



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OFFICE

Citizen-Centric Report 2020

Public Assistance Program

The CNMI Public Assistance Office administers the Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance Program.

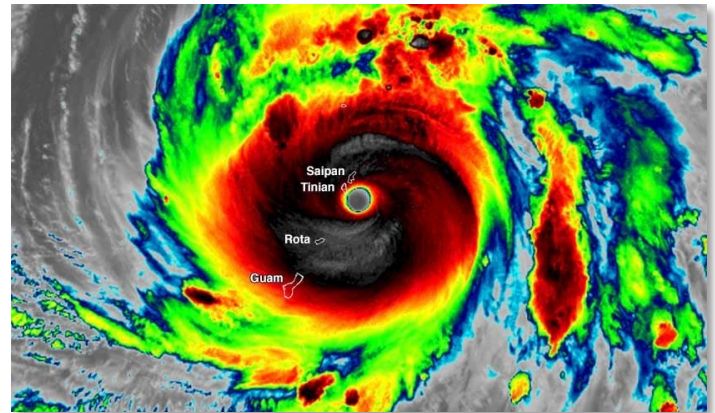


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The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as Amended (Stafford Act), Title 42 of the United States Code (U.S.C.) § 5121 et seq., authorizes the President to provide Federal assistance when the magnitude of an incident or threatened incident exceeds the affected State, Territorial, Indian Tribal, and local government capabilities to respond or recover.

The purpose of the Public Assistance (PA) Grant program is to support communities' recovery from major disasters by providing them with grant assistance for debris removal, life-saving emergency protective measures, and restoring public infrastructure.

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CNMI Public Assistance Office

The CNMI Public Assistance Office is an office under the Office of the Governor. Current staff members include the Public Assistance Officer, Project Managers, Project Specialists, Project Coordinators, Project Engineers, Technical and Financial Analysts, and Administrative Officers. All members have received and continue to receive training and support from FEMA and other partners.



*Super Typhoon Yutu
October 2018*



**Wood to Concrete
Power Poles
Replacement***

**Completed
2,899**

**Pending
1,154**

** Soudelor and Yutu*

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Major Disasters

Since 2015, the CNMI has been declared by the President of the United States of America at the request of the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands a major disaster area on four separate occasions.

Typhoon Soudelor **DR-4235**

Incident Period August 1 - 4, 2015
Major Disaster Declaration Date August 5, 2015

Typhoon Mangkhut **EM-3402, DR-4396**

Incident Period September 10 - 11, 2018
Emergency Declaration Date September 10, 2018
Major Disaster Declaration Date September 29, 2018

Super Typhoon Yutu **EM-3408, DR-4404**

Incident Period October 24 - 26, 2018
Emergency Declaration Date October 23, 2018
Major Disaster Declaration Date October 26, 2018

COVID-19 Pandemic **EM-3463, DR-4511**

Incident Period January 20, 2020 and ongoing
Emergency Declaration Date March 13, 2020
Major Disaster Declaration Date April 1, 2020

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Hopwood Jr. High School, Post-Yutu, October 2018

Alternate Care Site for COVID-19, October 2020

Types of Assistance

The Public Assistance Program provides reimbursement grants for both emergency work and permanent work activities.

Emergency work may include such activities as debris removal, sheltering, power and water restoration, maintaining health and safety in the community, transportation for emergency relief efforts, and other measures to protect life and reduce property damage to critical facilities and infrastructure.

Permanent work includes recovery activities to restore public facilities and certain eligible private non-profit entities back to pre-disaster condition or to more resilient facilities through hazard mitigation actions that reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property.



Projects Awarded

Projects	Soudelor	Mangkhut	Yutu	COVID-19
Project Worksheets	99	30	223	5
Awarded (\$)	43.6 M	6.4 M	227.1 M	25.7 M
Pending Est. Cost (\$)	n/a	0.1 M	57.6 M	70 M
Total Est. Cost (\$)	43.6 M	6.5 M	284.7 M	95.7 M
Cost Share (%)	90/10	75/25	90/10	75/25

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\$110.7M



UTILITIES—POWER, WATER, AND WASTEWATER

\$25M



DEBRIS REMOVAL

\$82M

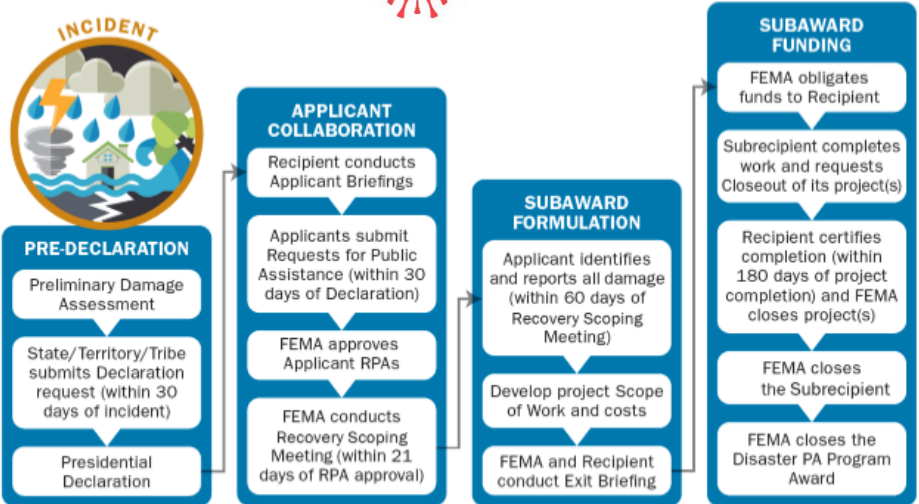
**GOV'T BUILDINGS
CONTENTS
SCHOOLS
PARKS
EQUIPMENT &
OTHER FACILITIES**

\$25.8M

COVID-19

Work Completed	% of Cost
Soudelor DR-4235	81%
Mangkhut DR-4396	15%
Yutu DR-4404	55%
COVID-19 DR-4511	Ongoing

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Building Partnerships

The CNMI Public Assistance Office will continue to build on its already strong relationship with FEMA and local public and private partners in disaster recovery efforts.

The key to a speedy recovery involves collaborative efforts with Federal agencies, local businesses, local public agencies, community volunteer groups, and the community as a whole.

The PA Office works to ensure it has the capacity to assist applicants in their recovery efforts by working with each applicant from site inspections and damage assessments to bidding and construction management, and eventually, reimbursement of recovery costs.



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COVID-19 Pandemic Response & Recovery

The CNMI, like the rest of the world, is in uncharted territory. The impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic is affecting the livelihood of our Commonwealth. Although there is hope on the horizon with the development and trials of vaccines, the Public Assistance Office remains steadfast on providing support through FEMA to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, the COVID-19 Task Force, Homeland Security and Emergency Management and many other government agencies. Through the remainder of 2020 and into 2021, the high priority remains to contain the spread of this deadly disease.

Reducing the Financial Impacts of Disasters

The CNMI PA Office will promote program policy training with all of its partners to ensure that in the response and recovery efforts preceding and following a disaster that associated costs are eligible for reimbursement by FEMA's Public Assistance Program.

Members of the CNMI PA Office continue to receive training through on-line courses and on-campus courses at the FEMA Emergency Management Institute in Maryland. Courses are also being scheduled to be held on-island so that partners and applicants receive the proper training and learn more about the PA Program.

Knowing the policy of the grant program will ensure that the financial impact to the local community and government in the response and recovery from a disaster is minimized.

Program knowledge is important and we are committed to it.



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