

Fact Sheet

EMERGENCY DECLARATION VS. MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATION

Emergency Declaration	Major Disaster Declaration
Limited to immediate and short-term assistance, essential to save lives, protect public health and safety and property	Declaration may include all programs, Individual Assistance, Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation; or some of the programs.
 Emergency work Debris removal (Category A) Emergency protective measures (Category B) Direct Federal Assistance Coordination role Technical assistance 	 Public Assistance may include both emergency work (Cats A-B) and Permanent Work (Cats C-G) Direct Federal Assistance Coordination role Technical assistance
Individual Assistance may include: Individuals & Households Program Temporary Housing Repairs Replacement Permanent Housing Construction Medical, dental, funeral expenses Personal property & transportation Food Commodities (USDA)	Individual Assistance may include: Individuals & Households Program Temporary Housing Repairs Replacement Permanent Housing Construction Medical, dental, funeral expenses Personal property & transportation Food Commodities (USDA) Crisis Counseling Disaster Unemployment Assistance Food Coupons & Distribution (USDA) Legal Services Small Business Administration low interest loans
Congressional notification required when assistance goes above \$5 million	
Federal share – not less than 75% of the eligible costs for Public Assistance	Federal share – not less than 75% of the eligible costs for Public Assistance
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is not available under an EM declaration	HMGP - Section 404 available.

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