



FEMA Funding and Cal OES: What We Know Now and How to Track Costs



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- ◆ Q&A with CalOES

Discussion Points:

- ◆ Experience with FEMA claims
- ◆ Updated LAO Information

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- ◆ Funding Sources
- ◆ FEMA Process (brief)
- ◆ Coding & Auditing
- ◆ Strategy





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Two Funding Sources: CARES ACT and FEMA

CARES Act funding is allocated based on Title 1 formula,
but does not have to be spent at Title 1 schools or follow other Title 1 requirements

CARES Act funding covers 100% of eligible expenditures up to the amount of your grant

CARES Act is administered by



<https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/ca/caresact.asp>

<https://oese.ed.gov/files/2020/05/ESSER-Fund-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf>

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FEMA funding is administered by



FEMA funding covers 75% of eligible costs, after all other sources have been applied (no double dipping)

FEMA has very rigorous audit documentation requirements

<https://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/recovery/covid-19>

PROCESS & DOCUMENTATION

Improper process or documentation may render you ineligible for reimbursement even if the activity or item was otherwise reimbursable.

- Have Policy/Procedures in place
Follow them
- Include procurement, timekeeping, and other relevant documentation
- Include log of daily work
What were you doing?
- For FEMA, you will be assigned a manager. Ask that person your specific questions as you go!

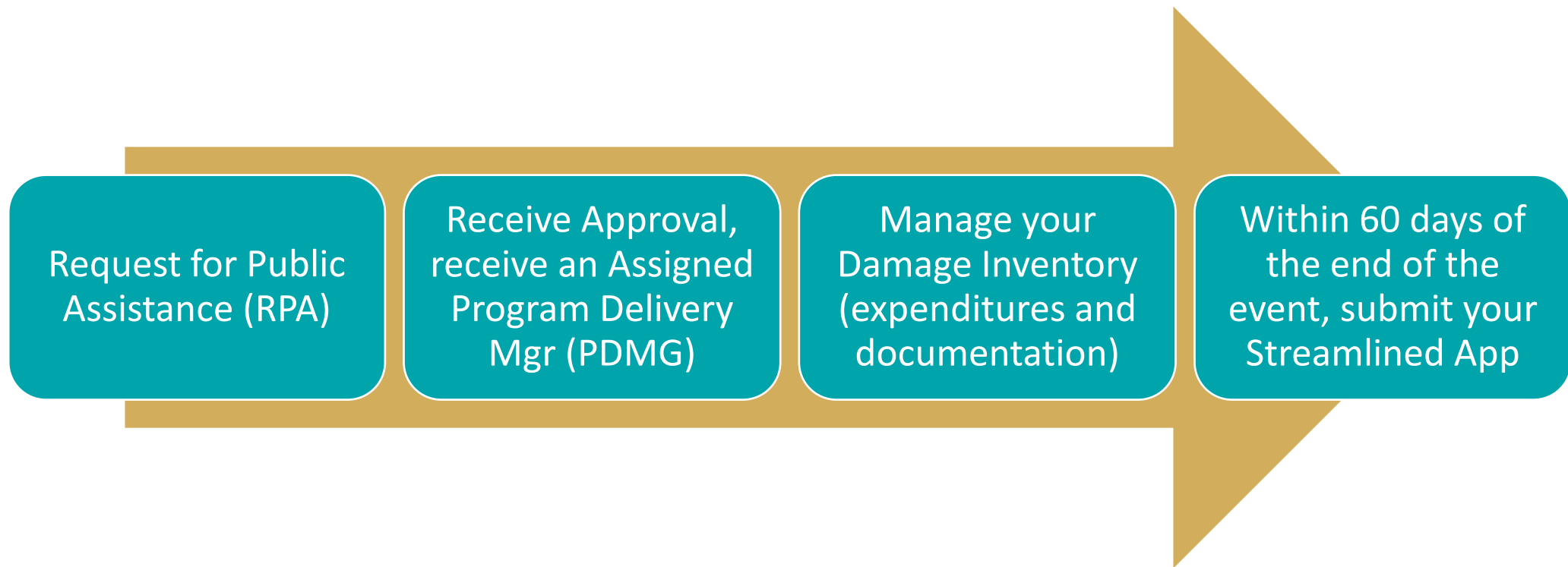
ACCOUNTING & AUDIT

CARES Act will be similar to the recession funding with a designated resource number

FEMA Funding also requires a unique identifier, you need to establish it

- Clearly articulate in your coding by establishing a Function code FEMA, different than the Function for CARES (which the state assigns)
- You may not want the whole district to be one FEMA project, it may make for easier audit to make a project for each site and one for district wide/district office
 - You can create the unique identifier by using the districtwide FEMA Function coupled with a Function/Site that is unique when used in a string
- Demonstrate that no double dipping occurred
- Save your supporting documents in a system that will not purge them on an automated timeline

The FEMA Process – in brief



Keep grants targeted, perhaps by site + one for district

FEMA Acronyms

FEMA: Federal Emergency Management Agency

PA: Public Assistance program

PNP: Private Nonprofit

RPA: Request for Public Assistance

PW: Project Worksheet

Cat B: Category B Project Worksheet for “Emergency Protective Measures”

PAPPG: Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide

Grantee: State (sometimes tribal) government to which grant is awarded

Subrecipient: Applicant for funding, such as a county, state agency, community, or eligible nonprofit

Strategy

- Use the CARES Act funding first – it is 100%
- Use the FEMA money next – it reimburses 75%

Keep in mind that **they don't cover the same things** but both cover some things.

Refer to the websites to form a plan of what you will be tracking against each grant type.

FINAL APPLICANTS' BRIEFINGS

- If you missed viewing one, these 2 opportunities are still available:
- Google “CalOES Applicants Briefing”

Date	Time (PST)	Webinar Link
28-May	2PM– 5PM	Applicant's Briefing
29-May	2PM– 5PM	Applicant's Briefing

<https://www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/recovery/covid-19/dr-4482-virtual-applicants-briefing>



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