

**DHS/FEMA**

**DISASTER GRANTS PROCESS  
FLOW**

# Preliminary Damage Assessment

- After a disaster, a Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) is conducted of the impacted area.
- The State uses the results of the PDA to determine if the situation is beyond the combined capabilities of the State and local resources and to verify the need for supplemental Federal assistance.
- If the results of the PDA exceeds the State's capabilities then the Federal Assistance is requested.

# Presidential Disaster Declaration

- When a State has declared a state of emergency: :
  - The State will evaluate the recovery capabilities of the State and local governments.
  - The governor will send a request letter to the President, directed through the Regional Director of the appropriate FEMA region.
  - The President then makes the decision whether or not to declare a major disaster or emergency.

# FEMA-State Agreement

- The FEMA-State Agreement is signed in the early stages of the disaster. It includes the following information:
  - Areas eligible for disaster assistance
  - Cost share for the disaster grant programs
  - Specific grant programs that have been activated
  - Designates the Governor's Authorized Representative (GAR); and
  - Disaster grant agreement terms and conditions.

# Submission of Request for Disaster Assistance by Grantee

- Disaster assistance programs uses the SF 424, Application for Federal Assistance, the FEMA forms 20-16A,B,C, Non-construction and Construction programs Assurances for grant applications. If the State or local government does not have copies of the SF forms, the SF forms are readily available on the internet. The forms can be downloaded from the FEMA web site.

# Disaster Grants

- Disaster Grants:
  - HMGP
  - PA
  - ONA
  - SCC
  - FMAGP
  - ONA
  - Federal Assistance to Individuals & Households-Disaster Housing Operations
  - Federal Assistance to Individuals & Households-Housing
  - Disaster Unemployment assistance
  - Disaster legal services
  - Community Disaster Loans

# Public Assistance (PA)

- **Categories of the PA Grant Program**
  - Category A - DEBRIS REMOVAL
  - Category B - EMER. PROTECTIVE MEASURES
  - Category C - ROAD SYSTEMS
  - Category D - WATER CONTROL FACILITIES
  - Category E - BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT
  - Category F - UTILITIES
  - Category G - PARKS, RECREATIONAL, AND OTHER
  - Category Z - STATE GRANTS MANAGEMENT COSTS

# PA PROGRAM PAYMENT METHOD

- There are two different payment methods established for the PA Program. The difference in the methods is dependent on whether a project is small or large.
- That determination is based on a cost threshold that is updated at the beginning of each fiscal year and is published in the federal register.
- **The Difference:** Small projects are funded using an initial estimate of costs, whereas large projects are funded using a final accounting of actual costs.



# Obligation of Federal Funds and Disbursement

- The funds Control Staff prepares the Allocation Advice Worksheet and initial Request for Allocation Advice based on preliminary damage assessments (PDA) figures. This information is attached to the Regional Analysis and Recommendation that is submitted to the White House. Upon Declaration, NEMIS will be loaded with an initial allocation that will make funds available for obligation in IFMIS once the grant programs begin processing awards of disaster grants.

# New FEMA Portfolio

## U.S. Fire Administration

- Reimburse Firefighting on Federal Property\*
- Degrees at a Distance\*
- Training Assistance\*
- State Fire Training Systems Grants
- TRADE Grants
- NFA Education Programs\*
- EMI Independent Study\*
- EMI Residential Educational\*
- EMI Training Assistance\*
- Fire Service Hazardous Materials
- PARADE Grants
- Safe Kids

## Mitigation

- Cooperating Technical Partners
- Earthquake Consortium
- Map Modernization Management Support
- National Dam Safety
- CAP-SSSE
- Flood Mitigation Assistance
- Repetitive Flood Claims
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation Competitive
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
- Severe Repetitive Loss

## Disaster Operations

- Urban Search and Rescue Cooperative Agreements

\*Direct Federal Assistance, loan, stipend programs

# New FEMA Portfolio

## Disaster Assistance

- Alternative Housing Pilot Program
- Debris Removal Insurance
- Disaster Donations Management
- Katrina Case Management
- Fire Management Assistance
- Public Assistance
- Crisis Counseling Program
- Individuals and Households - Other Needs
- 9/11 Heroes Stamps \*
- Community Disaster Loans \*
- Cora Brown Fund \*
- Disaster Unemployment Assistance \*
- Disaster Legal Services \*
- Disaster Housing Operations for Individuals and Households \*
- Disaster Housing Assistance \*
- Emergency Food and Shelter National Board

**\*Direct Federal Assistance, loan, stipend programs**

## National Preparedness

- Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program
- SAFER Grant Program
- Homeland Security Grant Program
- Emergency Management Performance Grant
- TSGP – Rail Transit
- TSGP – Intra-City Bus
- TSGP – Ferry
- Intercity Bus Security
- Intercity Bus Technical Support
- Trucking Security
- Intercity Passenger Rail Security
- Buffer Zone Protection
- Port Security Grant
- National Training Program
- Competitive Training Grant
- Homeland Security Preparedness Technical Assistance
- Systems Support Grant Program
- Citizen Corps
- Real ID Pilot Program
- Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness
- Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) \*

# FY2006 FUNDING

- \$26 BILLIONS (approx.)
- Distributed in FY 2006
  - LOANS
  - DISASTER ASSISTANCE
  - NON-DISASTER ASSISTANCE
  - DIRECT FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

# DHS/FEMA

- FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACT INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
- GREG THEVENIN,
- FEMA SMALL BUSINESS SPECIALIST
- (202) 646-1914