

Category	Question	Answer
Child Care Center Eligibility	Are childcare providers eligible if we are 501(c)3?	Yes. Childcare services fall under non-critical, essential services. Prerequisites are that you are a private nonprofit and meet the other eligibility criteria for a PNP, including owning or operating an eligible facility where eligible services are performed.
Construction Company Eligibility	Do construction companies, which are considered essential, qualify for the grant?	Construction companies are private, for -profit enterprises that are not eligible applicants for FEMA's Public Assistance Program.
COVID Testing	If our school operates a testing center, does that portion of our services make us fall under "medical?"	If you are offering testing services to the general public, you should contract with a governmental entity to provide those services. If testing is limited to employees and students, it may be eligible under the reopening policy for testing performed after 1/20/21.
COVID Testing	What are some of the expenses we can add as reimbursements? Can COVID testing be added?	<p>See the FEMA eligibility table provided in the presentation deck, slide 24 - you can access it here:  <a href="https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/06/dr-4480-ny-covid-19-applicants-fema-orientation_june-2021.pdf">https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/06/dr-4480-ny-covid-19-applicants-fema-orientation_june-2021.pdf</a></p> <p>Testing for the public is generally deemed the legal responsibility of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments. If as a PNP you are doing testing, you should contract with a local government to provide testing on their behalf, bill the local government for those services, and then that governmental entity could seek reimbursement from FEMA.</p>

COVID Testing	Are COVID-19 testing costs eligible?	It would very much depend. There are periods where testing is reimbursable under certain conditions and periods where it isn't. Given that this presentation is for non-medical PNPs, we would need to know why the nonprofit felt the need to test as opposed to a hospital or medical organization that may have had a local mandate to test. We would encourage you to email <a href="mailto:DHSESPACOV19@DHSES.ny.gov">DHSESPACOV19@DHSES.ny.gov</a> to assess your eligibility further.
DUNS Number	What is DUNS?	The DUNS number is the Dun & Bradstreet identification number assigned to your organization. You can obtain it by accessing the Dun & Bradstreet website and searching for your organization.
Eligible Emergency Work	We suffered economic damage, but our facilities were not damaged. Is this an appropriate RPA for us?	The COVID-19 Pandemic (DR-4480) is treated as emergency work where damages do not require permanent work in facilities. Most likely eligible activities are related to cost incurred in personal protective equipment (masks), emergency protective measures (barriers, safety signage) to continue offering services to population impacted by the virus. See the FEMA eligibility table provided in the presentation deck, slide 24 - you can access it here: <a href="https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/06/dr-4480-ny-covid-19-applicants-fema-orientation_june-2021.pdf">https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/06/dr-4480-ny-covid-19-applicants-fema-orientation_june-2021.pdf</a>
Eligible Emergency Work	What are some examples of work that could be covered under FEMA Category B/Protective Measures?	See the FEMA eligibility table in the presentation deck, slide 24 - you can access it here: <a href="https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/06/dr-4480-ny-covid-19-applicants-fema-orientation_june-2021.pdf">https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/06/dr-4480-ny-covid-19-applicants-fema-orientation_june-2021.pdf</a>  This is a comprehensive, however, not exclusive list of eligible activities/costs for COVID-19 response and safe reopening.

Eligible Emergency Work	Are expenses to make the office safer eligible? i.e. construction, renovation, AC units, desk guards, air filters, etc.?	Only those that are directly related to protecting the public health and safety from the COVID-19 event, meet the requirements of the pyramid of eligibility. In general, permanent work is not eligible.
Eligible Emergency Work	Are hand sanitizing units an eligible FEMA expense?	Possibly, this depends on specific variables to the "hand sanitizing units". Standalone units are more likely to be considered eligible than those attached to a wall. All supplies related in providing health and safety to staff and the public should be an eligible cost for consideration.
Eligible Emergency Work	Would an outpatient behavioral health provider qualify for FEMA reimbursement?	Depending on type of agency it is. Governmental entities and certain Private Non-Profit entities are eligible.
Eligible Emergency Work	Would a nonprofit 501c3 health care provider be eligible?	Yes, if they have an IRS letter under IRC 501(c), (d) or (e) and can document that they are organized or doing business under New York State law as a non-revenue producing, nonprofit entity. And they may be eligible if they provide an essential service and were active during the event.
Eligible Emergency Work	Do we need to actually request a DAR to work with?	No, it is not necessary to request a PDAR. As a representative of the Recipient, a PDAR is required to be assigned to each Subrecipient to ensure they are maximizing the ability to be reimbursed by FEMA for expenditures associated with Covid-19 emergency protective measures.
Eligible Emergency Work	Would providing shopping services for high risk clients that are virtually homebound be eligible?	Not likely but need more details. It depends on the applicant's legal responsibility and who receives services. [applicant]
Eligible Emergency Work	Is an Private NPC whose mission is to enhance the health of veterans through research and education on the grounds of a federal medical facility eligible?	Yes, if they have an IRS letter under IRC 501(c), (d) or (e) and can document that they are organized or doing business under New York State law as a non-revenue producing, nonprofit entity. Also any work performed and resulting expenses must be in direct response to protecting public health and safety from the COVID-19 event.

Eligible Emergency Work	As a nonprofit theatre company, we had to purchase video equipment to continue performing virtually to protect our audiences from Covid. Are we eligible?	As an applicant, yes. Under current FEMA policy, no. FEMA's Interim Policy issued September 1, 2020 states that these costs are considered increased operating expenses and not eligible under the FEMA PA Program.
Eligible Emergency Work	As a nonprofit theatre company, we had to purchase PPE to protect our actors as they performed virtually. Are we eligible?	if you are using PPE to protect the public from spread of the virus, it is an eligible cost. But cost is only one tier in the pyramid of eligibility, which requires all of the following: 1) an eligible applicant; 2) an eligible facility (for PNP), 3) eligible emergency work (which is the legal responsibility of the applicant) and 4) eligible cost (reasonable and necessary to protect public health and safety from the COVID-19 virus).
Facility Eligibility	In order for an organization/facility to be an eligible applicant, do all eligible activities need to take place in the facility or onsite? For example, some of our youth education work takes place in schools.	Not necessarily, but some requirements must be established. First, we have to establish whether the nonprofit is an eligible applicant. Second, we have to confirm that the nonprofit owns or operates an eligible facility. As long as the applicant owns or operates a facility in New York state, whether the services are provided off site or on site does not affect eligibility. We also need to know what expenditures you are trying to get reimbursed. For example, technology or computers are not eligible for FEMA PA reimbursement.
Faith-Based Organization Eligibility	Would a church organized as a private nonprofit be eligible to apply?	A church organized as a private nonprofit would be eligible to apply under the condition that services provided must have been available to the public, not members only.

Feeding and Food Distribution	Would emergency drive-through food distributions be eligible?	With this COVID declaration, there is a specific policy regarding food purchasing and distribution. It is deemed an emergency protective measure designed to protect the general public, which FEMA deems the legal responsibility of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments. Therefore, if the local government contracted with a PNP to perform those services, the PNP would bill the local government and the local government could apply as the applicant for reimbursement from FEMA.
Feeding and Food Distribution	If we had to hire a driver to deliver food bags to clients with COVID, is that eligible for FEMA reimbursement? Also, would the cost of the additional food needed to distributed to those with COVID and shut-in seniors be eligible?	I would highly recommend you reach out directly to the email <a href="mailto:dhsesPACovid-19@dhses.ny.gov">dhsesPACovid-19@dhses.ny.gov</a> , so we can get into the specifics and determine eligibility. There may be pieces within your situation that are eligible, but we need to verify that 1) the eligible expenditures are in excess of \$3,300, and 2) there is no duplication of benefits. Food expenditures may be under a different program, but we need to have a conversation to confirm.
Feeding and Food Distribution	Would our food pantry services be eligible? We did not offer this before COVID but because of COVID.	Private nonprofits are not eligible applicants and cannot be reimbursed directly for food pantry services and programs under COVID-19 public assistance. Therefore, it would depend on whether you had an agreement with your local government. The activity and the commodities themselves may be eligible for reimbursement, but only through a state, local, tribal, or territorial (SLTT) government. If a private nonprofit had an agreement or contract with an SLTT to provide these goods and services, they could get reimbursed directly from that SLTT, and the SLTT would apply to receive reimbursement from FEMA.
FEMA Eligibility on Backdrop of PPP Loan	Would we be eligible to apply for non-personnel expenses if we received a PPP loan?	FEMA public assistance reimbursement prohibits duplication of benefits. Expenditures already reimbursed through PPP would not be eligible. If you have \$3,300 or more in expenditures for PPE and/or for disinfectant that were not already reimbursed, they may be eligible.

FEMA Resources for Nonprofits	Where can I find the eligibility table that was shown during the Q&A session?	The eligibility table can be found here on slide 4: <a href="https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/07/covid-19-fema-applicant-quick-guide_final.pdf">https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/07/covid-19-fema-applicant-quick-guide_final.pdf</a> .
FEMA Resources for Nonprofits	Will this eligibility table be available as a PDF?	Yes, it can be found on slide 4 at this link: <a href="https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/07/covid-19-fema-applicant-quick-guide_final.pdf">https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/07/covid-19-fema-applicant-quick-guide_final.pdf</a>
FEMA Resources for Nonprofits	What is the actual, specific URL for this grant program? Will an application link be provided at the end of this meeting?	<a href="http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/recovery/public/documents/4480-PNP-RPA-Packet-Private-Not-for-Profit.pdf">http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/recovery/public/documents/4480-PNP-RPA-Packet-Private-Not-for-Profit.pdf</a>
FEMA Resources for Nonprofits	Can I get a transcript of the meeting?	The session recording with closed captions will be posted on this site: <a href="https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/nonprofit-fema-resources">https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/nonprofit-fema-resources</a> and link to the Grants Gateway YouTube channel.
Force Account	What is "force account"?	Force account employees are your employees. Force account materials are your inventory - the stock you have on hand. Force account equipment is the equipment you own or leased to perform the work.
Hardware Upgrades for Hands-Free Use	Are nonprofit museums eligible for reimbursement for costs incurred for hardware upgrades (to make hardware handsfree)?	The hardware upgrades to go hands-free might require more investigation. One caveat on all eligible expenses for all applicants is that expenses must be reasonable and necessary. Typically, FEMA is looking at whether the applicant has followed specific guidance issued by an appropriate health official like the CDC or the Department of Health. If you are following guidance from those agencies, then there's a strong argument that the activity would be reimbursable. For gray areas, we strongly suggest submitting a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) to be designated as an applicant and have DHSES staff help you with the specifics of your claim. DHSES staff will help flesh out all the details of your situation and get a formal determination of eligibility as appropriate.

<p>Housing/Non-Congregate Sheltering Eligibility</p>	<p>Is a housing facility eligible?</p>	<p>There are a couple things to look at. First, are you a governmental entity like a housing authority, or a nonprofit agency? Second, what is the work you're doing? If the work is disinfecting to protect residents, that may be eligible. If you're providing non-congregate sheltering, there are some very specific policies that apply, including time limitations. Non-congregate sheltering is generally deemed the legal responsibility of a governmental entity. A nonprofit providing non-congregate sheltering should contract with a governmental entity, who can then apply to FEMA for reimbursement.</p>
<p>Housing/Non-Congregate Sheltering Eligibility</p>	<p>Is low income housing eligible for funding? I.e., "Shelter in Place"?</p>	<p>There are certain special criteria for non-congregate sheltering. These services are generally deemed as "protecting public health and safety," which FEMA deems the legal responsibility of state, local, tribal, and territorial government entities as opposed to that of PNPs. If PNPs are engaged in that type of work, they should contract with and bill the local government, and then the local government could seek reimbursement from FEMA. However, if the low-income housing is a PNP 501 (c) 3, and the shelter served a population affected or offered services related to the Covid-19 pandemic, then the expenditures may be eligible.</p>
<p>Incident Period</p>	<p>The incident period start date is January 20th, 2020. What is the end date?</p>	<p>The incident period is open and we have no indication of when it will end. For those familiar with FEMA public assistance funding, this is unusual. Typically incident periods are less than a week. Given the nature of this pandemic and its ongoing needs, the incident period for DR-4480 is open-ended. FEMA has stated they will provide upwards of 30 day notice for the end date.</p>
<p>Labor Cost Eligibility</p>	<p>Are regular full-time labor costs restricted to overtime cost reimbursement only?</p>	<p>Yes. For your regular full-time employees, only overtime performing eligible emergency work is reimbursable.</p>

<p>Medical vs. Non-Medical Nonprofits</p>	<p>Can you define "non-medical" early on during this presentation so we know whether this call is appropriate for us?</p>	<p>First, let's define what "medical" is: a medical nonprofit is an organization that is providing diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19: hospitals, testing centers, etc. Non-medical PNPs would be any nonprofits that are not providing those services, like schools, shelters, food programs, etc.</p>
<p>Mental Health Organization Eligibility</p>	<p>Are mental health agencies eligible?</p>	<p>Yes, mental health agencies are maybe eligible if they meet the eligibility criteria for PNPs. See FEMA Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide (PAPPG), v.3.1, page 12 (Table 1). Mental health is considered a critical service.</p>
<p>Operating Deficit</p>	<p>Does a nonprofit need to show an operating deficit to qualify for FEMA funding?</p>	<p>No, an operating deficit is not a requirement to receive FEMA public assistance. However, FEMA does consider whether a nonprofit was already reimbursed for expenditures by other funding streams. There will be no duplication of benefits.</p>

<p>PPE and Disinfectant Eligibility</p>	<p>Are PPE and disinfection costs reimbursable for non-medical settings PRIOR to the policy change date of 1/1/21 that made those expenses eligible for shelter/day cares/food assistance programs?</p>	<p>There are three potential eligibility periods for PPE within DR-4480. For eligible applicants who were not already reimbursed by other funding streams, there was open eligibility for PPE from January 20, 2020 to September 14, 2020. From September 15, 2020 to January 20, 2021, there was very limited PPE eligibility with specific criteria. From January 21, 2021 onwards, the eligibility for PPE opened up again. If you meet the criteria as an applicant and had expenditures over \$3,300 that were not already reimbursed by other funding streams, email DHSES at <a href="mailto:dhsesPACovid-19@dhses.ny.gov">dhsesPACovid-19@dhses.ny.gov</a> so our staff can look at your expenses across the three time periods to see what exactly you could submit to FEMA.</p> <p>For cleaning and disinfecting, there was limited eligibility from January 20, 2020 to September 14, 2020, with specific documentation required. From September 15, 2020 to January 20, 2021, there was very limited eligibility with very specific criteria that had to be met. From January 21, 2021 onwards, eligibility became wide open, but you still have to be an eligible applicant and demonstrate lack of duplication of benefits from other funding streams and the purpose surrounding cleaning and disinfecting.</p> <p>The eligibility table can be found here on slide 4: <a href="https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/07/covid-19-fema-applicant-quick-guide_final.pdf">https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/07/covid-19-fema-applicant-quick-guide_final.pdf</a>.</p>
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<p>PPE Eligibility</p>	<p>Are nonprofit museums eligible for reimbursement for costs incurred for PPE for staff, etc.?</p>	<p>This is specific to museums, assuming you're an eligible PNP. PPE would be eligible. One caveat on all eligible expenses for all applicants is that expenses must be reasonable and necessary. Typically, FEMA is looking at whether the applicant has followed specific guidance issued by an appropriate health official like the CDC or the Department of Health. If you are following guidance from those agencies, then there's a strong argument that the activity would be reimbursable.</p>
<p>Process to Establish FEMA Eligibility</p>	<p>Would an Art Service Organization be eligible for FEMA reimbursement? Our organization undertook significant activities to respond to COVID-19 in the dance field. We are a service organization, not an educational facility.</p>	<p>The first step is to determine PNP applicant eligibility. FEMA first determines if a nonprofit is an eligible applicant for federal disaster relief through the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Confirming the organization has a current IRS ruling granting tax exemption under 501 c, d, or e of the Internal Revenue Code, or documentation from the state substantiating that it's a non-revenue producing, nonprofit entity organized or doing business under state law.</li> <li>2) Determining whether the nonprofit provides the appropriate services through an eligible facility. FEMA assesses if the facility provides a critical service defined as education, utilities, emergency medical or a non-critical but essential social service to the general public that is not restricted based on limiting factors.</li> </ol> <p>If the organization proves its nonprofit status and meets the criteria for eligible facilities, FEMA then determines eligibility of the facility that provides the emergency service. For nonprofits, the operating facility must be eligible for work to be eligible for reimbursement. If you meet these criteria, you may be eligible for FEMA reimbursement.</p>

<p>Process to Establish FEMA Eligibility</p>	<p>Does pre-k funded by City of NY qualify if run by a private nonprofit? Do after school programs qualify?</p>	<p>Again, FEMA first determines if a nonprofit is an eligible applicant for federal disaster relief through the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Confirming the organization has a current IRS ruling granting tax exemption under 501 c, d, or e of the Internal Revenue Code, or documentation from the state substantiating that it's a non-revenue producing, nonprofit entity organized or doing business under state law.</li> <li>2) Determining whether the nonprofit provides the appropriate services through an eligible facility. FEMA assesses if the facility provides a critical service defined as education, utilities, emergency medical or a non-critical but essential social service to the general public that is not restricted based on limiting factor.</li> </ol> <p>The operating facility must be eligible for work to be eligible for reimbursement. If you meet these criteria, you may be eligible for FEMA reimbursement. Send us an email at <a href="mailto:dhsesPACovid-19@dhses.ny.gov">dhsesPACovid-19@dhses.ny.gov</a> for further assessment. Given your non-medical status, the expenditures you would likely reimburse are disinfecting and PPE.</p>
<p>Process to Establish FEMA Eligibility</p>	<p>Wondering if our services (refugee resettlement and other human services) are eligible for FEMA reimbursement?</p>	<p>At this time under DR-4480, FEMA does not reimburse expenditures associated with relocation of individuals. The main eligible expenditures for non-medical nonprofits are disinfecting and distribution and usage of PPE to preserve safety for individuals that you have responsibility for. If you incurred PPE or disinfecting expenditures from relocating families and providing human services, we can work with you to see if you qualify as an applicant. Email us at <a href="mailto:dhsesPACovid-19@dhses.ny.gov">dhsesPACovid-19@dhses.ny.gov</a> and we can walk through your expenditures incurred from January 20th, 2020 onwards to see if they are eligible.</p>

<p>Process to Establish FEMA Eligibility</p>	<p>Does a nonprofit, low-income affordable housing property qualify as essential?</p>	<p>For DR-4480, both critical and non-critical but essential PNPs are eligible applicants. Unlike many other disasters, there is no distinction between critical private nonprofits and non-critical but essential private nonprofits in terms of eligibility. Category B emergency protective measures, which includes both critical and non-critical but essential PNPs, are the only eligible type of work for DR-4480.</p> <p>If you are an eligible applicant, we would need to know what expenditures you are trying to get reimbursed. If you had a main office to serve your clientele and had to distribute PPE to your employees and members and disinfect according to CDC guidance, those expenditures could potentially be submitted if they are in excess of \$3,300.</p>
<p>Process to Establish FEMA Eligibility</p>	<p>We offer art classes to children and adults and host educational programming for students with disabilities. We are not an accredited educational institution, but we opened our building and brought staff back so the classes could run in person in September. We did get PPP funding, which has been forgiven. Are we eligible?</p>	<p>FEMA public assistance reimbursement prohibits duplication of benefits. Expenditures already reimbursed through PPP would not be eligible. If your organization already secured funding through PPP for expenditures associated with bringing back staff and continuing programming, you would not receive FEMA reimbursement in addition to that. If you have \$3,300 or more in expenditures for PPE and/or for disinfectant that were not already reimbursed, they may be eligible.</p>
<p>Process to Establish FEMA Eligibility</p>	<p>Are services for people with developmental disabilities eligible? Specifically staffing and training staff on COVID-19.</p>	<p>We would need more details to see if the PPE and/or disinfecting that you're utilizing are eligible for FEMA reimbursement. We would also need to know who you are licensed or certified by: most likely you're under the licensure or within a contract of a state agency or locality. Please e-mail <a href="mailto:dhsesPACOV19@DHSES.ny.gov">dhsesPACOV19@DHSES.ny.gov</a> for further discussions as your eligibility would depend on several factors.</p>

<p>Process to Establish FEMA Eligibility</p>	<p>Can you explain the process for determining if our nonprofit is eligible for FEMA funding?</p>	<p>There are two steps. First, you need to demonstrate the organization is a 501 c, d, or e nonprofit. You'll provide a series of documentation to DHSES for review. This includes the organization's DUNS number from Dun &amp; Bradstreet; the organizational charter and bylaws; the tax exempt letter demonstrating a 501 c, d, or e designation; and the articles of incorporation. You also need to fill out the PNP questionnaire, which can be found on the DHSES website or the FEMA grants portal site. You further need to provide a copy of the organization's deed or lease agreement demonstrating that you own or operate an eligible facility in New York state. You can download the entire package from the DHSES website at <a href="http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/recovery/public/documents/4567-RPA-Packet-Govt-Entity.pdf">http://www.dhSES.ny.gov/recovery/public/documents/4567-RPA-Packet-Govt-Entity.pdf</a>.</p> <p>Second, private nonprofits must demonstrate that they operate an eligible facility in order to be an eligible applicant. The facility must be the legal responsibility of the applicant and it must have been in active use at the time of the emergency - i.e., right now since we have an open incident period.</p>
<p>Remote/Virtual Work Eligibility</p>	<p>Would programs that incurred extra costs redirecting services to virtual be eligible?</p>	<p>Costs incurred for any kind of remote work are not considered eligible expenses under the FEMA public assistance program. For example, if you are switching to telehealth or remote learning services and purchasing laptops or internet service for staff to work from home, those costs are not eligible for reimbursement under this program. There may be other funding sources related to COVID, like the CARES act, that might provide funding in those situations. Services incurred when the facility was open or incurred by re-opening the facility after January 21, 2021 may be covered by FEMA but not virtual services.</p>

<p>Safe Opening and Operating Costs &amp; Eligibility</p>	<p>Are expenses incurred to protect employees to perform their duties eligible? Partitions, creating new offices to avoid shared office space, etc.?</p>	<p>The answer is very nuanced. If you have those kinds of expenses, you should submit your Request for Public Assistance (RPA) to DHSES and have your DHSES assigned Disaster Assistance Representative (DAR) go through your claim specifically. The answer is slightly different depending on in which period you've been incurring those expenses. For nonmedical PNPs during that middle period from September 15, 2020 to January 21, 2021, they are not eligible, but they may be eligible prior, and they may be eligible under the reopening policy after January 21, 2021. So, partitions and signage to socially distance are eligible.</p>
<p>Safe Opening and Operating Costs &amp; Eligibility</p>	<p>Would Merv-13 filters for our HVAC systems be eligible? Are items like air filters, desk guards, and signage allowable in addition to PPE?</p>	<p>Temporary physical barriers had limited eligibility from January 20, 2020 to September 14, 2020. From September 15, 2020 to January 20, 2021, temporary physical barriers had very limited eligibility that had to meet specific criteria. From January 21, 2021 onwards, the updated policy opened up eligibility for temporary physical barriers. We would still need to confirm with you: why the barriers were put up and how the barriers fit into protection for individuals to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Both the placement of the temporary physical barriers and the reason for purchasing them would determine whether that expenditure is reimbursable.</p>
<p>Sanitizing/Disinfectant Eligibility</p>	<p>Are nonprofit museums eligible for reimbursement for costs incurred for sanitizing stations, PPE for staff, etc.?</p>	<p>This is specific to museums, assuming you're an eligible PNP. The sanitizing &amp; PPE would be eligible, One caveat on all eligible expenses for all applicants is that expenses must be reasonable and necessary. Typically, FEMA is looking at whether the applicant has followed specific guidance issued by an appropriate health official like the CDC or the Department of Health. If you are following guidance from those agencies, then there's a strong argument that the activity would be reimbursable.</p>

Sanitizing/Disinfectant Eligibility	Are nonprofit museums eligible for reimbursement for costs incurred for sanitizing stations?	This is specific to museums, assuming you're an eligible PNP. The sanitizing would be eligible. One caveat on all eligible expenses for all applicants is that expenses must be reasonable and necessary. Typically, FEMA is looking at whether the applicant has followed specific guidance issued by an appropriate health official like the CDC or the Department of Health. If you are following guidance from those agencies, then there's a strong argument that the activity would be reimbursable.
School Eligibility	Are schools, including charter schools, able to apply for this?	Yes, most schools are identified as a special government district, so they would be eligible as a special government district or a recognized nonprofit under IRS designation 501 c, d, or e. If you are a private nonprofit school (even one that charges tuition), you have the opportunity to apply if you meet the other criteria. If you are a for-profit organization, you would not be eligible.
Technology Eligibility	We provide mental health services to NYC firefighters and their families. We had to purchase laptops and software to transfer our services to a virtual platform, while still paying the rent to keep our main location (we closed all of our other sites). Do we qualify for reimbursement?	Laptops and software are not eligible expenditures under public assistance FEMA. If you bought PPE like face masks and cloth masks, or if you disinfected your common spaces in accordance with CDC guidance and were not already reimbursed by another funding stream, those expenses might be eligible. We know that there are a lot of opportunities for reimbursement for certain expenditures, but PA FEMA funding is for mostly for PPE and disinfecting for non-medical nonprofits.
Telehealth Eligibility	Are telehealth expansion equipment, telehealth consulting fees, PPE costs, space mediation, increased cost for employment, and the like eligible for reimbursement?	We need more details about the exact situation to answer. For example "space mediation" to acquire more space to accommodate the CDC's 6-foot social distancing rule is not an eligible expenditure. However, PPE and disinfecting could potentially qualify for PA reimbursement depending on whether the facility was open or closed to the public and whether the expenditures were already reimbursed by another funder. You would need at least \$3,300 in eligible expenditures to submit a project with FEMA.

Third-Party Contracting	What does it mean to be in contract with a "third party"- who are we defining as "third party"?	<p>There are two contractor scenarios. First, you're an eligible applicant with eligible work. For example, you may be reopening your facility after January 20, 2021 and following CDC guidance on separating employees in the workplace. You install plexiglass barriers and hire a contractor for installation. This may be eligible work and you'll seek reimbursement for that contractor's cost. You'll pay the contractor and seek reimbursement from FEMA as an eligible applicant. The other scenario is if you're doing work that is normally the legal responsibility of a governmental entity. In that case, you are not the eligible applicant and would want to negotiate a contract with the governmental entity assuming that they are agreeable, which is not guaranteed. Assuming you are able to negotiate that contract for services such as providing food and distribution to COVID-impacted families or providing non-congregate sheltering or the like, then under that contract, you would bill the governmental entity, they would pay your bill, and then the governmental entity would seek reimbursement from FEMA.</p>
Third-Party Contracting	If you hire a nurse to handle COVID-19 testing at a school and she is through a third-party employment agency, is that considered a third-party contract?	<p>No, that does not fall under the eligible costs for this declaration. Testing falls under emergency protective measures to protect public health and safety, which FEMA deems the legal responsibility of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments. In most instances, PNPs doing this type of testing work need to contract with a governmental entity, bill that governmental entity under that contract, and then the government entity would apply for FEMA reimbursement.</p>

Three Eligibility Periods	Do the funds received have to be used for the eligibility bucket based on time frame received or are the eligibility policies superseded by the later guidance?	The time periods govern eligibility. The cost must be incurred, and the item used within the applicable eligibility period to be eligible. See the FEMA eligibility table provided in the presentation deck, slide 24 - you can access it here: <a href="https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/06/dr-4480-ny-covid-19-applicants-fema-orientation_june-2021.pdf">https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/06/dr-4480-ny-covid-19-applicants-fema-orientation_june-2021.pdf</a>
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