

PA Technical Assistance



Who is eligible?

- Counties and Municipalities
- Colleges and Universities
- State Agencies and Special Districts
- Eligible Private Non-Profit Organizations

Why request technical assistance?

- Ensure Compliance: Avoid common pitfalls and ensure adherence to PA policy.
- Maximize Funding: Proper guidance can help you fully utilize available PA funding and help ensure against future ineligibility and funding reductions.
- Streamline Processes: Accelerate project approval and ensure documentation adheres with federal and state requirements.

How can technical assistance be requested?

- Via email to fdem-recovery-questions@em.myflorida.com
- Mission Request via WebEOC. Non-county entities must coordinate with their County Emergency Management office in order to submit a Mission Request.

When can technical assistance be provided?

- Remote assistance is available at any time.
- On-site assistance is available by request. Staff deployed may be FDEM Recovery Bureau staff or technical assistance contract staff.

What kind of assistance can be provided?

- General PA guidance: Provide comprehensive PA eligibility guidance related to emergency work, permanent work, and management costs.
- Documenting PA claims: Support with documenting eligible emergency work, permanent work, and management costs in adherence with PA policy. Support will include an introduction to standardized forms (Florida Recovery Obligation Calculation Forms (F-ROC)) recommended by FDEM.
- Contract procurement: Assistance navigating the complexities of procurement under federal regulations and state law.
- Debris technical assistance: Get expert advice on debris removal, monitoring, and disposal, including right-of-way pickup, private/commercial property debris, waterway debris, federal environmental and historic preservation requirements, and more.
- Expedited Projects: To obtain funding faster, we can assist with estimating, developing, and submitting expedited projects for debris and/or emergency protective measures. Expedited projects must be categorized as large projects (\$1,037,000 as of June 2024) and FEMA will obligate 50% of the estimated cost.
- PA Hazard Mitigation (406 Mitigation) technical assistance: To mitigate against future risks and obtain increased PA funding, support can provide technical assistance related to mitigation eligibility criteria, best practices, and cost-effective mitigation strategies.
- Specialized technical assistance from qualified architects, engineers, beach specialists (for PA-eligible beaches), and other disciplines are available.