

Project Type	Range
Small Projects	\$3,900 – \$1,036,999
Large Projects	\$1,037,000 – No Cap

Small Projects

FEMA administers funding for Large and Small Projects differently. The Small Project minimum threshold is \$3,900 and the Large Project minimum threshold is \$1,037,000. If the Applicant prepares its own Small Projects, it must submit them to FEMA for validation within 60 days of the Recovery Scoping Meeting. For Small Projects, FEMA may accept certification in lieu of documentation and may process the projects based on estimated costs even if all work is completed. It should be noted that for Small Projects, FEMA does not adjust estimated costs to the actual incurred amount.

What this means for applicants is that they can submit projects up to \$1,036,999 on estimates and potentially be reimbursed much more quickly than they could for Large Projects. While it is critical to ensure that proper estimates are undertaken to maximize an applicant’s eligible PA funding for Small Projects, Small Projects can help ease cash flow management burdens that applicants may be facing by keeping the grouping of projects within the Small Project threshold. Because unlike Expedited Projects explained below, the full amount of the Small Project is obligated up front.

Expedited Projects

The following highlights important information regarding FEMA's Expedited Projects for Emergency Work (Category A or B). FEMA provides expedited funding for Emergency Work Projects that meet or exceed the Large Project threshold, \$1,037,000, funding these projects at 50 percent of the Federal share of the estimated project cost. Below are the key points and requirements for submitting a request for expedited funding:

- **Submission Timeline:** Requests for Expedited Projects must be submitted to FEMA within 60 days of the Applicant’s Recovery Scoping Meeting.
- **Funding Process:** FEMA aims to obligate funding within 90 days of receiving the request. Applicants need to provide a comprehensive description of the work, estimated costs, and documentation to substantiate the work and costs.

Required Documentation for Eligibility Verification:

- **Work Description:** Immediate threat description, detailed work activities, work locations, and, for debris removal, type, quantities, and staging/disposal locations.
- **Cost Estimates:** Detailed cost breakdown, including:

- **Labor Costs:** Number of personnel, hours worked, pay rates, and relevant agreements (e.g., mutual aid agreements).
- **Equipment and Rental Costs:** Equipment hours, rental agreements, and unit pricing if available.
- **Contract Work:** Contracts, bid documents, or unit price estimates if bids are not yet received.

To expedite funding, FEMA may use average historical pricing if sufficient cost information is unavailable. The remaining 50 percent of the Federal share will be provided once full documentation is submitted and verified.

What this means for applicants is they can submit Expedited Large Projects, \$1,037,000 and up, for Emergency Work, FEMA Work Categories A and B, on estimates and potentially receive 50% of the estimated project costs within 90 days, if not sooner.