

GOVERNMENT

FEMA REIMBURSEMENT



FEMA REIMBURSEMENT FOR YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

MAXIMIZING FUNDING TO RECOVER QUICKER AND STRONGER FROM COVID-19

Local governments have a unique responsibility for the safety and well-being of their communities. As our nation deals with this historic pandemic, we understand that you are on the front lines of COVID-19 response. And although maintaining essential government services is crucial, not all costs incurred during a pandemic are automatically eligible for FEMA reimbursement but may be eligible for funding from another Federal funding source.

In response to this unprecedented National Emergency, Congress has appropriated funding across a broad range of Federal agencies to support States, Territories, Local Governments, Tribal Nations, and other entities providing critical and essential services. Because the underlining intent of each funding appropriation is to support COVID-19 related response measures, determining which funding sources is the right fit for your need can seem daunting. Fortunately, nearly all these funding streams include administrative and planning funding that can be utilized to procure subject matter experts that can help you stay on the right track, and secure critical reimbursements quickly.

Witt O'Brien's experts can assist your local government with identifying funding opportunities, with applying for assistance, evaluating eligibility for incurred or future cost, and with securing critical reimbursements to mitigate strain on your community's cash flow.

WITH YOU WHEN IT COUNTS



>85%

Percentage of U.S. major disasters we've supported



>\$50b

Total won and administered in U.S. federal disaster recovery funds



>80k

Grant projects we've helped design, fund and implement

REIMBURSEMENT GUIDANCE

- Follow both your local and Federal procurement and contracting rules and regulations. If there are differences between the two sets of rules, follow the more restrictive procedures. Non-compliance is the #1 reason for denial and/or claw-back of funding eligibility.
- Document all expenses for the staff, equipment and materials you use for response or emergency protective measures. Remember to establish links between equipment utilization time and the operators assigned to the equipment; also include location so hours are assigned to the appropriate project worksheet.
- Purchase of equipment and supplies such as Personal Protective Equipment is eligible but will require documentation of the function or personnel it was purchased to support.
- Services must be directly related to, not just because of the emergency. This is an important nuance that trips up many applicants seeking federal reimbursement.

**WE KNOW THE
PROCESS.**
**WE KNOW WHAT THE
REGULATORS WANT.**
WE GET RESULTS.

Witt O'Brien's experts have the knowledge and experience with many of the primary Federal programs that have been activated to support COVID-19 response, including FEMA's PA Program, HUD's CDBG program and many of HHS' initiatives. We understand that this unprecedented event has required unconventional and innovate response measures that may not closely align with the standard eligibility 'sandbox' of these programs. We can help your local government get these response efforts reimbursed. We know the in's and out's out what FEMA, HUD and others look for when allocating these important recovery funds.

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CASE STUDIES



**CITY OF SAN JOSE, CA COVID-19
AND 2017 FLOOD SUPPORT**

Currently providing assistance to the City of San Jose in support of the COVID-19 response efforts. We're providing access to infectious disease experts; and support for planning, obtaining federal funding, and crisis

communications. Previously, we supported the City with conducting After Action reviews following the 2017 floods, which improved their emergency response capabilities.



**U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS GOVERNMENT
AND TERRITORIAL AGENCIES -
HURRICANES IRMA AND MARIA**

Since day 2 post-Hurricane Irma, Witt O'Brien's has been assisting the USVI with designing their disaster recovery framework, obtaining more than \$8 billion in recovery funding, and

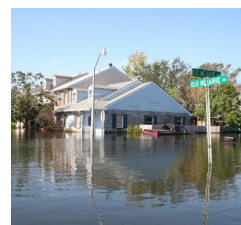
managing and implementing numerous grant programs, including their \$3 billion FEMA Public Assistance (PA) program. We've developed and obtained approval for more than 891 Project Worksheets (PWs) for the territory's recovery projects.



**STATE OF NEW JERSEY -
SUPERSTORM SANDY**

The State of New Jersey partnered with Witt O'Brien's in the immediate aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, to assist with its long-term recovery program. This included staffing the state's disaster recovery operations

and partnering with the state and its local communities to develop, document, manage, and submit grant applications for funds available under FEMA's Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation programs.



**STATE OF LOUISIANA - HURRICANE
KATRINA**

Immediately deployed to provide strategic advice on overall response and recovery efforts. We designed and implemented the Louisiana Recovery Authority, providing an initial team of 190 experts to augment the State's

staff. We helped secure \$3 billion in recovery funds and completed more than 32,000 Project Worksheets (PWs) and tens of thousands of revisions and amendments in support of the State's Public Assistance program.