Pennsylvania
Emergency Management Agency

Pennsylvania Disaster Recovery Assistance – Public Infrastructure

DRAP-PI Categories

Category A – Debris Removal.
Activities related to the clearance, removal, recycling, and disposal of disaster-related debris are eligible for DRAP-PI funding. Eligible debris may include, but is not limited to, vegetative debris, construction and demolition debris, sand, mud, silt, gravel, rocks, boulders, essential household appliances, and vehicle and vessel wreckage. Debris removal work is eligible only when necessary to eliminate threats to life, health, or safety, to prevent significant damage to public property, to enable economic recovery, or to remove substantially damaged structures and associated ancillary facilities as part of hazard mitigation efforts.

Category B – Emergency Protective Measures.
Short-term, urgent actions taken before, during, or immediately after an eligible disaster to protect lives, health, or safety, or to prevent further damage. Eligible measures must directly address immediate threats, be cost-effective, and be tied to verified disaster-related needs. Eligible work may include, but is not limited to, transportation and pre-positioning of equipment and other response resources, flood fighting activities, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staffing, provision of emergency access, building safety inspections, animal carcass removal, demolition of structures, debris clearance and removal, search and rescue operations, firefighting activities, security measures and personnel, storage and internment of unidentified human remains, mass mortuary services, actions to protect improved property, and other emergency protective measures.

Category D – Water Control Facilities.
Eligible work includes the repair and restoration of publicly owned water control facilities damaged by the disaster to reestablish pre-disaster function and capacity. Eligible facilities may include dams, levees, floodwalls, drainage and irrigation channels, stormwater management systems, sediment basins, pump stations, coastal protection structures, and other public water control infrastructure. Restoration work may not include facilities or features under the authority of other federal agencies or entities (e.g., Army Corps of Engineers, Natural Resources Conservation Service, etc.) unless pre-approved by PEMA. Applicants must maintain documentation that demonstrates pre-disaster facility conditions and regular inspection and maintenance schedules.

Category F – Public Utilities.
Permanent repair or replacement of public utility infrastructure damaged as a result of the eligible disaster. Eligible infrastructure may include water supply systems, wastewater systems, power generation/distribution systems, natural gas systems, communications systems, pump stations, wells, and associated facilities. Applicants must maintain documentation that demonstrates service status prior to the eligible disaster, cause of damage, repair or replacement cost estimates, and pre-disaster and current design details.