

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

Pre-Award Activities Phase 1 Phase 2 Phase 3 Phase 4 Phase 5 Phase 6 Phase 7

National Workflow

Pre-Award Activities Phase 1: Operational Planning & Applicant Coordination Request for Preliminary Incident Applicant Declaration Operational Set-up Declaration Administrative Damage Public Briefing Request Evaluation Requirements and Coordination occurs Assessment Assistance R R F R Phase 2: Impacts & Eligibility Recovery Scoping Applicant Impact Initial Eligibility Impact and Damage Applicant Eligibility Video (Meeting if Survey (+Exploratory Identification Evaluation Evaluation PDMG assigned) Call if PDMG Assigned) R F ARF A R F R Phase 3: Scoping & Costing Impact and Damage Develop Detailed Scope of Work Site Inspections Cost Development Compliance Development or Information and Damage Description for Damage or Validation Reviews Validation Documentation with Dimensions AR Phase 6: Post-Award Monitoring & Amendments Phase 5: Obligation & Recovery Transition Phase 4: Final Reviews Scope Amendments / Time Obligate Funds to Quarterly Recovery Transition Extensions / Appeals / Audits Progress Reports Meetings Recipient (as applicable) ARF A R Phase 7: Final Reconciliation & Closeout Key: Project Completion **Applicant** Recipient Reconcile and Close Reconcile and R Certification Applicants Close PA Award Close Projects A

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	Written as estimatesPaid on actuals (FEMA not Happy)	Written on estimatesPaid on estimates	Small projects over \$750,000 must sign certification document
Large Projects	 Written as estimates and/or actuals 50% of federal share was paid at obligation, and 50% held until closeout 	 Written as estimates and/or actuals #% (disaster dependent) of federal share was paid at obligation, and % was held until closeout 	 Written as estimates and/or actuals Paid on actuals 10% Federal Share Retained until closeout 100% State Share Retained until closeout

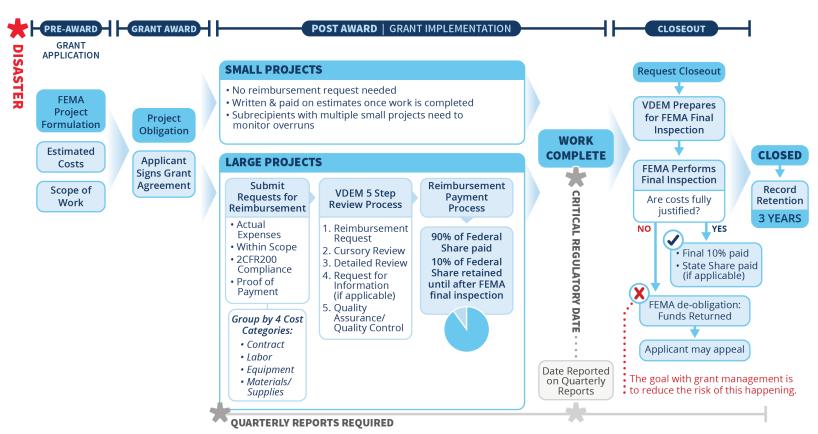
Risk – makes audits challenging, defers a lot of the workload to closeout, reduces ability to monitor effectively

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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