

# Public Assistance Initial Customer Satisfaction Survey

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FEMA Form FF-104-FY-21-156 (formerly 519-0-33) (Internet Survey)

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## PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

**AUTHORITY:** Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (Pub. L. 103-62), as amended, and the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-352); Executive Order (EO) 12862, "Setting Customer Service Standards"; and its March 23, 1995 Memorandum addendum, "Improving Customer Service"; Executive Order 13411 "Improving Assistance for Disaster Victims"; Executive Order 13571 "Streamlining Service Delivery and Improving Customer Service"; and the related June 13, 2011 Memorandum "Implementing Executive Order 13571 on Streamlining Service Delivery and Improving Customer Service."

**PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S):** DHS/FEMA collects this information to measure Public Assistance applicants' customer satisfaction with FEMA services.

**ROUTINE USE(S):** This information is used for the principal purpose noted above. Summary and/or aggregate survey results and analysis may be shared with Congress and the Government Accountability Office; however, no Personally Identifiable Information (PII) will be shared externally except as allowed under the routine uses published in System of Records Notice DHS/FEMA-009 - Hazard Mitigation Disaster Public Assistance and Disaster Loan Programs, 79 FR 16015 (March 24, 2014), or as required by law. The Department's system of records notices can be found on the Department's website at <http://www.dhs.gov/system-records-notices-sorns>.

**DISCLOSURE:** The disclosure of information on this form is strictly voluntary and will assist FEMA in making improvements to its Public Assistance program. Failure to provide the information requested will not impact the provision of FEMA Public Assistance to qualified entities. Questions regarding this form may be submitted via email to [FEMA-PA-Survey@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-PA-Survey@fema.dhs.gov)

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### Cover Letter Introduction

**From:** Federal Emergency Management Agency <noreply>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 5, 2021 1:42 PM

**To:** Applicant @

**Subject:** FEMA Public Assistance Initial Customer Satisfaction Survey

(Display small logo banner image per DHS/FEMA standards)

FEMA is looking for ways to improve the quality of service with the Public Assistance (PA) Program and your opinion is very important to us. This survey is not related to any casework or eligibility.

This voluntary survey will take 7-9 minutes to complete and should be completed by the person who worked with FEMA's PA Program for [*Disaster Type*] declared on [*Declaration Date*] under disaster number [*Disaster Number*].

Your answers will not affect the outcome of your application for FEMA assistance and your feedback is greatly appreciated.

These questions comply with the Privacy Act of 1974 and have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under number 1660-0107.

Please click on the start survey button to read the Paperwork Burden Disclosure Notice, Privacy Act Statement, and begin the survey.

*Start Survey Button*

Thank you,  
Federal Emergency Management Agency

If you experience any technical difficulties while completing the survey, please e-mail [FEMA-PA-Survey@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-PA-Survey@fema.dhs.gov), include the survey name (Public Assistance Initial Customer Satisfaction Survey), and explain the issue.

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You recently participated in an application for FEMA Public Assistance, also known as PA. You may have received a phone call from your assigned Program Delivery Manager, or PA representative. You may have also interacted with other staff who provided PA guidance. Please consider all interactions when answering the following questions.

### IMPACT REVIEW

Using a rating scale of 1 (Not at all Informative) to 5 (Very Informative)...

	1 Not at all Informative	2	3	4	5 Very Informative	Don't remember/ didn't have an Impact Review
1. How informative was the Impact Review in letting you know what to do next in the PA process?	0	0	0	0	0	0

### RECOVERY SCOPING MEETING

Using a rating scale of 1 (Not at all Helpful) to 5 (Very Helpful), how helpful was your PA representative in accomplishing the following tasks during your Recovery Scoping Meeting:

	1 Not at all Helpful	2	3	4	5 Very Helpful	Didn't have a Recovery Scoping Meeting
2. Providing an overall understanding of the PA process?	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Developing a list of projects based on your damage inventory?	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Gathering required documentation?	0	0	0	0	0	0

How helpful was your PA representative in accomplishing the following tasks during your Recovery Scoping Meeting:

	1 Not at all Helpful	2	3	4	5 Very Helpful	Didn't have a Recovery Scoping Meeting
5. Developing a project timeline?	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Providing information about the 428 (PA Alternative Procedures) process?	0	0	0	0	0	0

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7. Which of the following topics, if any, do you wish would have been described in more detail? (Select all that apply.)

- Hazard mitigation
- Environmental planning
- Historic preservation concerns
- Grants Portal
- 428 (Alternative Procedures)
- Other (*Programmer note: Pop-up box, 100 characters*)
- Didn't have a Recovery Scoping Meeting
- None of the above

8. Did your PA representative inform you that you had 60 days from the Recovery Scoping Meeting to identify all damage?

- Yes
- No
- Did not have a PA Representative
- Don't know/Don't remember

### SITE INSPECTION

9. Did you interact with the site inspector who conducted your site inspection? (*Programmer note: If "yes", skip to Q9a, if "no" or "did not require an inspection" or "scheduled for a future date", skip to Q10*)

- Yes
- No
- Did not require an inspection
- Scheduled for a future date

Using a rating scale of 1 (Not at all Satisfied) to 5 (Very Satisfied)... (*Programmer note: If "3" or below, skip to 9b, if "4" or "5" skip to Q9c*)

	1 Not at all Satisfied	2	3	4	5 Very Satisfied
9a. How satisfied were you with the site inspector(s) overall?	0	0	0	0	0

9b. Which of the following are reasons you were not very satisfied with your inspector(s)? (Select all that apply.)

- Was not on time to appointment
- Did not explain information thoroughly
- Did not answer questions satisfactorily
- Did not instill confidence in the process
- Other

	1	2	3	4	5
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	Not at all Satisfied				Very Satisfied
9c. How satisfied were you with the timeliness of the site inspection?	0	0	0	0	0

	1 Not at all Knowledgeable	2	3	4	5 Very Knowledgeable
9d. How knowledgeable was your site inspector(s) in validating your damage?	0	0	0	0	0

Using a rating scale of 1 (Not at all Knowledgeable) to 5 (Very Knowledgeable)...

### CUSTOMER SERVICE & EXPECTATIONS

Thinking about your experience with staff and various meetings, on a rating scale of 1 (Not at all Satisfied) to 5 (Very Satisfied), how satisfied were you with the following:

	1 Not at all Satisfied	2	3	4	5 Very Satisfied	Not Applicable
10. The overall PA program at this point in time?	0	0	0	0	0	0
11. Timeliness of the Impact Review?	0	0	0	0	0	0
12. Timeliness of the Recovery Scoping Meeting?	0	0	0	0	0	0

Thinking about your experience with staff and various meetings, how satisfied were you with the following:

	1 Not at all Satisfied	2	3	4	5 Very Satisfied	Not Applicable
13. Helpfulness of the staff in guiding you through the PA process?	0	0	0	0	0	0
14. Staff knowledge of the PA process?	0	0	0	0	0	0
15. Consistency of information from staff?	0	0	0	0	0	0
16. Simplicity of the PA process?	0	0	0	0	0	0

16a. In what way was the PA process not simple? (Select all that apply.) *(Programmer note: Pop-up if 16 is "3" or below.)*

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- Registering for assistance
- Collecting documentation
- Coordinating with PA staff
- Understanding eligibility
- Using the Grants Portal to schedule meetings
- Other (*Programmer note: Pop-up box, 100 characters*)

### DEMOGRAPHICS

17. Before the current disaster, have you previously participated in an application for Public Assistance?

- Yes
- No

18. How many years have you been in your current position?

- 0-5
- 6-10
- 11-15
- 16-20
- 21+

19. On average, how many of your staff are working on PA projects for this disaster?

- 0-5
- 6-10
- 11-15
- 16-20
- 21+

On a rating scale of 1 (Not at all Often) to 5 (Very Often), how often have you worked with your:

	1 Not at all Often	2	3	4	5 Very Often	Don't know/Don't remember	I am the (State or Local) emergency manager
20. State emergency manager?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21. Local emergency manager?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

22. What comments or suggestions do you have for improvement based on your experience with the PA program so far?

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*(Programmer note: open text box 250 characters)*

### **CLOSING**

We may contact you at a later date to follow up on your experiences.

Thank you for your time.