



**CENTRALINA**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

# FEMA Public Assistance (PA) Financial Assistance Program

# Welcome & Introductions



Please add in the chat your **name, title, and affiliation**

Rank your familiarity with FEMA Public Assistance Program from 1 to 5

- **1- no knowledge**
- **3- intermediate with some experience**
- **5- familiar and experienced**

# Building the Bridge Between EM Leadership and Local Gov't Unit Leadership

- Ensures community safety and economic resilience
- Funds expended July 2022-June 2023; work allowed through June 2024
- Funded by the state of North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) in conjunction with the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Office of Emergency Management (NCEM)



# Public Assistance (PA) Financial Assistance Program

- A FEMA Stafford Act disaster must happen to receive PA funding
- Program offered to local gov't units at no cost
- Critical for financial and administrative cost reimbursement success
- Centralina will assist local gov't staff using SME materials that are both in-person and virtual learning opportunities

## Pre-Disaster

Identify procedures that should be in place pre-disaster, A.K.A. blue sky

## During Disaster

Establish local gov't practices & response measures to assist reimbursement

## Post-Disaster

Determine how to recoup more dollars from FEMA and enhance long-term recovery



# Local Benefits of the Assistance Program

Ensures local units are timely securing disaster recovery fund reimbursements

Builds and maintains necessary financial systems to efficiently administer funds

Incorporates recovery staffing and procedures into day-to-day operations to increase capacities during a disaster

# PA Financial Assistance Program Logistics

## Who needs to be there?

County Management

Government Administration leads

Financial Dept. Leads

Emergency Management Planners

Public School Districts

Public Utility/Works Dept. Leads

Public Social Service Providers

Helps Local Gov't staff with FEMA Public Assistance requirements to ensure they address local priorities

Assists Local Gov't leaders to identify Recovery Staff and day-to-day pre-recovery responsibilities

Ensure efficient and effective use of taxpayer funds



# Centralina's PA Financial Assistance Program Dates

Two full day individual assistance opportunities offered at Centralina Offices:

✓ **Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**OR**

✓ **Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

You must be registered for the training. A registration link will be sent in a follow-up email to this meeting

Centralina will offer additional assistance program dates in the future and is available to speak with your local gov't unit about how to best meet your needs



# Questions?

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