



Disaster Relief: Public Assistance Grant Program For Nonprofit Organizations

Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"), in conjunction with the State of Tennessee, provides grant funding to certain private, nonprofit organizations ("PNP") for facility repairs, debris removal and other emergency protective measures.

The Application Process

1. Register with FEMA by calling 1-800-621-FEMA or by applying online at www.fema.gov.
2. Submit a loan application to the Small Business Administration at www.sba.gov. This is necessary even if you think your organization does not want a loan.
3. FEMA and the State of Tennessee will host an Applicants' Briefing for PNPs who may be eligible for assistance through the Public Assistance Grant Program. **If you think your organization might be eligible, you should attend the meeting.** The exact date for this Applicants' Briefing has not been set at this time, however it should occur **in the next two to three weeks**. Watch for an announcement from the media about the Applicants' Briefing. At the Applicants' Briefing, officials will be on hand to detail the application process, and assist PNPs in completing the Request for Public Assistance (Form 90-49). **The Request for Public Assistance may be submitted to the State at the Applicants' Briefing, but must be submitted to the State by June 3, 2010.**

Eligible Nonprofits

1. Open to the general public
2. Provide services otherwise performed by a government agency

Categories

1. Education—colleges, universities, parochial or other private schools
2. Utility—Energy, communication, water supply, sewage collection and treatment or other similar public service facilities
3. Emergency—fire protection, ambulance, rescue, etc.
4. Medical and Custodial Care—hospital, outpatient facility, rehabilitation facility, homes for the elderly, institutional care.
5. Museums, zoos, community centers, libraries, homeless shelters, rehabilitation facilities, senior citizen centers and other facilities that provide health and safety services of a governmental nature. Examples of health and safety services are: low-income housing, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, programs for battered spouses, transportation to medical facilities, and food programs.

For more information see www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/pa/pdigest08.pdf

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