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Following a disaster declaration by the President and a designation for Public Assistance grant funding by FEMA, assistance for response and recovery operations is made available to eligible applicants. Four types of entities are eligible applicants: State governments, local governments, Indian Tribes or authorized Tribal organizations and PNP organizations.

State and Local Governments

State and local government agencies are eligible applicants for Public Assistance. Examples of State departments include transportation, environmental resources, parks and recreation, air and water quality, and solid waste and hazardous materials. **A multitude of local governments are eligible, including:**

towns, cities, counties, municipalities, townships, local public authorities, councils of governments, regional and interstate government entities, agencies or instrumentalities of local governments, special districts or regional authorities organized under State law, school districts, and rural or unincorporated communities represented by the State or a political subdivision of the State.

(Some Examples - Fire Districts, Tax Districts, Regional School Districts, separate Water or Sewer or Water Pollution Control Authorities, and borough governments may be eligible as special district government entities. Some volunteer fire departments may be eligible as special district government entities or as critical PNPs.)

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