
Additional eligible costs under FEMA Public Assistance

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Good morning all,

We're providing the attached document and bullets below related to Section 1206 of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 (DRRA). Section 1206 of the DRRA authorizes FEMA to provide communities approved for Public Assistance (PA) with the resources needed to effectively administer and enforce building codes and floodplain management regulations. **This is timely since many communities are in the process of assessing damages as it relates to flood insurance.** The primary additions to the PA program via Section 1206 and the associated eligible items are:

- Substantial Damage (SD) Procedures
 - Eligible Costs include:
 - Hiring temp workers and surge staff, contactors, mutual aid teams, and overtime for budgeted employees to support SD assessments and determinations, and notifying property owners.
 - Travel costs and accommodations for extra hires and contracted staff.
 - Supplies and PPE related to SD assessments (e.g. Laptops or tablets, cell phones or walkie talkies, etc.)
- Permitting Procedures
 - Eligible Costs include:
 - Hiring temp workers and surge staff, contactors, mutual aid teams, and force account labor to support administering floodplain management or building permits.
 - Certifying, training, licensing, and supervising staff to review applications for and issue floodplain management or building permits.
 - Conduct outreach to the public on floodplain or building permit requirements applicable to the repair, replacement, or retrofit of disaster-damaged buildings.
- Enforcement Procedures
 - Eligible Costs include:
 - Hiring temporary workers, surge staff, and overtime pay for force account labor to review and process appeals.

- Costs associated with legal proceedings to adjudicate any regulations are also eligible for reimbursement.
- Ineligible Activities:
 - Activities associated with non-disaster damaged structures or non-disaster-related development.
 - Activities to update a community's laws, rules, procedures, or requirements like updating building codes, adopting new zoning requirements or developing new land use plans.
- Deadline:
 - Costs incurred within 180 days of Declaration (March 27, 2025)

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