



Eligible Activities for Reimbursement Under Category I Section 1206

ELIGIBLE WORK

All building code and floodplain management ordinance administration and enforcement activities must be performed, in a designated area of the major disaster declaration and relate to the repair, replacement, or retrofit of disaster-damaged structures in the jurisdiction of the Applicant. This may include public, private, and residential structures. Costs to perform eligible work will be eligible for reimbursement for a period no longer than 180 days after major disaster declaration date.

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Examples of eligible activities under the policy:

- Review and process applications for building permits; certificates of occupancy; certificates of compliance; and the associated plans, specifications, and construction documents for compliance with federal, state, and municipal building, housing, and life-safety codes and standards applicable to disaster-related repair, replacement, or retrofit.
- Process requests for building code variances and monitor impacted areas for unpermitted construction activities.
- Contract for services (e.g., contract planning, initiation, solicitation, evaluation, and award) and collect fees.
- Provide training and outreach to the public on building code and building permit requirements applicable to the repair, replacement, or retrofit of disaster-damaged buildings.
- Establish construction plan review and inspection processes, procedures, and instructions for permit holders.
- Coordinate building code administration and enforcement with floodplain management ordinance administration and enforcement, as appropriate.
- Inspect structures under construction for compliance with approved plans, specifications, and all requirements of applicable codes, laws, and ordinances, along with reviewing and issuing elevation certificates.
- Identify and carry out corrective action in cases where construction, design, and occupancy do not comply with codes and/or ordinances.
- Conduct and process condemnation determinations.
- Investigate complaints and assist in preparation of materials for abating violations of building codes and related ordinances.
- Enforce or administer standards for development according to community floodplain management regulations.
- Determine whether proposed disaster-related development activities are in areas regulated by the community's floodplain management ordinance or building code.
- Process permits for disaster-related development in the floodplain associated with the declared disaster.
- Inspect all disaster-related development in the applicable jurisdiction and monitor impacted areas for unpermitted construction activities.
- Perform inspections to ensure compliance with repair and substantial damage construction requirements.
- Review, adjudicate, and resolve Substantial Damage Determination appeals.

Note

Full details are within the FEMA Policy FP 204-079-01 described in Section B.3 [Eligible Activities](#)

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