



Eligible Applicants

There are **four (4) types** of eligible Applicants for Public Assistance (PA). If an entity meets the requirements **one (1)** of the types, the Applicant may be eligible to receive **Federal disaster assistance**.

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. N/A in New Hampshire

Private Non-Profits

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.**
 - Documentation to support your tax-exempt status must include an Effective Ruling Letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) granting tax-exemption under 501(c), (d) or (e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. [SOURCE: 44 CFR 206.221(f)(1)]
 - OR provide satisfactory evidence from the State that your organization is non-revenue producing or a nonprofit entity organized or doing business under State law. [SOURCE: 44 CFR 206.221(f)(2)]
3. **Non-critical PNPs must be open to the public.** [SOURCE: 44 CFR 206.221(e)(7)]
 - 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” [as defined in 44 CFR 206.221(e)] 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 that meet all of the following criteria:
 - Admit students or persons having a high school diploma or equivalent;
 - Are legally authorized to provide education beyond a secondary level;
 - Award a bachelor’s degree or a 2-year degree that is acceptable as full credit toward a bachelor’s degree or provides at least a 1-year training program to prepare students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation; and
 - Are accredited by a nationally recognized agency or association (as determined by the Secretary of Education).

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 (diagnosis or treatment of mental or physical injury or disease) 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 Services, 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, including, but not limited to:
 - Arts administration
 - Art classes
 - Management of public arts festivals
 - Performing arts classes
- Educational enrichment activities that are not vocational, academic, or professional training; examples include hobby or at-home pursuits, such as:
 - Car care
 - Ceramics
 - Gardening
 - Personal financial and tax planning
 - Sewing
 - Stamp and coin collecting
- 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
 - Neighborhood barbecues
 - Various social functions of community groups
 - Youth and senior citizen group meetings
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- 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

PNP Eligible Non-Critical Services, Essential Social Type Services (Cont.)**Facilities that do not provide medical care, but do provide: (Cont.)**

- Homeless shelters
- Houses of worship
- Libraries
- Low-income housing (as defined by Federal, State, Territorial, Tribal, or local law or regulation)
- Museums:
 - Constructed, manufactured, or converted with a primary purpose of preserving and exhibiting a documented collection of artistic, historic, scientific, or other objects o Buildings, associated facilities, fixed facilities, and equipment primarily used for the preservation or exhibition of the collection, including:
 - Permanent infrastructure, such as walkways and driveways of outdoor museum-type exhibition areas
 - Historic buildings, such as barns and other outbuildings, intended for the preservation and exhibition of historical artifacts within a defined area
 - Permanent facilities and equipment that are part of arboretums and botanical gardens
 - Infrastructure, such as utilities, and administrative facilities necessary for support
 - The grounds at museums and historic sites are not eligible.
 - Open natural areas/features or entities that promote the preservation/conservation of such areas are not eligible.
- 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, including:
 - Construction of production materials
 - Creation of artistic works or productions
 - Design
 - Professional training
 - Public education
 - Rehearsals
- Public broadcasting that monitors, receives, and distributes communication from the Emergency Alert System

With the exception of custodial care facilities and museums, administrative and support buildings essential to the operation of PNP non-critical services are NOT eligible facilities.

For more information about Eligible Private Nonprofit facilities, see the Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide (PAPPG v3.1): Chapter 2, Section II, Part D: "Private Nonprofit Organizations" – Pages 10-14