

**FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (DEM)
FEMA FIRE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FOR 2007**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has declared the following fires as eligible to participate in their Fire Management Assistance Grant Program (FMAGP) with more fire declarations anticipated until the current drought conditions end:

- FEMA-2684-FMA-FL (53 Big Pine Fire-Polk County; 3/26/07-6/4/07)
- FEMA-2687-FMA-FL (Deland Fire Complex-Volusia, Flagler, Lake, & Seminole Counties; 5/2/07-7/16/07)
- FEMA-2689-FMA-FL (Suwannee Fire Complex-Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Hamilton, Suwannee, & Union Counties; 5/7/07-7/16/07)
- FEMA-2690-FMA-FL (Black Creek Fire Complex-Walton County; 5/8/07-7/16/07)
- FEMA-2692-FMA-FL (Caloosahatchee Fire Complex-Collier, Lee & Hendry Counties; 5/6/07-6/22/07)
- FEMA-2696-FMA-FL (Okeechobee Fire Complex-Glades, Highland, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, & St Lucie Counties; 5/29/07-7/16/07)

Application Procedures: State and Local Governmental entities, that are incurring costs for firefighting and other emergency work related to the Declared Fires, must submit a FEMA Form 90-133 (RFMAP) to the Division of Emergency Management, as Grantee for the Program, no later than 30 days after the close of the Declared Fire incident period to request a Fire Management Assistance Subgrant for eligible costs. Those Governmental entities that assist in mutual aid status under the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement should submit their mutual aid claims with the requesting entity, or as otherwise directed in mutual aid guidance posted at www.floridapa.org, within 30 days after the completion of their mutual aid missions which has been extended by the Grantee.

Claimant Status: Upon establishment of a State Incident Command, all firefighting activities are required to be requested by, and under the control of or coordinated by, the applicable Fire Incident Commander or the State EOC. Local governments within the Declared Fire areas may be in mutual aid status to the State for wildland firefighting but are otherwise in Applicant status in the Fire Program for their own emergency work that results from the fires. Local governments assisting from outside the Declared Fire areas are usually in mutual aid status under the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement.

Grant Cost Sharing: FEMA relief to Fire Program Applicants will be 75% of eligible costs in each Fire Declaration. A State matching share may be provided to Applicants as approved by the Legislature (half of non-federal share for local governments and all the non-federal share for State agencies). Mutual Aid assisting entities are eligible for 100% of their costs with the requesting entities being the Applicant for the FEMA assistance.

Claim Deadlines: Reimbursement claims for eligible costs must be submitted to DEM, as directed on the www.floridapa.org website, within six months after close of each fire Incident Period using the claim forms provided by the State or FEMA. Reimbursements are expected to be paid by the State to the Applicants within nine months. Applicants are also requested to provide cost estimates and/or detailed activity reports of wildland firefighting and emergency work activities when filing their initial RFMAP with DEM. Also, all eligible activities should be documented in the State EOC tracking system with copies provided in the reimbursement claims.

Fire Program Grant Objectives that are Eligible for Reimbursement of Costs

1. Wildland firefighting/firefighting support labor costs (OT for Applicants; RT/OT for Mutual Aid Claimants).
2. Personal safety items (protective gear, medical support, etc.) normally provided to firefighters.
3. Replacement of firefighting tools/materials that are expended or lost.
4. Restoration of unavoidable, extra-ordinary damages to equipment during the fire response, other than for routine maintenance and cleanup, that is not covered by insurance.
5. Equipment rate allowances for equipment usage including routine maintenance during fire operations.
6. Travel costs including provision of field camps/meals for personnel responding to the fire emergency.
7. Fire support costs from assisting parties under the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement or EMAC.
8. Pre-positioning costs up to 21 days prior to the eligible incident period starting date.
9. Mobilization/demobilization costs reasonably before and after incident period.
10. Wildfire mitigation limited to preventing human-caused fires or prevent damage to homes/infrastructure during the incident period.
11. Restoration of damages caused by firefighting activities if repaired within 30 days after incident period. (temporary repairs to fire line, camp/staging areas, tire tracks, fences, buildings, roads, bridges, etc.)
12. Necessary emergency protective measures for public safety and protection of property.(including, but not limited to, police barricading, traffic control, evacuations, sheltering, search & rescue, arson prevention, emergency public information, EOC operations, removal of fire-damaged trees that pose a threat to public safety or improved property)
13. Credit towards grant match for donated volunteer services.

Fire Management Assistance Grant Program Guidance

Fire Program Guidance, Application Form, Claim Forms:
<http://www.floridapa.org> (PA Info and Forms Pages)

Up-to-date Fire Map info:
<http://www.floridadisaster.org/eoc/update/wildfires.asp>

FEMA Fire Management Assistance Grant info:
<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/fmagp/details.shtm>
<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/FMARC/index.htm>

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