Pursuant to the President’s National Emergency Declaration for the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19) issued on March 13, 2020, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) may reimburse state and local governments for costs associated with implementing necessary, appropriate actions to protect public health and safety, according to the guidelines on public health and the conditions and capacities in their jurisdictions. Funding for emergency protective measures may be eligible under FEMA’s Public Assistance (PA) program pursuant to the Emergency Declaration by COVID-19.
It is important to be aware that FEMA will not duplicate assistance provided by other federal agencies such as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

FEMA may provide PA for the following (not an all-inclusive list) if not funded by the HHS, CDC, or another federal agency.

- Management, control, and reduction of immediate threats to public health and safety:
  - Emergency Operations Center operations
  - Specific training for the declared event
  - Disinfection of eligible public facilities
  - Technical assistance for emergency management and the control of immediate threats to public health and safety

- Urgent medical care:
  - Medical treatments for infected people in a shelter or temporary medical facility
  - Virus-related services and supplies provided to medical facilities
  - Provisional or temporary medical facilities and/or increased medical/hospital capacity
  - Disposal of medical waste
  - Emergency medical transportation

- Temporary medical shelter or treatment facilities (when it is reasonably anticipated that existing facilities will soon become overwhelmed and cannot meet needs):
  - Operation must be conducted in accordance with HHS/CDC standards and guidelines.
  - The shelter/facility must be approved by FEMA, and operation cannot extend beyond the public health emergency.

- Pet shelter and confinement measures related to pets in accordance with CDC guidelines

- The purchase and distribution of food, water, ice, medications, and other consumable supplies, including personal protective equipment and protective equipment against hazardous materials

- The transfer of supplies and people

- Public order and security services

- General health and safety information messages for the public

- Search and rescue to locate and recover members of the population who need assistance

- Reimbursement of expenses for additional or overtime hours of state, tribal, territorial, and/or local government personnel

Loss of income or revenue due to interruptions to normal business operations is NOT eligible under the PA program.

Contact GP Strategies to help you maximize your potential reimbursement and avoid deobligation risks.

Emergency and/or exigent contracting is available during this public health emergency. For additional information, contact info@gpstrategies.com.