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### Local Taxing Bodies Can Seek COVID-19 Reimbursement from FEMA Public Assistance Program

**Marion IL-** The Williamson County Emergency Management Agency would like to make local taxing bodies, [nonprofits](#) and religious organizations aware of the opportunity to recoup funds spent during the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds spent on overtime costs, personal protective equipment (PPE), testing supplies/equipment, housing assistance, food distribution or other [emergency protective measures](#) associated with the COVID-19 response are reimbursable under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) program. Applications can be submitted online and resources through the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) are available to guide applicants through the reimbursement process.

Director Norris- "We do not want anyone to be left behind in the recovery process," said Norris. "This funding mechanism is an economic lifeline for communities large and small."

Public Assistance (PA) is available to local taxing bodies in all 102 counties in Illinois. Under the guidelines of the PA program, local jurisdictions can be reimbursed up to 75 percent of eligible costs for [emergency protective measures](#) associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important to note that the Public Assistance program does not reimburse for lost wages or revenue as a result of the pandemic.

Applicant briefings are currently underway and provide an overview of the program requirements and instructions for completing the required application forms. Previously recorded webinars can be found on the IEMA [website](#) to help guide applicants through this process at their convenience.

Below is an example of eligible applicants under the FEMA Public Assistance Program. For more information, contact Kelly Norris at 618-998-2123 or by email at [knorris@williamsoncountyma-il.gov](mailto:knorris@williamsoncountyma-il.gov)



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<b>Eligible Applicants – Public Authorities</b>	
Counties	Airport Authorities
Municipalities	Public Housing Authorities
Cities	Public Transportation Authorities
Townships	Agencies of Local Governments
Public School Districts	Special Districts Established Under State Law
Community Colleges	Water, Sewer Authorities
Regional Councils of Government	Other Political Subdivisions of the State

<b>Eligible Applicants – Private Non-Profits</b>	
Animal Control Services	Houses of Worship
Assisted Living	Libraries
Child Care	Low Income Housing
Community Center	Medical Care Facility
Custodial Care Facility	Private Colleges
Day Care (Access and Functional Needs)	Rehabilitation Facility
Domestic Violence Services	Residential Services
Emergency Care Facilities	Senior Citizen Center
Emergency Services	Shelter Workshop
Food Assistance Programs	Utilities
Health and Safety Services	



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