

# COVID-19 COST RECOVERY FOR FIRE AND EMS

These unprecedented times have challenged Fire and EMS agencies to respond to the challenges from COVID-19. With these challenges come financial strain, the increased need for personnel, facilities, equipment, supplies and apparatus utilization. Due to the Presidential Declaration of Disaster, Fire and EMS agencies are eligible for reimbursement through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Public Assistance Program.

We encourage all Fire and EMS agencies to seek this financial support to assist with the extraordinary costs associated with the COVID-19 response. While the entirety of the costs may not be known yet, we encourage you to consider the following:

- ➔ **Establish an Incident Action Plan**
- ➔ **Communicate and coordinate with your local, county and state Emergency Management Agencies**
- ➔ **Document your COVID-19 related costs including:**
  - Overtime and backfill
  - Expendable supplies such as disinfectants, medical supplies, PPE, etc.
- ➔ **Document your COVID-19 related responses:**
  - Apparatus usage
  - Personnel
  - Donations
  - Supplies
  - Volunteer hours (e.g. CERT members)
- ➔ **Documentation can be done using:**
  - ICS Forms:
    - 214 - Activity Log
    - 213 - General Message for Requests
    - 218 - Support Vehicle/Equipment Inventory
  - or the Cost Recovery Worksheets available from USFA/FEMA  
[https://www.usfa.fema.gov/coronavirus/public\\_assistance\\_grants.html](https://www.usfa.fema.gov/coronavirus/public_assistance_grants.html)
- ➔ **Coordinate your FEMA Request for Public Assistance with your County EMA and IEMA. Contact IEMA at [ema.pa.grants@illinois.gov](mailto:ema.pa.grants@illinois.gov) for an invitation to the FEMA Grant Portal.**
- ➔ **Continue to educate yourself and your agency on the current recommendations related to COVID-19 response and reimbursement**
  - Public Assistance Program information is available through IEMA  
<https://www2.illinois.gov/iema/LocalEMA/Pages/PublicAssistance.aspx>

## SUPPORTING AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS:

