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

**Education**
- Primary or secondary education as determined under State law and provided in a day or residential school, including parochial schools, OR
- Higher-education institutions

**Utility**
- Communications transmission and switching, and distribution of telecommunications traffic
- Electric power generation, transmission, and distribution.
- Irrigation to provide water for drinking water supply, fire suppression, or electricity generation
- Sewer and wastewater collection, transmission, and treatment
- Water treatment, transmission, and distribution by a water company supplying municipal water
### 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