FEMA Public Assistance Reimbursement Grant Program

Orientation Session

Introduction

Who is FEMA?

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides funding in the aftermath of disasters, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, and public health emergencies such as the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

Why is Federal funding available?

At the request of New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, the President declared a major disaster declaration for the State of New Jersey on March 24, 2020, in response the COVID-19 Pandemic, authorizing the FEMA Public Assistance reimbursement grant program for certain disaster related expenses.

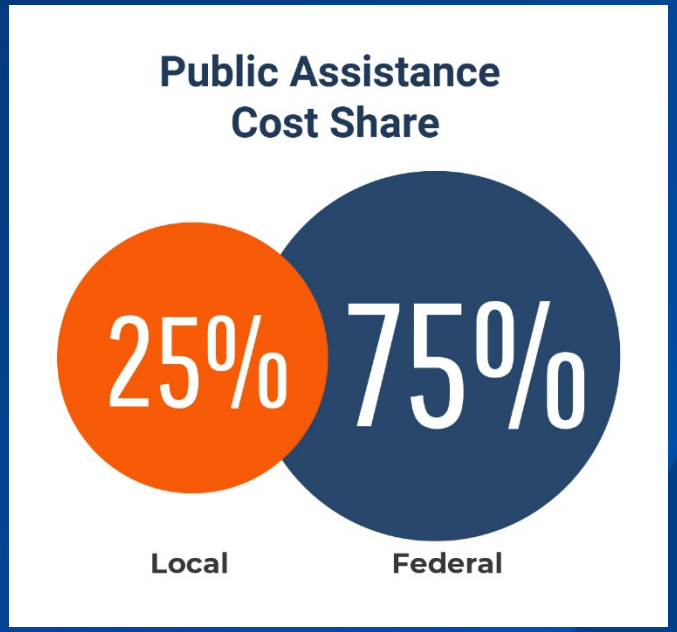
Link: https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4488

What is FEMA Public Assistance?

- **FEMA Public Assistance is a Federal grant that provides reimbursement for disaster related expenses. FEMA Public Assistance is limited to 75% reimbursement.**

- **The eligible applicant is responsible for 25% of the total cost.**

- **The New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) Public Assistance Unit, within the New Jersey State Police, serves as the Grantee for this Federal Funding.**



Who is eligible?

Eligible grant applicants include state agencies, county governments, local governments, and certain private non-profit (PNP) organizations.

Private Non-Profit (PNP) Eligibility

A Private Non-Profit (PNP) must provide the following during the RPA submission process:

- **An effective ruling letter from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, granting tax exemption under sections 501(c), (d), or (e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or satisfactory evidence from the State that the non-revenue producing organization or entity is a nonprofit one organized or doing business under State law;**

- **Must demonstrate they provide a critical service, or a non-critical, but essential government service and is open to the general public.**

- **A critical service is defined as one used for an educational, utility, emergency, or medical purpose.**

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What IS eligible?

Management, control and reduction of immediate threats to public health and safety:

- **Emergency Operation Center costs**
- **Training specific to the declared event**
- **Disinfection of eligible public facilities**
- **Technical assistance to state, tribal, territorial or local governments on emergency management and control of immediate threats to public health and safety**

What IS eligible?

Emergency medical care:

- **Non-deferrable medical treatment of infected persons in a shelter or temporary medical facility**
- **Related medical facility services and supplies**
- **Temporary medical facilities and/or enhanced medical/hospital capacity (for treatment when existing facilities are reasonably forecasted to become overloaded in the near term and cannot accommodate the patient load or to quarantine potentially infected persons)**
- **Use of specialized medical equipment**
- **Medical waste disposal**
- **Emergency medical transport**

What IS eligible?

Medical sheltering (e.g. when existing facilities are reasonably forecasted to become overloaded in the near future and cannot accommodate needs):

- **All sheltering must be conducted in accordance with standards and/or guidance approved by HHS/CDC and must be implemented in a manner that incorporates social distancing measures**

- **Non-congregate medical sheltering is subject to prior approval by FEMA and is limited to that which is reasonable and necessary to address the public health needs of the event, is pursuant to the direction of appropriate public health officials and does not extend beyond the duration of the Public Health Emergency**

What IS eligible?

- Household pet sheltering and containment actions related to household pets in accordance with CDC guidelines
- Purchase and distribution of food, water, ice, medicine, and other consumable supplies, to include personal protective equipment and hazardous material suits
- Movement of supplies and persons
- Security and law enforcement
- Communications of general health and safety information to the public
- Search and rescue to locate and recover members of the population requiring assistance
- Reimbursement for state, tribe, territory and/or local government force account overtime costs

What IS eligible?

- **Purchasing, packaging, and/or preparing food, including food commodities, fresh foods, shelf-stable food products, and prepared meals;**

- **Delivering food, including hot and cold meals if necessary, to distribution points and/or individuals, when conditions constitute a level of severity that food is not easily accessible for purchase; and**

- **Leasing distribution and storage space, vehicles, and necessary equipment**

What is NOT eligible?

- Loss of Revenue
- Loss of Useful Service Life
- Tax Assessments
- Increased Operating Costs

How do I apply?

Step #1 – Register for access to https://NJEMGrants.org

Step #2 - Submit your Request for Public Assistance (RPA)

You will be contacted via email / phone by the NJOEM Public Assistance Unit with further instructions after each step.

Step #1 – Register for Access

Go to https://NJEMGrants.org, select "Register for Access", fill out the screen as required.

Login and Register for Access

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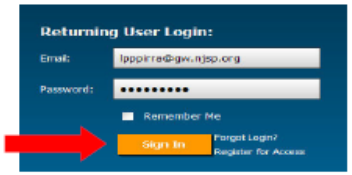

Enter your email and Password
Click on Orange Sign In Button

Note: You should have been emailed a username/password when you first requested access.

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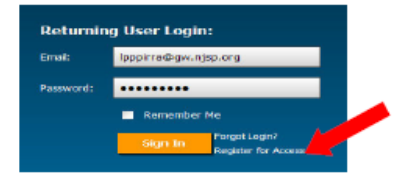
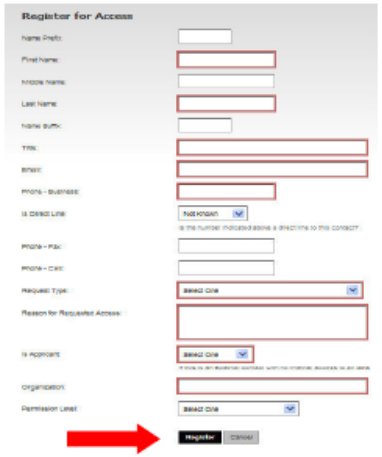




To register for access click on "Register for Access" next to Orange Sign In button

A new screen will appear with information you must fill-out. Once completed, click on Register.

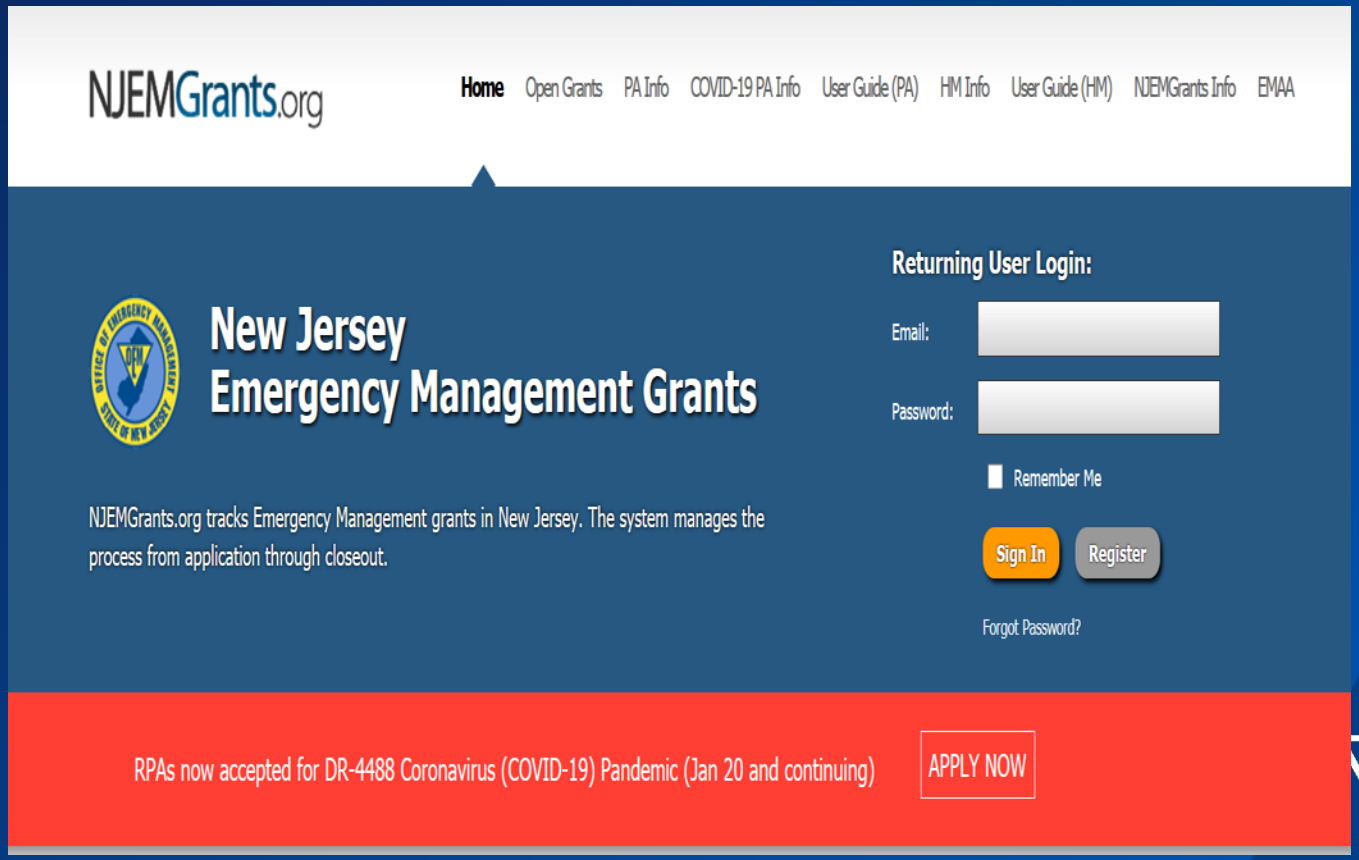
You will receive an email with a temporary password.

Once logged in with your temporary password, you will be prompted to create your own password.

Note: Red fields are mandatory to fill-out. This feature will be throughout the system.

Step #2 – Submit your RPA

Go to https://NJEMGrants.org click on the RED banner "APPLY NOW" and follow the instructions as required.



Conclusion

Resources

NJOEM Public Assistance Information Page for COVID-19 - https://njemgrants.org/site/COVID-19%20PA%20Info.cfm

Questions

Contact the NJOEM Public Assistance Unit at publicassistance@njsp.org