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Local Taxing Bodies May Seek COVID-19 Reimbursement from FEMA Public Assistance Program if they Submit Request for Public Assistance by August 23rd.

WHITESIDE COUNTY – The Whiteside County Emergency Management Agency would like to make local taxing bodies, [nonprofits](#) and religious organizations aware of the opportunity to recoup funds spent during the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds spent on overtime costs, personal protective equipment (PPE), testing supplies/equipment, housing assistance, food distribution or other [emergency protective measures](#) associated with the COVID-19 response are reimbursable under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) program. Applications can be submitted online and resources through the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) are available to guide applicants through the reimbursement process.

“The Public Assistance Process can be an economic lifeline for communities that have dealt with disaster and the initial application is extremely simple.” said Cory Law. “ We recommend all eligible applicants submit their Request for Public Assistance by the 23rd to ensure no one is left behind during our recovery.”

Public Assistance (PA) is available to local taxing bodies in all 102 counties in Illinois, a list of eligible applicants can be found below. Under the guidelines of the PA program, local jurisdictions can be reimbursed up to 75 percent of eligible costs for [emergency protective measures](#) associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important to note that the Public Assistance program does not reimburse for lost wages or revenue as a result of the pandemic.

Applicant briefings are currently underway and provide an overview of the program requirements and instructions for completing the required application forms. Previously recorded webinars can be found on the [IEMA website](#) to help guide applicants through this process at their convenience.

To Submit a Request for Public Assistance for the COVID-19 Declaration

The submission process has never been easier with a walkthrough in the [FEMA Applicant Quick Guide](#) on the [IEMA website](#) . Eligible Applicants can create an account and submit their Request for Public Assistance (RPA) directly through the Grants Portal <https://grantee.fema.gov/> Applicants will need their entities name, county, EIN Number and DUNS Number, organization type, a Primary and Secondary Contact and physical address.



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The [Employer Identification Number](#) is your organization's tax identification number and can be found on a previous return or by calling obtained from the IRS the Business & Specialty Tax Line at 800-829-4933 at The Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. DUNS numbers can be obtained online at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/> or by calling 866-705-5711.

Who is Eligible for the Public Assistance Program:

Below is an example of eligible applicants under the FEMA Public Assistance Program. For more information, contact Cory Law at 815-772-2800 or by email at claw@whitesidehealth.org.

Eligible Applicants – Public Authorities	
Counties	Airport Authorities
Municipalities	Public Housing Authorities
Cities	Public Transportation Authorities
Townships	Agencies of Local Governments
Public School Districts	Special Districts Established Under State Law
Community Colleges	Water, Sewer Authorities
Regional Councils of Government	Other Political Subdivisions of the State

Eligible Applicants – Private Non-Profits	
Animal Control Services	Houses of Worship
Assisted Living	Libraries
Child Care	Low Income Housing
Community Center	Medical Care Facility
Custodial Care Facility	Private Colleges
Day Care (Access and Functional Needs)	Rehabilitation Facility
Domestic Violence Services	Residential Services
Emergency Care Facilities	Senior Citizen Center
Emergency Services	Shelter Workshop
Food Assistance Programs	Utilities
Health and Safety Services	

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