FEMA Public Assistance webinars

The Public Assistance Grant Program at IDHS will host several webinars next week (May 11-14) to guide state, tribal and local governments, as well as private non-profit organizations through the process of requesting federal assistance for damage incurred during the COVID-19 response. These webinars are not for individual residents.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, FEMA will provide Indiana (state and local governments and certain private, non-profit facilities) supplemental disaster grant assistance for emergency protective measures.

The upcoming applicant briefing webinars will cover several topics, including:

- Declaration timeline and what to expect moving forward
- Updated guidance on eligible expenses
- Project development and tracking
- FEMA Grants Portal functionality

The webinars are limited to 250 participants each. Intended applicants are asked to pre-register for a session that best fits their schedule and assigned district.

- Monday, May 11 (Districts 1-4)
  - 10 a.m. (register)
  - 3 p.m. (register)
- Tuesday, May 12 (Districts 5-7)
  - 10 a.m. (register)
  - 3 p.m. (register)
- Thursday, May 14 (District 8-10)
  - 10 a.m. (register)
  - 3 p.m. (register)

More information can be found on the IDHS website.

Recent Updates: PPE and Testing

The State Emergency Operations Center, with the help of numerous partners, completed a mission distributing personal protective equipment to all 92 counties.
“Normal” will help residents understand they have the most up-to-date information when making any traveling decisions.

Salary documentation deadline extended

The deadline to upload supporting documentation, trainings and exercises into the system for the 2019 EMPG salary grant was extended from March 31 to June 30.

More information can be found in the March 20 EMA Roundup.

Weekly COVID-19 EMA Briefing

Don’t miss the weekly briefing from the COVID-19 response team, uploaded into WebEOC.

Information was sent out yesterday regarding a partnership between ISDH and Battelle to decontaminate N95 respirators for healthcare workers and first responders. Learn more about the process on the IDHS Emergency Management page.

Finally, 20 testing locations have been opened around the state, and flyers for each location can be found on the IDHS Emergency Management page. Feel free to use these flyers to promote locations in your area.

Resources for COVID-19

FEMA has issued additional information on its supporting role related to the COVID-19 response. You can visit the IDHS Emergency Management page to find the information, or read it here.

Additionally, the following resources are available:

- ISDH COVID-19 site
- IDHS COVID-19 resources for first responders
- Critical Industries page
- Small Business Resources page
- BackOnTrack.in.gov

Indiana eligible for low-interest, federal disaster loans from SBA

The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to Indiana small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The disaster declaration makes SBA assistance available in the entire state of Indiana.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela. Applicants may also call SBA’s Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance.

- SBA Disaster Assistance Loans Available (3/19/20)
- SBA News Release