



# FEMA Public Assistance Grant Program Hurricane Irma Briefing

Updated 9/29/17





**Thank you for participating in this State of Florida Public Assistance briefing. This presentation is a introduction into the FEMA Public Assistance Program and does not encompass all aspects of the Program**





**It is recommended you reference the FEMA  
Public Assistance Policy Guide to assist in  
eligibility determinations**

<https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/111781>



# DECLARATION

**This event was declared on September 10, 2017**

**Counties that are eligible for assistance:**

Categories A & B, Emergency Work, ALL Counties

Categories C - G, Permanent Work – *noted following slides...*

**Incident period of the disaster:**

September 4, 2017 and continuing

**Federal cost share:**

75% (except for Cat. B for first 30 days)

**100 % for Category B through 10/4/2017**

**State cost share:**

**50% of Non-Federal Share except PNPs and PPDR Projects**

**\*100% of Non-Federal Share for State Agencies**



# Understanding Federal Cost Share

## **\$100,000 of *eligible uninsured damages***

**\$75,000 FEMA will fund 75%**

**\$25,000 25%**

**\$12,500 State Share 12.5%**

**\$12,500 Remaining Non-Fed. balance 12.5%**

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## **\$100,000 of *eligible insured damages***

**\$60,000 Insurance Proceeds**

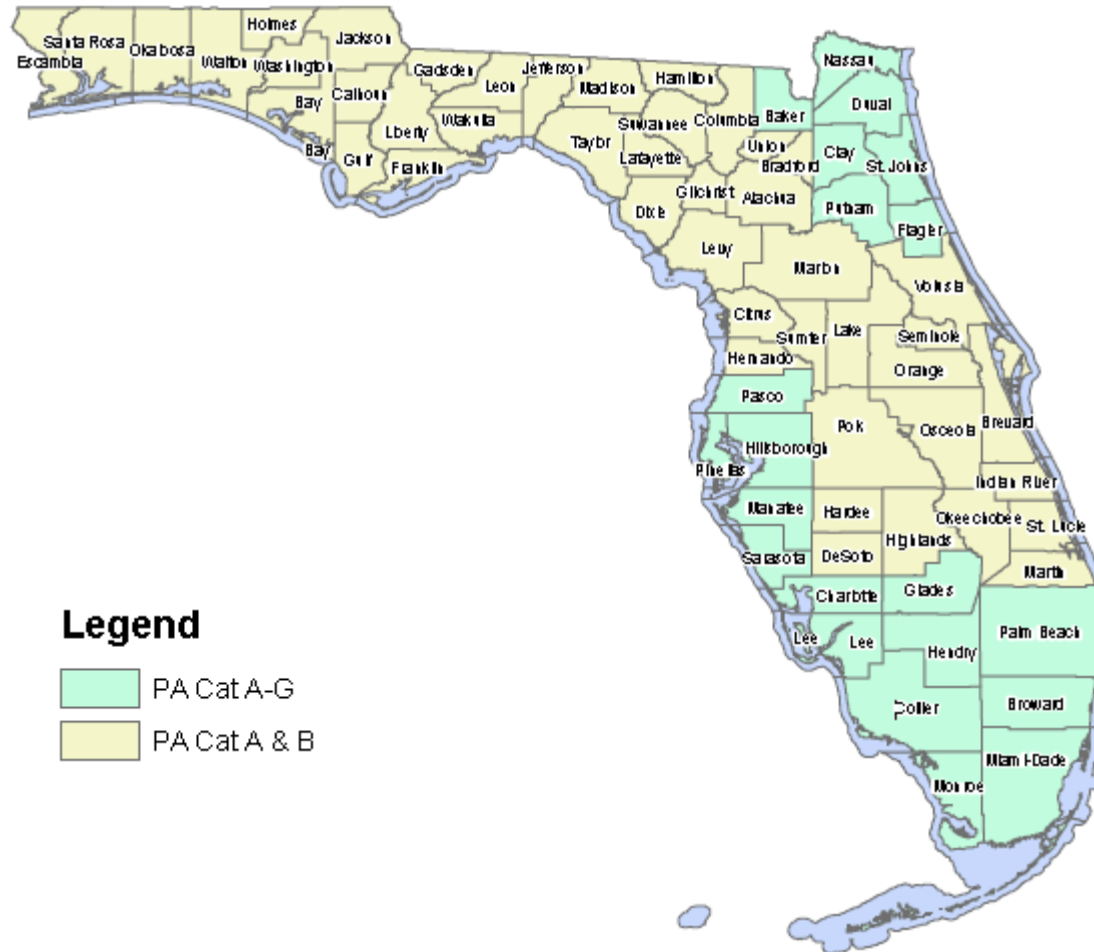
**\$30,000 FEMA will fund 75% remaining balance**

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# Declared Counties for Categories – 4337 (9/25/17)



# Declared Counties for Categories C-G

Baker, Broward, Charlotte, Clay, Collier, Duval, Flagler, Glades, Hendry, Hillsborough, Lee, Manatee, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Nassau, Palm Beach, Pasco, Putnam, Pinellas, Sarasota, and St. Johns Counties (as of 9/26/17)



# Steps to Participate in the FEMA PA Program

STEP

1

[WWW.FLORIDAPA.ORG](http://WWW.FLORIDAPA.ORG)






# Steps to Participate in the FEMA PA Program

Go to [www.floridapa.org](http://www.floridapa.org),

Click on the **RED** banner **APPLY NOW** and follow instructions

FloridaPA.org Home Open Grants PA Info Forms Contact Us Applicant Guidelines and Guides FLPA Insurance PA Audits Local Match Waivers



## Florida Public Assistance

FloridaPA.org manages the Public Assistance (PA) grant in Florida. The system manages the PA process from application through closeout.

**Returning User Login:**

Email:

Password:

☐ Remember Me

[Sign In](#) [Register](#)

[Forgot Login?](#)

Hurricane Irma is now open for applications

[APPLY NOW](#)



# Steps to Participate in the FEMA PA Program

Click under New User (obtain access) or Existing User (proceed to RPA application), and follow instructions

FloridaPA.org

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Forms

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Applicant Guidelines and Guides

FLPA Insurance

PA Audits

Local Match Waivers

## Request for Public Assistance (RPA) Process

Open Grants

PA Info

Forms

Contact Us

Applicant Guidelines and Guides

### Hurricane Irma

#### New User

1. Click [HERE](#) to Register for Access on FloridaPA.org

#### Existing User

1. Click [HERE](#) to Login to FloridaPA.org
2. Click on the NEW REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

**Reminder-** If you are an Existing User you should confirm your contacts and contact information, this is an important communication tool.



# Submission of Request for Public Assistance(RPA)

**Step 2**

**Submit your RPA.**



# Submission of Request for Public Assistance

Using FloridaPA is the best WAY to file your RPA!



# Do you have a DUNS number?

A DUNS # is a unique nine digit identification *number*, required to receive Federal grants.  
*D-U-N-S* # assignment is a FREE service.

Go to: <https://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>



You will need to register with [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov) if you have not already.

Create a Federal System for Award Management (SAM) user account. Go to the above site and Register Entity for your organization.



# Step 2 Submission of Request for Public Assistance(RPA)

Once you have gained FloridaPA access, proceed to register for an RPA

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### Hurricane Irma

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**REMEMBER – November 10<sup>th</sup> is the DEADLINE to Register**

The seal of the State of Florida, featuring a circular design with the text "GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA" and "IN GOD WE TRUST". The central image depicts a woman in a blue dress holding a torch, standing next to a palm tree and a body of water with a ship.

THE FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT-15

# Submission of Request for Public Assistance

**If you need RPA assistance – Email:**  
[Shemeka.Shepherd@em.myflorida.com](mailto:Shemeka.Shepherd@em.myflorida.com)

**If you need debris assistance – Email:**  
[Richard.Knowles@em.myflorida.com](mailto:Richard.Knowles@em.myflorida.com)

**If you need insurance assistance – Email:**  
[Barbara.Cartwright@em.myflorida.com](mailto:Barbara.Cartwright@em.myflorida.com)

**If you need general assistance – Email:**  
[Carter.Mack@em.myflorida.com](mailto:Carter.Mack@em.myflorida.com)





# Project Formulation

## Step 3

Schedule Recovery Scoping Meeting  
(f.k.a. FEMA's Kickoff Meeting)



# Project Formulation

**As part of FEMA's new delivery process, you will be contacted shortly by FEMA's Delivery Manager who will be your Point of Contact throughout the Public Assistance Process. FEMA will explain the process later in this presentation.**



# Project Formulation

- **You should begin to compile a list of claims by location, indicating, among others for this meeting:**
  - **Damage Description(s)**
  - **Scope of Work**
  - **Nature of Work**
  - **Estimated Cost**
  - **Insurance documentation**



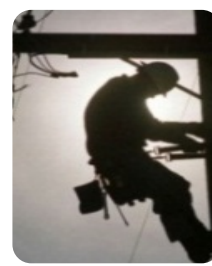
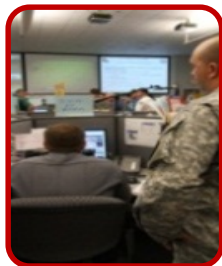
# FEMA Public Assistance Program



## Understanding the basics



# FEMA Public Assistance Program



**Category A**  
Debris  
Removal

**Category B**  
Emergency  
Protective  
Measures

**Category C**  
Roads &  
Bridge  
Systems

**Category D**  
Water  
Control  
Facilities

**Category E**  
Buildings &  
Equipment

**Category F**  
Utilities

**Category G**  
Parks,  
Recreation &  
Other



## Work Categories A and B

- Measures taken before, during, and after a disaster to eliminate/reduce an immediate threat to life, public health or safety, or to eliminate/reduce an immediate threat of significant damage to improved public and private property through cost-effective measures
- 6 month Completion Deadline from declaration date:

Deadlines: for Emergency Work: **March 11, 2018**



## NOTE: For Categories A and B

- All 67 Counties declared for debris removal and emergency protective measures, including direct federal assistance.  
(\*First 30 days of Cat B 100% Federal, increases to 75/25 on day 31. Category A, debris is 75/25.)

### Deadlines:

\*for 100% Emergency Work: October 4, 2017



## For Category A

**Deadline for debris work is March 11, 2018.**





## Force Account Labor (FAL) Emergency Protective Measures

Emergency Work Labor Eligibility		
Budgeted Employees	Overtime	Straight-Time
Permanent employee	✓	
Seasonal employee working during normal season of employment	✓	
Unbudgeted Employees	Overtime	Straight-Time
Essential employee called back from administrative leave	✓	✓
Permanent employee funded from external source	✓	✓
Temporary employee hired to perform eligible work	✓	✓
Seasonal employee working outside normal season of employment	✓	✓

FEMA-PAPPG, FP 104-009-2, declarations after 4/1/17



## Equipment

- Equipment used to perform eligible disaster related activities can be applicant owned or rented
- Applicant owned (Force Account) equipment must have an assigned operator for all hours utilized (except pumps or generators)
- Rented equipment must follow all applicable procurement regulations
- Utilize FEMA Equipment Codes/Rates from 2017



## Categories C-G

### Permanent Work

**C - Roads & Bridges**

**D - Water Control Facilities**

**E - Buildings & Equipment**

**F - Utilities**

**G - Parks, Recreation, & Other**



## C - Roads & Bridges

### Roads

- Surfaces
- Bases
- Shoulders
- Ditches
- Drainage Structures
- Low Water Crossings

### Bridges

- Decking & Pavement
- Piers
- Girders
- Abutments
- Slope Protection
- Approaches

Slope Failures



## **D - Water Control Facilities**

Dams and Reservoirs

Levees

Engineered drainage Channels

Canals

Aqueducts

Sediment Basins

Shore Protective Devices

Irrigation Facilities

Pumping Facilities



## **E - Buildings & Equipment**

Buildings

Structural Components

Interior Systems

- Electrical
- Mechanical
- Contents



## F - Utilities

Water Treatment Plants

Power Generation & Distribution Facilities

- Natural Gas Systems
- Wind Turbines
- Generators
- Substations
- Power Lines



## **G - Parks, Recreation, & Other**

Playground Equipment

Swimming Pools

Bath Houses

Tennis courts

Boat Docks

Piers

Picnic Tables

Golf Courses

Fish Hatcheries

Mass Transit Facilities

Engineered Features





**The Project Worksheet (PW) is used to document the scope of work and cost estimate for a project. The PW includes:**

- locations
- damage description and dimensions
- scope of work
- Special Considerations
- cost (estimated and actual)

**Minimum PW is \$3,100**

**Large PW threshold is \$123,100**



# Funding Options

**An Applicant has the option to use a Public Assistance grant for activities that are outside of the originally approved scope of work. Options include:**

- **Improved Projects**
- **Alternate Projects**
- **Mitigation Projects**
- **Other programs associated with the Sandy Recovery Act of 2013**

**Talk to your FEMA or FDEM representative about possible options.**



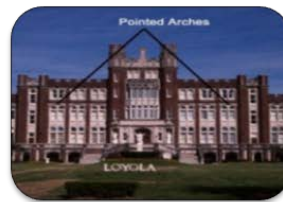
## Special Considerations



Insurance



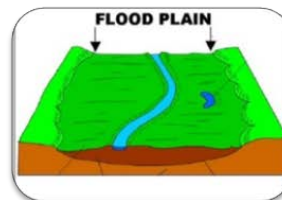
Hazard  
Mitigation



Historic  
Preservation



Environmental  
Compliance



Floodplain  
Management



## Introduction to The New PA Delivery Model





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## *A New Approach*



Segmentation: Projects divided by work type and complexity



Standardization: New tools and checklists guide staff through work flow



Specialization: New positions created for specific, customer-forward duties



Consolidation: Document validation and technical review experts available across multiple disasters



# Introduction to The New PA Delivery Model

## PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

### WHAT HASN'T CHANGED

- Law
- Regulations
- Policy

### WHAT'S CHANGING

- Process
- Roles
- Tools & Templates
- Systems



# Introduction to The New PA Delivery Model



**NOTE:**  
We welcome you to join us for a  
brief overview of all four phases  
at 3 PM – see links at the end of  
this presentation.



# Grants Portal

*How does it work...does it work?*

# Upon receipt of your Request for Public Assistance...

**From:** [support@pagrants.fema.gov](mailto:support@pagrants.fema.gov) [<mailto:support@pagrants.fema.gov>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 01, 2017 3:11 PM

**Subject:** FEMA PA Notification - Org Account Request Approved

Hello Sherry,

Your organization account request has received final approval. You may now log in to the Grants Portal with the temporary username and password:

**Username:** [comanager@subrecipientcountyga.com](mailto:comanager@subrecipientcountyga.com) ← Your email address

**Password:** LJE1kAvc!%

Please click [here](#) to sign in with your temporary password. You will be required to change your password upon login.

-FEMA PA Support Team

[FEMA-PA-Support@FEMA.DHS.Gov](mailto:FEMA-PA-Support@FEMA.DHS.Gov)

<https://pagrants.fema.gov>

# Reset your password in the system...



## Welcome to the Grants Portal!

To get started, we'll ask you a few questions to get your account set up.

1 Start

2 Password

3 Security Question

4 Finalize Account

← PREV

NEXT →

Use the Previous and Next buttons to navigate through the steps and fill out your information.

# Once password reset, system will require sign in...



Grants Portal

## Sign in to Your Account

USERNAME

[Forgot your username](#)

PASSWORD

[Forgot your password](#)

SIGN IN

Please use Mozilla Firefox as web browser  
for best results Website address is  
<https://grantee.fema.gov>

# Your Dashboard Screen

The screenshot displays a web browser window with the address bar showing `https://or-demonstration-manager.azurewebsites.net/#dashboard`. The page title is "Dashboard | Grants Portal". The main header features the "Grants Portal" logo and a user profile for "Wilson, Elizabeth".

**Left Sidebar:**

- Dashboard
- My Organization (Wilsonville)
  - Organization Profile
  - Event PA Requests
- Operations
- Tasks
- Utilities

**Main Content Area:**

**Warning Message:**

⚠ Your parent organization has been assigned as the primary Grantee for one or more disasters and you may submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) to FEMA's Public Assistance program.

Please click [here](#) to begin the RPA submission process.

**Document Help:**

❓ **Document Help**

To upload event-specific documents, go to the appropriate event PA request profile from the [Event PA Requests list](#), or [My Organization](#) for documents that are not specific to an event.

Alternatively, you can utilize the [Document Uploader Utility](#) to assist in uploading documents to the correct location.

**Organization:**

**Wilsonville**

Level: 2

Type: City or Township Government

FEMA PA Code:

Is PNP? No

**Taskbar:**

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows icons for Internet Explorer, File Explorer, and several Microsoft Office applications (Word, Excel, PowerPoint). The system clock indicates 11:31 AM on 3/27/2017.

**Grants Portal Hotline**

**866-337-8448**

# Recap



# Important Next Steps to Remember

STEP 1

Register in [www.FloridaPA.org](http://www.FloridaPA.org)

Step 2

File your FEMA Request for Public Assistance (RPA) by November 10th

Step 3

Prepare for and schedule your Recovery Scoping Meeting (Kickoff)

Step 4

FEMA Public Assistance Program preparation and participation

Step 5

Important notes as you move forward





# Important Links

State of Florida Public Assistance Website

[WWW.FLORIDAPA.ORG](http://WWW.FLORIDAPA.ORG)

The Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide (PAPPG - for incidents declared on or after April 1, 2017)

<https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/111781>

FEMA Equipment Rates (declarations on/after 9/5/17)

<https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/136901>



# This Presentation is Posted....



The screenshot shows the FloridaPA.org website. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Open Grants, PA Info (which is highlighted with a dark blue triangle), Forms, Contact Us, Applicant Guidelines and Guides, and FLPA Insurance. Below the navigation bar is a large dark blue header with the text "PA Info" in white. Underneath this header is a light gray sidebar on the left containing a list of links: Open Grants, PA Info (highlighted with a blue circle), Forms, Contact Us, and Applicant Guidelines and Guides. To the right of the sidebar is a main content area with the heading "PA Info" and a list of four bullet points: "Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide (PDF)", "Public Assistance Policy on Insurance (PDF)", "Applicant Briefing for FEMA-4337-DR-FL (PDF)", and "Reimbursement Guidelines/Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement (SMAA): 2008 Em".

FloridaPA.org Home Open Grants **PA Info** Forms Contact Us Applicant Guidelines and Guides FLPA Insurance

## PA Info

- Open Grants
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# Public Assistance New Model Overview, conducted at 3 PM ET:

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<https://fema.connectsolutions.com/newmodel6/>

Oct 6:

<https://fema.connectsolutions.com/newmodel7/>

Thank you for your time today!

