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## Information for Non-Profit Organizations concerning Disaster Relief and Damage Assessment

**From:** Caldwell, Curtis  
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In general, **private non-profit** (PNP) organizations must provide services of a governmental nature to be eligible for **Public Assistance** (PA). Here is the information for **PNPs** from the **PA Digest**:

A **Private Nonprofit (PNP) Applicant** must meet FEMA's eligibility criteria for applicants and must have:

- An effective ruling letter from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service granting tax exemption under Section 501(c), (d), or (e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or
- State certification that the organization is a non-revenue producing nonprofit entity organized or doing business under State law.

Certain types of PNP's are not required to be open to the public. These are educational, utility, emergency, medical, and custodial care services. All other types of PNP's are required to be open to the public (see **Private Nonprofit (PNP) Facility**). For PNP's performing an eligible function, assistance includes repair or replacement of damaged facilities. PNP organizations may also be eligible for emergency protective measures to prevent damage to the facility or its contents and for debris removal from its property.

Operating costs for providing services are not eligible, even if the operating costs are increased by the event. Ineligible items include labor, material, and equipment costs for providing assistance to disaster victims. This is true even if the services are outside the organization's basic mission. However, some eligible emergency protective measures may entail increases in operating costs and may be eligible. They are:

- Cost-effective measures by an eligible PNP applicant to prevent damage to eligible facilities for which it is responsible.

- With approval by FEMA, incremental increases in costs of operation of essential components of a community facility urgently needed for emergency health and safety (e.g., the emergency room of a PNP hospital or a PNP sewage or water treatment plant).
- Emergency protective measures accomplished by a PNP organization, on request of and certified by the responsible government entity. FEMA assistance is through the government entity, not directly to the PNP organization. This includes animal control, emergency ambulance service for evacuation, PNP fire company rescue activities, and other similarly urgent governmental services.
- Costs otherwise provided for in specific FEMA polices (e.g., certain temporary relocation costs).

Eligible PNPs seeking reimbursement from FEMA for permanent repairs and restoration apply for assistance according to whether the facility provides "critical" or "non-critical" services (see **Private Nonprofit (PNP) Facility – Critical Services**, and **Small Business Administration (SBA)**).

Question: How about Churches?

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Churches are not eligible for PA by themselves. They must operate a daycare, school, food pantry, etc.

PNPs must operate a critical facility to be eligible for funding for permanent work funding (Categories C-G). Here is some info on PNP facilities:

An eligible **Private Nonprofit (PNP) Facility** that supplies **Critical Services** may apply directly to FEMA for public assistance funding for emergency work and permanent work. These critical services include:

- **Power:** facilities for generation, transmission, and distribution of electric power
- **Water:** facilities for the treatment, transmission and distribution by a water company supplying municipal water. In addition, water provided by an irrigation company for potable, fire protection or electricity generation purposes (see Irrigation Facilities).
- **Sewer and Wastewater:** facilities for collection, transmission, and treatment of wastewater
- **Communications:** facilities for transmission, switching and distribution of telecommunications traffic

- **Education:** Primary, secondary, and higher education facilities (including vocational facilities)
- **Emergency Medical Care:** facilities that provide direct patient care including hospitals, clinics, outpatient services, hospices, nursing homes, and rehabilitation centers that provide medical care
- **Fire Protection/Emergency Services:** fire and rescue companies including buildings and vehicles essential to providing emergency services, and ambulance companies

Eligible PNP facilities that do not provide critical services must first apply for a loan from the Small Business Administration (SBA) for permanent work assistance (see **Private Nonprofit (PNP) Facility** and **Small Business Administration (SBA)**). If they are declined for a loan or if the loan does not cover all eligible damages, they may apply to FEMA for the remainder of the damages. This distinction between critical and non-critical PNPs only applies to permanent work assistance. If an applicant applies for an SBA loan, is approved, and chooses not to take the loan, the applicant still may be eligible for funding by FEMA for the difference between the offered SBA loan and eligible costs. Eligible PNP facilities that do not provide critical services still may apply directly to FEMA for emergency work assistance.