

Summary of Proposed Changes to the Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide (PAPPG)

PAPPG V2 incorporates the following additions and changes:

[Note: The item numbers correspond to the more detailed revisions provided in the “Proposed Adjustments” document.]

- Item 2: Clarified that non-critical Private Nonprofits must apply to the Small Business Administration (SBA) prior to its application deadline (Figure 8. SBA Loan Outcomes);
- Item 4: Added a footnote to Chapter 2.V.H to convey that if the Applicant utilizes mutual aid for other permanent work, FEMA evaluates the mutual aid agreement as a procurement based on footnote 123 in the Field Manual for Public Assistance Grantee and Subgrantee Procurement Requirements;
- Item 5: Clarified the definition of a third party (Chapter 2.V.L);
- Item 6: Clarified that FEMA deducts the non-Federal cost share from the total value of donated resources (Chapter 2.V.L);
- Item 10: Added specific documentation requirements for emergency, non-congregate sheltering;
- Item 11: Incorporated the Host-State Evacuation and Sheltering Frequently Asked Questions from FEMA Recovery Fact Sheet 9580.7;
- Added minimum code and standard requirements (Chapter 2:VII.C.2), which incorporate and supersede the seismic requirements previously conveyed in C.7;
- Item 14 and 19: Added language regarding costs for Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements;
- Item 25:
 - Added Chapter 2:VII.C.5(a): Minimum Requirements for Structures in a Floodplain, which conveys minimum standards required by Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 9.11(d). Adjusted the title of Section VII.C.5 to Floodplain Management and Wetland Protection with the previous language conveyed in C.5(b);
 - Moved and refined the Floodplain Management Considerations language in the beginning of Chapter 2.VII and the language in VII.F.1 to a new section titled Facility Located in or Impacting a Floodplain (inserted between previous Sections VII.F: Relocation and VII.G: Capped Projects). As a result of merging this floodplain management language into one section, other sections within Chapter 2.VII have shifted as shown in the Table of Contents;
- Item 17: Adjusted language to better align FEMA’s approach with relocated facilities with the applicable real property regulations (Chapter 2.VII.F.3);
- Item 20: Added reference to the Federal Highway Administration’s Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads Program, which provides assistance for some public transportation facilities and removed the statement that conveyed that roads on U.S. Government “trust lands” were not eligible for reimbursement; and
- Re-organized Appendix J: Cost Effective Hazard Mitigation Measures to list the mitigation measures by the item being mitigated as opposed to the type of facility being mitigated and added low cost mitigation measures similar to measures on the previous list.

The following are minor/non-substantive adjustments:

- Summary language and reference to FP 205-081-2 Stafford Act Section 705, Disaster Grant Closeout Procedures;
- Footnotes 50, 159, 318, and 325 moved up to the actual text of the book;
- Language added to reference the regulatory deadline for requesting additional areas be added to a declaration;

- Changed procurement references to reference the Procurement Guidance for Recipients and Subrecipients under 2 C.F.R. Part 200 (Uniform Rules) instead of the Field Manual for Public Assistance Grantee and Subgrantee Procurement Requirements;
- Clarified that Executive Order 13688 only applies to PA funding requests for purchase of such equipment;
- Clarified that the \$20 million management cost cap is the total across both PA and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP);
- Clarified language regarding eligibility of debris removal from commercial property;
- Added language to de-conflict a policy statement in Chapter 2.VII.E.3 with a hazard mitigation measure pre-determined to be cost-effective in Appendix J;
- Added reference to the Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads Program, which provides assistance for some public transportation facilities;
- Changed page number references in Appendix K to Chapter/Section references; and
- Deleted Appendix L: List of Publications and Documents Superseded.