

## Are Your School's COVID-19 Response Costs Reimbursable?

The COVID-19 Emergency Declaration can help educators with the costs of preparation and response.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is helping school districts meet the rising costs of response and prevention measures in the fight against COVID-19. Costs can potentially be reimbursed through FEMA's Public Assistance Program.

The declaration of a national emergency on March 13, 2020, unlocked funding for states, local governments, and certain non-profit organizations, including K-12 schools, colleges, universities, and other educational facilities. Emergency protective measures directed by – or following the guidance of – public health officials may be eligible for reimbursement, in accordance with section 502 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act").

### What Costs Are Eligible?

Expenses of emergency protective measures taken to respond to COVID-19 may be reimbursed under Category B of FEMA's Public Assistance Program<sup>1</sup>, including, but not limited to:

- Labor and supply costs associated with your COVID-19 response
- Measures taken to protect students, teachers, and staff
- Overtime paid to employees preparing for and responding to COVID-19
- Cost to disinfect eligible facilities
- Costs of PPE associated with COVID-19 response
- Costs for contractors performing emergency protective work
- Costs not normally incurred during regular operations

### What Should We Do Now?

As your schools continue to take emergency protective measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we advise tracking and capturing all related charges, especially:

**Labor | Supplies | Equipment**

Even if your facilities never encounter a COVID-19 patient, the costs incurred to prepare may be eligible for reimbursement.



<sup>1</sup> Refer to the FEMA Public Policy Program and Policy Guide for full details regarding eligibility. <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/111781>



## ABM Provides Customized Facility Solutions for Emergency Protective Measures

With priorities competing for attention and the complexity of federal disaster reimbursement guidelines, schools are encouraged to contract with experienced vendors ready to provide facility support, oversight, and advocacy for facility needs in accordance with FEMA's reimbursement process.

Vendor costs are eligible for reimbursement, and as your solution provider, ABM can connect you with experts in the reimbursement application process.

FEMA allows you to sign an emergency 90-day contract with a firm to help you get started with the reimbursement process. During that time, an IRFP must be released that meets all the requirements of federal procurement as defined under 2 C.F.R. § 200.317-328.

**For necessary project costs that FEMA cannot reimburse, ABM can structure our Professional Service Agreements to help.**

**For more information, contact your local ABM team or call 866.624.1520.**



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