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# Fact Sheet

## Presidential Disaster Declaration for March 6-28 Storms, Flooding, Landslides and Mudslides

**ALERT:** Benewah County has been added to the disaster declaration. Potential Public Assistance applicants in the county have until July 24 to submit a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) to IOEM.

- **Public Assistance (PA):** After the severe winter storms and flooding in March FEMA's **Public Assistance** program is helping public entities and certain private nonprofit organizations in nine Idaho counties recover much of their eligible disaster-related costs.
  - PA grants help reimburse applicants for costs to clear disaster-related debris from roadways, emergency measures to keep residents and property safe, and repairs to roads, bridges and other public infrastructure.
- **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP):** The disaster declaration also provides for additional grants in Idaho under HMGP.
  - This program provides supplemental financial assistance to state agencies, local and tribal governments and certain private nonprofit organizations to reduce vulnerability to future disasters and promote community resilience.
- **Designated Counties:** Entities affected by the disaster in **Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Idaho, Kootenai, Latah, Shoshone and Valley** counties may be eligible to apply for PA and/or HMGP grants.
- **Kickoff Meetings (Completed):** Specialists from the Idaho Office of Emergency Management and FEMA met with 39 eligible applicants to provide information on reimbursement costs for specific projects. Specialists also discussed ways of rebuilding to prevent or lessen damages in future disasters.
- **Project Worksheets:** PA specialists are working with applicants to document damages and eligible expenses on individual project worksheets.
  - Once a project worksheet is reviewed and completed, a grant may be approved for the applicant's eligible costs.

- Questions about the PA program and RPAs may be emailed to [IOEMRecovery@imd.idaho.gov](mailto:IOEMRecovery@imd.idaho.gov).
- **To apply for HMGP:** Counties and jurisdictions that have identified projects and adopted mitigation plans are encouraged to review and identify potential hazard mitigation sites in communities and apply for funds under FEMA's HMGP grant program.
  - Examples of these projects include upsizing culverts to prevent clogging; using geosynthetic materials when repairing road sections to prevent washouts, increase durability and decrease annual maintenance costs; elevating roads, bridges and other structures; adopting and developing standards and enforcing building codes.
  - HMGP applications are due to State Hazard Mitigation Officer Susan Cleverley at IOEM by **Sept. 22, 2017**. Questions about HMGP may be emailed to Cleverley's office at [Mitigation2017@imd.idaho.gov](mailto:Mitigation2017@imd.idaho.gov).
  - Projects in the designated counties will be considered first. If resources are still available upon completion of the review process, eligible entities throughout the state may apply.
- **Funding:** FEMA reimburses PA applicants at least 75 percent of their eligible expenses, while the other 25 percent is the nonfederal share. The federal portion is paid directly to the state, which then makes disbursements to the local and tribal jurisdictions and organizations that incurred costs.
- **Helpful Links:** Potential applicants may find these IOEM and FEMA disaster recovery and mitigation resources helpful:
  - Information about the Public Assistance program, including applicant eligibility, can be found in FEMA's [Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide](#).
  - The latest disaster recovery information is available on the IOEM website [here](#).
  - Overall information about FEMA's Public Assistance program can be found [here](#).
  - Information about FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is available [here](#).
  - Information about FEMA's role in the current disaster recovery effort, including funds obligated, can be found [here](#).

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