# FEMA Public Assistance

#### What is FEMA Public Assistance?

Following a disaster or emergency, FEMA's Public Assistance program can support a community's recovery efforts by providing grant assistance for the removal of debris, protecting the health and safety of residents, and repairing public infrastructure. The PA program also encourages protection from future events by providing 406 hazard mitigation assistance for eligible facilities. Changes to the delivery of the PA Program has placed additional burdens on applicants as they're expected to process and monitor grant performance and general oversight of project engagements.

#### **Alternative Procedures Program**

The passing of the Sandy Recovery Improvement Act (SRIA) and the resulting changes to the FEMA PA Program has resulted in new needs and opportunities for local and state governments. The SRIA and the accompanying Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 allows for grants for public assistance permanent work projects based on fixed estimates for the timely or cost-effective completion of work.

## The Four Basic Elements of Eligibility:

COST

Must be tied to eligible work and be adequately documented, necessary, and reasonable.

**WORK** 

Must be required as a result of the declared incident and located within the designated disaster area.

**FACILITY** 

Must be a building, public works, system, equipment, or natural feature.

**APPLICANT** 

Must be a state, territory, tribe local government, or private nonprofit organization.

#### **Emergency and Permanent Work**

FEMA processes grants based on the type of work performed. Emergency work includes debris removed and emergency protective measures and should be completed within six months. Permanent work includes permanent work repairing roads and bridges, water control facilities, public buildings and contents, utilities, and parks, recreational, and other facilities and should be completed within 18 months.

## **PA Program Life Cycle**

PHASE I

Operational Planning & Applicant Coordination **PHASE II** 

Damage Impacts & Eligibility

PHASE III

Project Scoping & Costing

## **ABOUT US**

ISC is a professional services firm focused on developing and implementing comprehensive crisis and consequence management solutions. We are a team of innovative problem solvers that combine experience and evidence-based knowledge to deliver practical, best practice results across multiple industries to make communities safer and more resilient.



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**PHASE V** 

Final Reconciliations & Closeout



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## ISC DELIVERS UNPARALLELED EXPERTISE IN FEMA PA

For almost two decades, ISC has responded to hundreds of natural hazards, man-made disasters, and incidents of national significance to provide technical support to the disaster's recovery operations. Our team of technical experts helps with assessing post-disaster damaged facilities, performing cost estimates of the damaged facilities, and identifying those costs that would be eligible for funding. ISC has leveraged this expertise to develop innovative tools, technologies, and best practices to assist in the management of the procedures, policies and plans that are required by Federal regulations and disaster assistance programs.

ISC has extensive experience providing disaster recovery services to our clients. This includes disaster assistance program expertise in FEMA Fire Management Assistance, Hazard Mitigation, PA, Section 428, National Flood Insurance, and Stafford Act Policies.

## **ISC** Major Event Involvement Timeline



#### **DISASTER RECOVERY CORE CAPABILITIES:**

Appeals & Arbitration

**Closeout Reporting** 

**Cost Estimating** 

Cost Recovery Accounting & Controls

Damage Assessment & Forensics

**Disaster Housing Operations** 

**Disaster Recovery Audits** 

Environmental & Historic Preservation Consultation

Financial Recovery & Reconciliation

Grant Management & Procurement Support

**Impact Assessments** 

**Insurance Claim Consultation** 

& Management

Policy Review and Consultation

**Preliminary Damage Assessments** 

Program Management

**Project Formulation** 

**Project Management & Reporting** 

Recovery Strategic Planning

## **OUR INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS**



**Drone Technology** 



Odysseus Enterprise System



Damage Assessment Tool



Disaster Grant Management Tool

