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**From:** JOE LARSEN  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 9, 2020 3:21 PM  
**Subject:** FW: [Localtribal-em] FW: RX Public Assistance COVID-19 FEMA Update 4.9.2020  
**Attachments:** COVID-19 Community Based Testing Sites (04.02.20).pdf; COVID-19 Q and A (04.08.20) 1100hrs.xlsx; Grants Portal Webinars April 13-17.pdf; Eligible areas of Category B Emergency Protective Measures COVID 19.docx

### Update from FEMA Region Ten 4/8/20 below.

I've added comments in red below that hopefully helps.

In addition, OEM has been getting inquires on if **loss of revenue** is an eligible PA activity , **unfortunately loss of revenue is not eligible under FEMA Public Assistance.** Attached is the type of eligible Public Assistance activities (summarized from COVID 19 Eligible Emergency Protective Measures Fact Sheet) for your reference.

Stay safe and healthy!

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**Subject:** RX Public Assistance COVID-19 FEMA Daily Update 4.9.2020

Good afternoon,

Here's today's update; please keep letting us know how we can assist you.

**Remote public schooling costs:** Several regions, including Region 10, have been asking follow up questions regarding the previous determination that costs incurred by jurisdictions to provide distance learning are not eligible. The answer from HQ is (also included in attached Q and A): "These costs are still considered increased operating costs. Temporary relocation of essential services is tied to setting up a temporary facility to provide the service. In this case, there is no temporary facility. The requested costs are for equipment and supplies which, for some schools/school districts, is an increased operating cost. As the school is not providing a service that is necessary to save lives or protect public health and safety, the increased costs are not eligible under PA. There is a possibility that funding for this purpose becomes available through the Department of Education."

**Direct application functionality and PW Template:** Coming soon! Testing is underway and we will see more information out over the weekend. **JS Comment: The Project Worksheet (PW) is the document that contains a description of an applicant's emergency response activities and costs directly related to the COVID 19 response, and is the mechanism used for future FEMA reimbursements. The PW template being developed by FEMA HQ is to assist applicants with building their projects (like turbo tax). To gain access to FEMA Grants Portal, applicants must submit their Request for Public Assistance (RPA) form to [julie.slevin@state.or.us](mailto:julie.slevin@state.or.us) and [dan.gwin@state.or.us](mailto:dan.gwin@state.or.us) or self-register at <https://grantee.fema.gov/> self-registering option currently is only available to state and local governments. Private nonprofits and tribal governments must submit RPA form as described, for access to Grants Portal. Grants Portal**

**Training available, schedule is shown below and attached!**

**Follow up Rumor control for CBTS sites:** There have been a few questions regarding CBTS sites and those that are already locally managed. Please see the attached PDF, and don't hesitate to reach out if further clarification is needed. In general, activities local and state governments are conducting at Community Based Testing Sites are eligible for reimbursement under the Public Assistance program, subject to a cost share. Government officials will need to be careful to document costs incurred using the cost eligibility requirements found at page 21-42 of the FEMA Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide. More information on what COVID-19 activities are eligible for reimbursement under the Public Assistance Program can be found in the "COVID-19 Pandemic: Eligible Emergency Protective Measures Fact Sheet" (<https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/03/19/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-eligible-emergency-protective-measures> ) and the "COVID-19 Pandemic: Emergency Medical Care Fact Sheet" (<https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/03/31/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-emergency-medical-care>).

Information on how to apply is available in the “COVID-19 Pandemic: Public Assistance Simplified Application Fact Sheet” (<https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/03/23/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-public-assistance-simplified-application>).

**Local hire announcements:** Multiple PDMG positions for each state

- Bothell posting is closed and applicants are currently under review.
- Salem/Portland/Eugene posting is live at <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/565080700>
- Boise posting is live at <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/565074900>
- Anchorage posting is live at <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/565134500>

**Upcoming Grants Portal webinars (flyer with more info attached):**

FEMA HQ will continue hosting these webinars until a time when there appears to no longer be a need. The HQ training team can also do one-off webinars if a state would like to do so. Just let your PAGS or the Policy team know if there is an interest in scheduling an alternate webinar time, and we can get it set up!

Day	Time (EST)	Audience	Adobe Link
Monday 4/13	10am 2pm 4pm	Recipient	<a href="https://fema.connectsolutions.com/gprecipientbasic/">https://fema.connectsolutions.com/gprecipientbasic/</a>
Tuesday 4/14	10am 2pm 4pm	Applicant	<a href="https://fema.connectsolutions.com/gpapplicant/">https://fema.connectsolutions.com/gpapplicant/</a>
Wednesday 4/15	10am 2pm 4pm	Recipient	<a href="https://fema.connectsolutions.com/gprecipientbasic/">https://fema.connectsolutions.com/gprecipientbasic/</a>
Thursday 4/16	10am 2pm 4pm	Applicant	<a href="https://fema.connectsolutions.com/gpapplicant/">https://fema.connectsolutions.com/gpapplicant/</a>
Friday 4/17	10am 2pm 4pm	Applicant	<a href="https://fema.connectsolutions.com/gpapplicant/">https://fema.connectsolutions.com/gpapplicant/</a>

**Documents from HQ, as of 4/9/2020**

- COVID-19 Q&A (04.08.2020) 1100hrs

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