

ASPR TRACIE Technical Assistance Request

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Response Date: 30 October 2018

Type of TA Request: Standard

Request:

The requestor asked ASPR TRACIE:

1. How to request assistance for small rural hospitals with completing FEMA paperwork during and after a disaster.
2. How to get funding/ cache reserves for rural hospitals that need to stay open during a disaster and operate outside of regular hospital requirements (even if there are damages to the hospital).

Response:

1. The ASPR TRACIE Team does not provide direct assistance to healthcare facilities in completing grant or FEMA paperwork prior to, during, or after a disaster. We reached out to representatives from FEMA Region IV and ASPR's Recovery Division. The information included herein and attached were provided by those representatives. **Note:** For copies of those attachments, contact the [ASPR TRACIE Assistance Center](#).

There is not a singular FEMA point of contact for Public Assistance requests. Those facilities looking to become an applicant will need to submit a [Request for Public Assistance](#) through their state emergency management department for consideration to receive funding through FEMA's [Public Assistance program](#).

In coordination with the state, the applicant will be assigned a program delivery manager to assist them in filling out any FEMA paperwork.

FEMA categorizes certain private non-profits (PNP) as critical facilities within the medical arena. Certain documents are required for a facility to be considered eligible for assistance (e.g., a ruling letter from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service granting tax exemption). These PNP categories include:

- Emergency medical care (diagnosis or treatment of mental or physical injury or disease) provided in:
 - Clinics
 - Facilities that provide in-patient care for convalescent or patients with chronic disease
 - Hospices and nursing homes
 - Hospitals and related facilities, including:
 - Central service facilities operated in connection with hospitals
 - Extended-care facilities
 - Facilities related to programs for home-health services
 - Laboratories

- Self-care units
 - Storage, administration, and record areas
- Long-term care facilities
- Outpatient facilities
- Rehabilitation centers that provide medical care

Once FEMA approves the applicant as eligible, the applicant will work with the state and FEMA to identify eligible costs for reimbursement as a result of the disaster through the Obligation of Project Worksheets.

Attached are the following documents provided by ASPR's Recovery Division that may assist in better understanding the FEMA Public Assistance Grant Program and reimbursements for acute care hospitals:

- FEMA Reimbursement for Acute Care Hospitals: A Quick Guide
- FEMA Public Assistance Grant Program FAQs

Note: For copies of those attachments, contact the ASPR TRACIE Assistance Center

[ASPR TRACIE's Recovery Topic Collection](#) and [Rural Disaster Health Topic Collection](#) include additional resources.

2. ASPR TRACIE does not provide grant or funding assistance; however, healthcare facilities may find the following related resources helpful:
 - USDA Rural Development Disaster Assistance- Community Facilities Loan and Grant Program- [each state has information and POCs](#).
 - [FEMA Grants](#)
 - Rural Health Information Hub- [Rural Emergency Preparedness and Response Funding & Opportunities](#)
 - American Hospital Association- [Rural Health Grants](#)
 - HRSA- [Rural Hospital Programs](#)