

Texas Disaster Recovery and Mitigation Funding

Federal Funding Opportunities for Infrastructure Projects



Texas's winter storm, which left millions without power and nearly 15 million with water issues, could be the costliest disaster in state history.

In response to the 2021 Texas power crisis, Federal Disaster Declarations have authorized the use of FEMA funds to support emergency response and hazard mitigation projects across the state. Two types of federal funds — Public Assistance (PA) and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) — will be available to counties, municipalities, utilities, and other eligible entities to support infrastructure response, recovery, and disaster mitigation projects.

LAN understands the impact of this disaster on Texas's critical infrastructure and the challenges that lie ahead. We're here to help guide you through the difficult and complicated disaster recovery process. Together, we can help build a safe, reliable, and resilient future for our communities.

LAN can help you navigate the path to recovery and ensure your community is equipped for the future.



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LAN can guide you through the funding process and identify eligible infrastructure projects. Below are the federal funding opportunities available to local governments and utilities.

FEMA Public Assistance

FEMA Public Assistance (PA) is available to fund or reimburse costs associated with immediate lifesaving or emergency protective measures. Local governments, utilities, and certain nonprofits will be able to apply for PA grant funding.

Example eligible projects:

- Emergency protective measures
- Repairing of facilities and infrastructure
- Purchasing/distributing of food, water, ice, or other commodities
- Security, purchasing, law enforcement, barricading, and patrolling

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) offers funding for hazard mitigation measures to reduce loss of life and property from future disasters.

Example eligible projects:

- Winterizing systems such as generators and electrical components
- Retrofitting SCADA systems for freezing temperatures
- Converting from fuel to natural gas
- Developing Hazard Mitigation Action Plans (HMAP)

In addition to supporting cities and utility providers in accessing federal funding, LAN can also guide them through the HMAP process, which is key to being eligible for FEMA mitigation funding. LAN holds the state record for the fastest turnaround for FEMA HMAP approval. By developing an HMAP in a timely manner, cities, counties, and utility providers will be eligible for the Spring 2021 HMGP funding window.

2021 Texas Power Crisis

What can I do today?

Public Assistance Funding

- Immediate response
- Reimbursement for lifesaving projects
- Cost-sharing: 75% federal / 25% local (up to 90%/10%)
- Non-competitive

What can I do next?

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

- Funds mitigation projects
- Available Spring 2021
- Cost-sharing: 75% federal / 25% local
- Requires cost-benefit
- Requires current HMAP

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