



Virginia Department of
Emergency Management

Grant Management and Recovery Division Update

Public Assistance Program

Overarching Theme of FEMA PA

- Projects are written **on estimates** and eligibility under the 44 CFR (Stafford Act) with some 2 CFR 200 issues such as cost reasonableness if detected.
 - FEMA doesn't catch everything up front (i.e., there were snow removal costs obligated at CVC sites)
- The Governor signs a FEMA-State Agreement which makes VDEM responsible for the funds, and ensure compliance with the 2 CFR 200 (grant management)
- For large projects, expenses must have supporting documentation for **actual expenses**





What COVID Taught Us

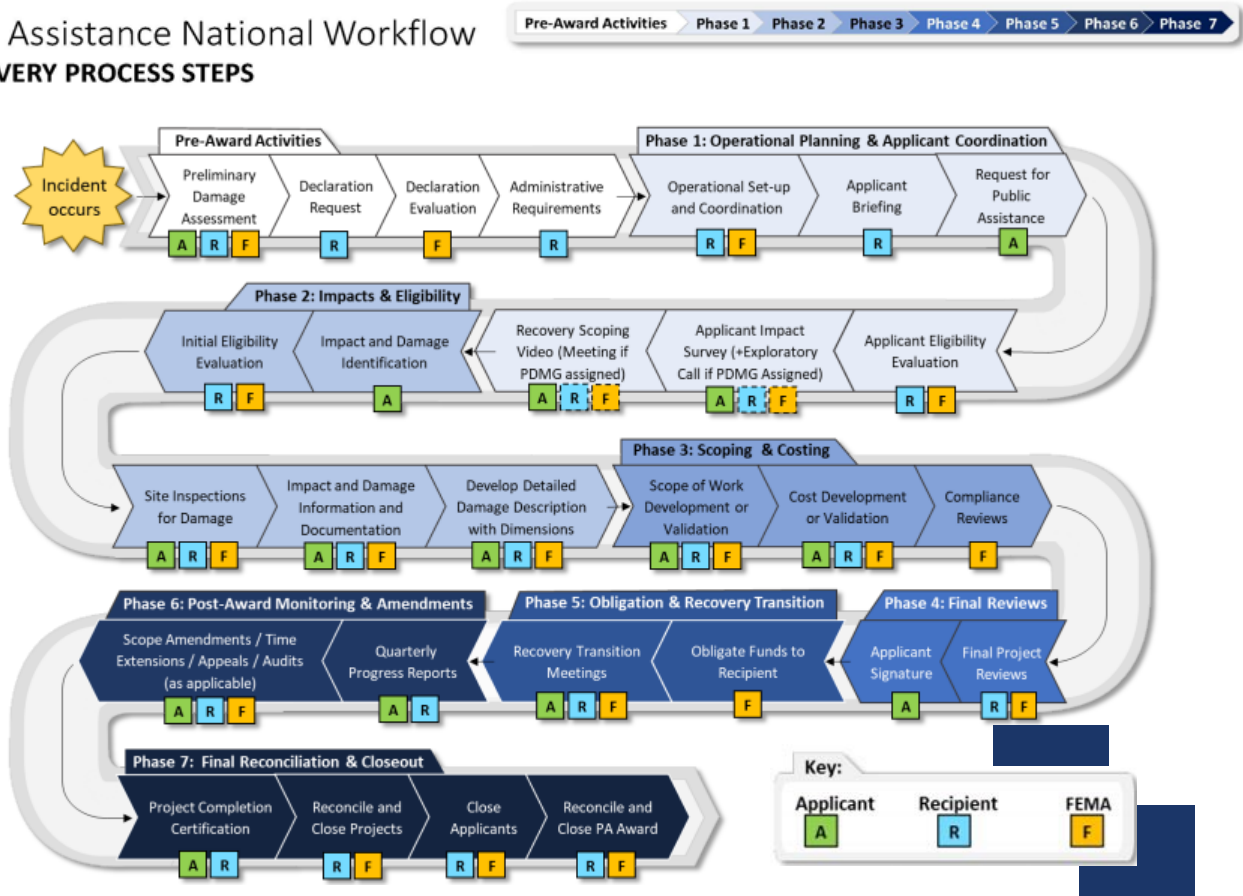
- Our process needed to be updated to be able to manage a catastrophic disaster....
- Small projects aren't so small anymore



PA

FEMA Public Assistance National Workflow PROGRAM DELIVERY PROCESS STEPS

National Workflow



Phases 6 & 7 take the most time

FEMA Public Assistance National Workflow



FEMA PA Payment Processes (Evolution)

Project Type	Prior to 2016	Since 2016	New Process
Small Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written as estimates Paid on actuals (FEMA not Happy) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written on estimates Paid on estimates 	Small projects over \$750,000 must sign certification document
Large Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written as estimates and/or actuals 50% of federal share was paid at obligation, and 50% held until closeout 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written as estimates and/or actuals # % (disaster dependent) of federal share was paid at obligation, and % was held until closeout 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written as estimates and/or actuals Paid on actuals 10% Federal Share Retained until closeout 100% State Share Retained until closeout

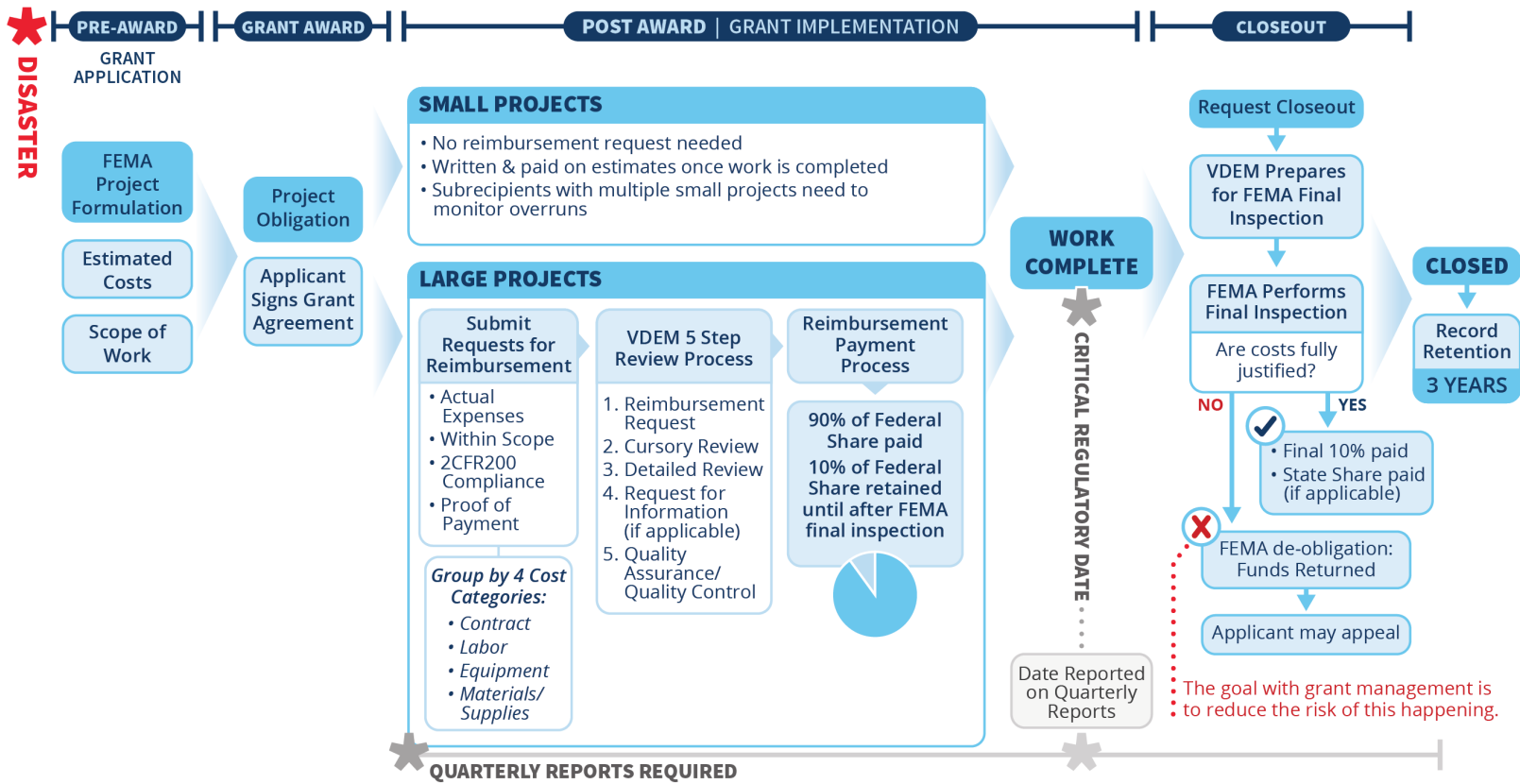
Risk – makes audits challenging, defers a lot of the workload to closeout, reduces ability to monitor effectively

VDEM's Priority

- Develop a reimbursement process that fits any size disaster
- Reduce the risk, to the extent possible, of federal/state de-obligations and return of funds from the sub-recipient in future fiscal years (in other words, make sure you keep the money)
- Align with VDEM's Strategic Plan to have zero material weakness audit findings



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Any Questions?



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