

Public Assistance through FEMA is separated by two categories: Emergency Work and Permanent Work.

The information contained in this section is meant to be informational in a general sense. Further guidance can be found in FEMA's [Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide](#).

Emergency Work

Emergency Work (Categories A and B) is work that must be done immediately to:

- Save lives;
- Protect public health and safety;
- Protect improved property; or
- Eliminate or lessen an immediate threat of additional damage.

For Private Non-Profit (PNP) Applicants, eligible Emergency Work is generally limited to that associated with an eligible PNP facility as follows:

- Debris removal from the facility property; and
- Emergency protective measures to prevent damage to the facility and its contents.

Permanent Work

Permanent Work (Categories C–G) is work required to restore a facility to its pre-disaster design and function in accordance with applicable codes and standards. Pre-disaster design means the size or capacity of a facility as originally constructed or subsequently modified. Pre-disaster function is the function for which the facility was originally designed or subsequently modified. Depending on the work, some of the following may be required:

- Environmental and historic preservation considerations;
- Obtaining and maintaining insurance;
- Following codes and standards;
- Consideration of hazard mitigation/prevention measures;
- Repair versus replacement;
- Relocation; and/or
- Maximum funding available.

Category A: Debris Removal

Category B: Emergency Protective Measures

Category C: Roads and Bridges

Category D: Water Control Facilities

Category E: Buildings and Equipment

Category F: Utilities

Category G: Parks, Recreational Facilities, and Other Facilities