



Fact Sheet

Presidential Disaster Declaration for February's Severe Winter Storms and Flooding

May 22 Deadline Approaching for Two FEMA Grant Programs

The deadline is **Monday, May 22**, to submit initial forms to IOEM to apply for FEMA assistance available in 11 Idaho counties as a result of President Trump's disaster declaration for the severe storms and flooding of February 5-27.

Public entities and certain private nonprofit organizations affected by the severe weather in the designated counties have until May 22 to submit their **Requests for Public Assistance (RPAs)** to initiate a claim under the Public Assistance program. The 11 counties are Bingham, Cassia, Elmore, Franklin, Gooding, Jefferson, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Twin Falls and Washington.

Questions about the PA program or completed RPA forms may be emailed to RecoveryIOEM@imd.idaho.gov.

May 22 is also the deadline to submit a **Letter of Intent** to IOEM as a first step in seeking funding under FEMA's **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)**, as additional grants will be available to Idaho under that program as a result of the disaster declaration.

The HMGP 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.

Questions about the HMGP or completed Letters of Intent may be emailed to Mitigation2017@imd.idaho.gov.

APPLICANT BRIEFINGS:

IOEM emergency management specialists, with support from FEMA, continue with **Applicant Briefings** in the designated counties to provide overviews of both the PA and HMGP programs.

Applicant Briefings, which began May 3, will conclude on May 18. The remaining schedule is as follows:

- **May 11:** Jerome County, 9 a.m., 2151 South Tiger Dr., Jerome

- **May 11:** Twin Falls County, 1 p.m., Twin Falls Highway District Conference Room, 2620 Kimberly Rd., Twin Falls
- **May 17:** Franklin County, 1:30 p.m., Franklin County Extension, 561 W. Oneida St., Preston
- **May 18:** Bingham County, 9 a.m., 501 N. Maple, Sheriff’s Conference Room, Blackfoot
- **May 18:** Jefferson County, 3 p.m., 206 N. Yellowstone Hwy., Rigby

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KICKOFF MEETINGS:

Another important step in the PA process is the initial “kickoff meeting” among the applicant and project officers from FEMA and IOEM. They discuss the applicant’s emergency expenses and projects that are federally reimbursable, as well as methods of rebuilding structures that will resist damage in future hazardous events.

Once kickoff meetings are complete, IOEM and FEMA Public Assistance specialists work with applicants on documentation of damages and eligible costs. The costs are documented in “project worksheets.” In the next phase, the project worksheets are reviewed and grants approved for eligible applicants.

FUNDING:

Under the PA and HMGP programs, FEMA reimburses applicants for 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.

Although Public Assistance funds go to governments and nonprofits, the program is intended to benefit everyone in a community. PA dollars help support the first responders who worked hard to ensure people’s safety during the severe weather and flooding. The grants also help reimburse applicants for costs to clear disaster-related debris from roadways and make repairs to roads, bridges and other public infrastructure that residents use every day.

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](#).

