

(4.10.20) The following note and update is sent on behalf of the Brown & Weinraub team:

State Coordination of Non-Profit and Foundation Assistance Efforts

Governor Cuomo announced the New York Loves initiative to coordinate of all the charities and not-for-profits and foundations and people who want to help intended to make sure there's not duplication and the right needs are being addressed. The Secretary of State, Rossana Rosado will lead the effort. (We will provide more information when we see it.)

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/video-audio-photos-rush-transcript-amid-ongoing-covid-19-pandemic-governor-cuomo-announces-five>

New Executive Order

Governor Cuomo issued another Executive Order yesterday including provisions to bring in additional funeral directors to help with high number of deaths.

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-20215-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency>

Learn more/Apply for FEMA Public Assistance Funding

The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) continues to host virtual Applicant Briefings to announce the opportunity to apply for Public Assistance funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that has been made available under the COVID-19 major disaster declaration (DR-4480). The briefings will provide state agencies and authorities, local governments and private non-profits guidance on the eligibility standards for being an applicant under a FEMA disaster grant and what types of activities are reimbursable under this current declaration. We encourage any entity that is responding to the COVID-19 outbreak to register. Briefings will be held at several dates and times. DHSES advises that the current COVID-19 FEMA disaster grant can provide funding for actions taken before, during, and following a disaster to save lives, protect public health and ensure the safety of citizens.

The following is a non-exhaustive list of items that may be eligible for federal reimbursement:

- Virus testing
- Medical supplies & equipment (e.g. PPE)
- Shelters or emergency care
- Provision of food, water, ice, other essential needs
- EOC Operations
- Security for temporary facilities

Additionally, the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) has informed us that FEMA is providing information sessions on the guidelines needed when procuring and contracting for services and seeking federal FEMA reimbursement. Delivery Format: Online training through Adobe Connect. If you have never used this platform, test your connection in advance: [FEMA Test Link](#)

For more information, including briefing dates and times, please see: [Applicant Briefings](#)