

## DEADLINES ANNOUNCED: DR 4516 – Covid-19 Disaster FEMA Funding

FEMA has released a memo regarding the on-going “COVID-19 Disaster and Public Assistance Progress, Success, and Next Steps”. Below is a summary of the changes and new deadlines being implemented by FEMA. We anticipate additional guidance from FEMA within the next couple months on additional next steps for the Public Assistance program. We will communicate out updates as they become available to us.

### Please read the information below regarding Requests for Public Assistance, Project Submission Deadlines, and Cost-share Changes.

#### 1. FEMA has established a deadline of 7/1/2022 to submit a Request for Public Assistance under DR 4516 - COVID. (COVID-19 Public Assistance Implementation – Progress, Success, and Next Steps).

- a. **What does this mean for you?** Most State and Local government entities and eligible Private Non-Profits in the state of NH have already submitted a Request for Public Assistance (RPA). Municipalities in NH that have not submitted an RPA for the COVID disaster will be contacted by a staff member from HSEM to discuss if you would like to submit one and what that would mean going forward. New RPAs do not need to be submitted if you had already submitted one. RPAs may be submitted by any eligible entity in order to gain access to the FEMA Public Assistance Program. Please note that an RPA submission is not a request for reimbursement, but rather a notice to FEMA that you have interest in the program. An RPA is required before the deadline if you desire to request reimbursement later.

#### 2. FEMA has established a deadline of 12/31/22 to submit projects for work completed between the dates of January 20, 2020 and July 1, 2022.

- a. **What does this mean for you?** If you incurred costs related to COVID response that are eligible for FEMA reimbursement between the dates of January 20, 2020 and July 1, 2022, you have until December 31, 2022 to submit a project(s) including those expenses to FEMA. Please contact [nhpa@dos.nh.gov](mailto:nhpa@dos.nh.gov) on this disaster and your new SPDMG will reach out to discuss a plan to submit your costs incurred from 1/20/20 – 7/1/22 **by October 1, 2022** so that HSEM has adequate time to help all applicants process their reimbursement requests to FEMA by the 12/31/22 deadline.

#### 3. FEMA previously announced that the cost share for projects under COVID projects remain at 100% federal cost share through 7/1/2022. Starting on 7/2/2022 and going forward, the cost share for projects under COVID will change to 90% federal cost share (where the remaining 10% will be the responsibility of the applicant).

- a. The 100% reimbursement was previously made retroactive to the start of the Covid-19 Disaster, Jan. 20, 2020. Costs incurred related to Covid-19 during Jan. 20, 2020 – Jul. 1, 2022 may be funded at the 100% cost-share depending on eligibility and successful completion of a project application.
- b. FEMA will apply the 90% federal cost share to funding for all eligible costs **for work performed and items used** on or after 7/2/2022. (i.e. if you purchased COVID supplies that are eligible for FEMA reimbursement, but do not use them by July 1, 2022, they will be subject to the 90/10 cost share).
- c. The deadline for identifying and reporting COVID-19 work completed on or after 7/2/2022 remains open.

#### **HSEM Point of Contact Changes**

Last month Director Harper announced that Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) had made some organizational changes. One of those changes is that all COVID-19 projects will be handled by the Public Assistance Recovery Staff in the Mitigation and Recovery Section. Please contact [nhpa@dos.nh.gov](mailto:nhpa@dos.nh.gov) with any questions related to your COVID-19 projects. If you contact your HSEM Field Representative, they will direct your inquiry to the Public Assistance Team.

## Some questions you might have:

1. **Are there any changes to the [Safe Opening and Operation or Medical Care Guidance](#)?** FEMA has not changed the eligibility guidance previously released. Items that were eligible prior to this most recent extension of the 100% cost share continue to be eligible until further notice.
2. **Will late RPAs be accepted?** FEMA Regional Administrators may further extend the RPA deadline up to 90 days after July 1, 2022, ONLY when the Recipient (State) makes a request in writing and the request is justified based on extenuating circumstances beyond the Recipient's or Applicant's control. For time extensions beyond 90 days, Regional Administrators must coordinate with, and gain concurrence from, the Assistant Administrator, Recovery Directorate at FEMA Headquarters.
3. **Will late project submissions for work completed between 1/20/20-7/1/22 be accepted after the 12/31/22 deadline?** FEMA is expected to release guidance in the near future regarding possible allowances for extensions of the 12/31/22 project deadline.
4. **Has FEMA established an end date for the disaster?** No, FEMA has not established an end date for this disaster, just interim deadlines. FEMA continues to review this topic in relation to the National Public Health Emergency, but FEMA is monitoring the progress of the pandemic to make decisions on the interim deadlines.
5. **What does this mean for projects currently in development?** Applicants should work with the HSEM Public Assistance Team on project applications for work that was completed between the start of the disaster (1/20/20) through 7/1/22 and plan to develop those projects and submit to FEMA before the deadline of 12/31/22. We encourage you to plan to submit your project to the state by no later than October 1, 2022 so that our team can help compile your project(s) and allow ample time to submit to FEMA before the deadline.

Please contact the NH Public Assistance Team directly at [nhpa@dos.nh.gov](mailto:nhpa@dos.nh.gov) on this disaster and your new HSEM point of contact (SPDMG) will reach out to discuss a plan to submit your costs incurred from 1/20/20 – 7/1/22 by **October 1, 2022** so that HSEM has adequate time to help all applicants process their reimbursement requests to FEMA by the 12/31/22 deadline. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions that you may have about these changes. We are happy to help!