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**Wildfire Conference Call  
November 3, 2016**



## **Fire Management Assistance Grant Program**

**Purpose:** to provide firefighting assistance for wildfires which threaten to cause destruction that would result in a major disaster declaration



## Fire Management Assistance Grant Program

### Fire Declaration Request is:

made by Governor or designee while fire is burning  
uncontrolled and threatening:

- Lives
- Improved properties
- Critical facilities
- Infrastructure
- Critical watershed areas
- Economy



## **Fire Management Assistance Grant Program**

### **Declaration Determination is based on:**

Are lives and property threatened?

Are critical facilities, infrastructure, and watershed areas in danger?

Are fire danger conditions high?

Will the state and local economies be impacted?

What state and local resources have been used and what else is needed?

Is the state requesting supplemental Federal aid?



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The Declaration determination will be made rapidly.

This does not ensure FEMA funding.



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## **Fire Management Assistance Grant Program**

### **Fire Complex**

A declaration may be made for a ‘complex’ of multiple fires in the same general area with firefighting activities directed by one incident commander.

Not all fires within the declared complex area may be eligible – only those that are threatening critical facilities, infrastructure, homes, etc.





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### After the declaration is made:

- The state must prove that eligible costs meet or exceed fire cost thresholds of:

\$305,925

- Costs for eligible declared fires within a fire complex are aggregated and treated as one fire

- Cost share is 75% federal, 12% state, 13% applicant



## **Fire Management Assistance Grant Program**

### **Eligible Entities:**

- State Agencies
- Local Governments

Provided that the Incident Commander requested or directed that activities be performed by these entities



## **Fire Management Assistance Grant Program**

### **Eligible Activities:**

Must be the legal responsibility of the applicant  
Required as a result of the declared fire  
Located within the declared area



## **Fire Management Assistance Grant Program**

### **Eligible Costs:**

Category B – Emergency Protective Measures

Category H – Fire Fighting Activities



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## **Fire Management Assistance Grant Program**

### **Eligible Costs:**

#### **Category B – Emergency Protective Measures**

Evacuations

EOC Activations

Search and Rescue

Arson Patrol and Investigation Teams

(during incident period only)

Removal of dangerous burned trees, debris



## **Fire Management Assistance Grant Program**

### **Eligible Costs:**

#### Category H – Fire Fighting Activities

Equipment and supplies

Labor

Travel and per diem

Temporary repairs of damages due to firefighting

Mobilization and demobilization

Pre-positioning





## **Fire Management Assistance Grant Program**

### **Eligible Costs:**

#### **Category H – Fire Fighting Equipment and Supplies**

Personal comfort and safety items firefighter health and safety

Replacement of firefighting supplies, tools, materials

Operation and use of equipment

Repair or replacement of equipment – less insurance proceeds



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### **Eligible Costs:**

#### **Category H – Labor**

Only overtime for regular staff

Regular and overtime for temporary and contract staff



## **Fire Management Assistance Grant Program**

### **INELIGIBLE Costs:**

Costs incurred outside the incident period

Costs associated with undeclared fires

Straight or regular time salaries and benefits of permanent employees

Costs that are the responsibility of another Federal agency

Volunteer labor



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### **INELIGIBLE Costs:**

- Planning, pre-suppression, recovery, mitigation measures:
  - Performing risk assessments
  - Cutting fire breaks when there is no imminent threat
  - Pre-planned training
  - Road widening
  - Land rehab: seeding, planting, erosion control
  - Timber salvage
  - Restoration of fire damaged facilities



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## **Fire Management Assistance Grant Program**

### **Tracking Costs:**

Expenditures need to be tracked by individual fire

Maintain logs of:

- Equipment used

- Equipment operator

- Supplies/Materials used

- Damaged or destroyed equipment

- Labor

- Contracts and contractor efforts

- Volunteer activities



## **Fire Management Assistance Grant Program**

### **Procurement:**

Must have state of emergency to make emergency purchases

Emergency purchases must still be conducted in a manner that seeks a 'best value'

Maintain documentation of emergency procurement actions





## **Fire Management Assistance Grant Program Reports Event Activities and Impacts**

All counties will be receiving a link to an on-line survey:

Impacted counties need to complete and submit a survey each day, until firefighting activities have concluded in the county.

Collected data will be used to justify a declaration request and eligible expenditures.



## **Fire Management Assistance Grant Program**

### **Reporting Event Activities and Impacts**

Survey will request information regarding:

- Number of evacuations, search and rescue

- Number shelters and shelter residents

- Number of feeding operations and meals served

- Number of impacted acres, acres still burning

- Threatened infrastructure, critical facilities

- Damaged or destroyed critical facilities

- Number of destroyed homes, # of threatened homes

- Economic impact



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