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TIPS FOR NONPROFITS RECOVERING FROM DISASTERS

Essential tips for Nonprofits seeking funds from FEMA's Public Assistance Program after disasters and emergencies

PA Funding Tips: What You Need to Know

★ Initial Response

You may be ready to get to work immediately after a disaster, but before anything happens, it is critical that you take detailed photos of any damaged property. This will help determine the cost to repair the damage. In addition to property, be sure to maintain detailed records of all staff and volunteers that work on the recovery project. FEMA may be able to reimburse the cost of staff time and credit you for volunteer labor contributions, but only if you have records to back it up.

★ Pre Damage Records

FEMA often asks organizations to provide maintenance records showing that the facility was well-cared for before a disaster. Can you show that critical systems, like HVAC, were maintained properly? Records of inspections, preventative maintenance, and regular monitoring make a difference. FEMA will not pay for older damage or damage caused by delayed maintenance.

★ Maintain Inventory

FEMA only pays to restore facilities back to their pre-disaster condition with opportunities for additional resilience funding. After a disaster, could you prove what was destroyed? Up-to-date pictures, inventories, and descriptions could expedite the grant process.

★ Financing

Once PA funding is approved, it is available on a reimbursement basis. Often, nonprofits have to complete the work and then wait for reimbursement weeks to months after the bills are due. For entities who need funding immediately, it is important to consider financing options available that will provide funding to begin the disaster recovery project. ABC bridges this gap between federal reimbursement and recovery by offering financing to maximize cost recovery. Financing costs may be eligible for FEMA reimbursement too!



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Program Background

After a major disaster, FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) Program provides grants to state and local governments, as well as many private nonprofits (like hospitals, schools, and universities). These grants cover 75-100% of disaster-related expenses. This funding is critical for communities to rebuild quickly and fully after a disaster with assistance from service providers in the community. All entities must request for PA through the **Grants Portal System** after a declared disaster.



What We Do

ABC works with federal disaster grant recipients and their contractors to effectively manage these grants and get the funding they need to perform their critical work. Simply put, we help organizations rebuild faster and stronger after a disaster by advancing them the funding they need while navigating the federal disaster grant process.

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