



**Who is an Eligible Applicant?**

There are **four (4) types** of eligible Applicants for Public Assistance (PA).

1. **State Government Agencies.**
2. **Local governments and special districts – For example school districts, utility districts, etc.**
3. **Private nonprofit organizations (PNPs).**
  - a. PNPs must own or operate facilities that are open to the **general public** and that provide certain essential and critical services otherwise performed by a government agency.
4. **Federally recognized Native American Indian Tribes**
  - a. Not applicable in New Hampshire

**What Types of Private Non-Profits are Eligible?**

To be eligible for PA funding, a PNP must meet the following requirements:

1. Provide critical or essential governmental-type services.
2. Be a tax-exempt nonprofit.
3. Non-critical PNPs must be open to the public.

Eligible PNP participation in the FEMA PA Program is determined, in part, as to whether the PNP is offering **critical** or **essential** services of a “governmental nature” and the critical nature of services provided.

Eligible service providers generally fall into two (2) categories, PNP organizations that provide:

**Critical Services**

- Provide services essential to a community’s viability

**Non-Critical Essential Services**

- Provide other essential governmental-type services to the community.
- Critical or essential PNP’s are eligible for Emergency and Permanent Work disaster assistance.

PNP Eligible Critical Services	
<b>Education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary or secondary education as determined under State law and provided in a day or residential school, including parochial schools, OR</li> <li>• Higher-education institutions</li> </ul>
<b>Utility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communications transmission and switching, and distribution of telecommunications traffic</li> <li>• Electric power generation, transmission, and distribution.</li> <li>• Irrigation to provide water for drinking water supply, fire suppression, or electricity generation</li> <li>• Sewer and wastewater collection, transmission, and treatment</li> <li>• Water treatment, transmission, and distribution by a water company supplying municipal water</li> </ul>

**Medical**

- Emergency medical care provided in:
  - Clinics
  - Facilities that provide in-patient care for convalescent or chronic disease patients
  - Hospices and nursing homes
  - Hospitals and related facilities, including central service facilities operated in connection with hospitals, extended-care facilities, facilities related to programs for home-health services, laboratories, self-care units, storage, administration, and record areas
  - Long-term care facilities
  - Outpatient facilities
  - Rehabilitation centers that provide medical care

**Emergency Services**

- Ambulance
- Fire Protection
- Rescue

*Administrative and support buildings essential to the operation of PNP critical services are eligible facilities.*

**PNP Eligible Non-Critical, Essential Social Type Services**

**Community centers established and primarily used for the purpose of offering the following services (or similar) to the community at large:**

- Art services authorized by a State, Territorial, Tribal, or local government
- Educational enrichment activities that are not vocational, academic, or professional training
- Multi-purpose arts programming
- Senior citizen projects, rehabilitation programs, community clean-up projects, blood drives, local government meetings, and similar activities
- Services and activities intended to serve a specific group of individuals (e.g., women, African Americans, or teenagers) provided the facility is otherwise available to the public on a non-discriminatory basis
- Social activities to pursue items of mutual interest or concern, such as:
  - Community board meetings
  - Various social functions of community groups
  - Youth and senior citizen group meetings
- Activities of community centers that serve the general public

**Facilities that do not provide medical care, but do provide:**

- Alcohol and drug treatment
- Assisted living
- Custodial care, even if the facility is not open to the general public (including essential administration and support facilities)
- Rehabilitation
- Child care
- Day care for individuals with disabilities or access and functional needs (for example, those with Alzheimer’s disease, autism, muscular dystrophy)

- Food assistance programs
- Health and safety services
- Homeless shelters
- Houses of worship
- Libraries
- Low-income housing (as defined by Federal, State, Territorial, Tribal, or local law or regulation)
- Museums
- Residential and other services for battered spouses
- Residential services for individuals with disabilities
- Senior citizen centers
- Shelter workshops that create products using the skills of individuals with disabilities
- Zoos
- Performing arts centers with a primary purpose of producing, facilitating, or presenting live performances
- Public broadcasting that monitors, receives, and distributes communication from the Emergency Alert System