 2020 and on-going.**

**To apply for Federal funding:**

- Please navigate to <https://njemgrants.org/> to submit your **Request for Public Assistance (RPA)** which will begin the reimbursement process.
- The NJOEM Recovery Bureau will post all pertinent guidance documentation / information here - <https://njemgrants.org/site/COVID-19%20PA%20Info.cfm>, to include a list of eligible emergency protective measures related the COVID-19 emergency, fact sheets about the FEMA Public Assistance grant program, to include the **DR-4488 Applicant Briefing** slide presentation providing an overview of the grant program for this event

The NJOEM will disseminate additional information as it becomes available during and after this emergency situation.

Please direct all questions as outlined below:

- For **technical questions** related to NJEMGrants.org - [NJEMGrantsHelp@gw.njsp.org](mailto:NJEMGrantsHelp@gw.njsp.org)
- For questions related to **submitting your RPA** in NJEMGrants.org - [Lppppau@gw.njsp.org](mailto:Lppppau@gw.njsp.org)
- For **grant eligibility questions** related to your incurred costs, contact your Area Lead (if know from previous events) or [Lppppau@gw.njsp.org](mailto:Lppppau@gw.njsp.org)

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