

FEMA Grants News



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FEMA Stops Manual Review Process for Certain Grants Effective Immediately

Effective immediately and pursuant to the Court's Orders dated March 6, 2025, April 4, 2025, and April 14, 2025 in the matter of State of New York, et al v. Trump, et al., Case No. 25-cv-39-JJM_PAS (D.R.I), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security will resume processing grant payment requests and obligations using the same processes and procedures it was using prior to the implementation of the manual review process. At this time, FEMA will not require additional reviews on grant payments and obligations other than for grants that were subject to manual review prior to February 14, 2025, or for grants where FEMA is investigating payment requests for potential non-compliance with federal law, regulations, or the terms and conditions of the grant award.

FEMA grant recipients should adhere to the following procedures when submitting payment requests.

Non-Disaster Grant Programs

Non-disaster grant programs utilize FEMA Grants Outcomes (FEMA GO) and the Non-Disaster Grants (ND Grants) legacy system; each system requires different processes. More recent grant awards are managed (including payments) through the FEMA GO system. Older/legacy awards are managed in the ND Grants System; ND Grants payments are facilitated through the Payment and Reporting System (PARS).

FEMA GO Instructions to Submit Payment Requests

The [FEMA GO Request for Payment Guide](#) provides instructions for grant recipients to complete a request for payment, and view the request or FEMA decision.

Once the grantee submits the payment request in FEMA GO, it will reflect the amount requested. The payment is then reviewed and approved or disallowed by FEMA. If payment is approved, it is sent to the financial processing system to be processed by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Once processed, FEMA GO will notify the grantee of the final decision by email through the FEMA GO system and a copy of the email will be saved in the grant file in the FEMA GO System. The FEMA GO system has automated notification for payments that are

returned for further action and if a payment is denied, a reason for the denial is required. If FEMA disallows a payment, FEMA will inform recipient.

For assistance, please contact the FEMA GO Help Desk, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. ET at 1-877-585-3242 or by email at FEMAGO@fema.dhs.gov.

Non-Disaster Grants/PARS Instructions to Submit Payment Requests

Grant recipients no longer need to submit narrative amendments in ND Grants. Grant recipients whose awards are located in ND Grants will visit PARS to drawdown reimbursement.

FEMA had requested additional project amendments as part of its manual review process but must now release the amendments to revert to the payment method it used before the manual review. Following the release of the amendments, grant recipients should delete/withdraw their narrative amendment. Grant recipients can follow the [ND Grants Quick Reference Guide](#) for deleting/withdrawing their narrative amendment(s).

For system assistance, please contact the ND Grants Service Desk, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. ET at 1-800-865-4076 or by email at NDGrants@fema.dhs.gov.

For programmatic or grants management questions, please contact your Program Manager or Grants Specialist.

Payment Systems for Disaster and Resilience Grant Programs

For disaster grants, new awards and obligations will continue to require additional review for disasters declared on or after April 14, 2025. FEMA is working to process payment requests expeditiously. Additional guidance will be provided by the program.

These programs utilize the Payment Management System (PMS):

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
- HMGP Post Fire

The following grant programs utilize FEMA GO and/or PARS:

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (Specific Disaster Relief Operations)
 - Oklahoma Disaster Relief Operation 4791
 - Pennsylvania Disaster Relief Operation 4815
- HMGP Post Fire (Specific Disaster Relief Operations)
 - Oklahoma Disaster Relief Operation 5489
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) and FMA Swift Current

- Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund (STRLF)
- High Hazard Potential Dam (HHPD)
- National Dam Safety Program (NDSP)
- Community Assistance Program – State Support Services Element (CAP-SSSE)

These grant programs utilize the ND Grants System:

- Pre-Disaster Mitigation (Congressional Directed Spending)
- Legacy Pre-Disaster Mitigation

Payment Management System (PMS) Instructions to Submit Payment Requests

Grant recipients use PMS to request reimbursement for grants in NEMIS. Grant recipients no longer need to enter a payment request justification in PMS and submit supporting documentation to regional staff for review.

FEMA GO Instructions to Submit Payment Requests

Please refer to the instructions under “FEMA GO Instructions to Submit Payment Requests”

PARS Instructions to Submit Payment Requests

Grant recipients with awards in eGrants use PARS to request reimbursement. Grant recipients no longer need to submit a no-cost, narrative amendment in eGrants before using PARS to request reimbursement.