

Applicant briefings provide information on public assistance funding

Representatives from Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) held applicant briefings in Franklin on August 26 and Lancaster on August 27 to assist local governments from Milwaukee and Grant Counties in the process of applying for public assistance (PA) funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for damages incurred in storms over July 22-24.

Both briefings had large turnouts from local governments. David LaWall from WEM provided information on the application process for PA funds. For public assistance funding, FEMA reimburses 75% and the State of Wisconsin contributes 12.5% toward eligible reimbursable costs to help local governments pay for costs associated with debris removal, emergency protective measures and repairs of infrastructure.

WEM's Roxanne Gray spoke to both groups about the process of applying for hazard mitigation funding. FEMA representatives were also available to answer any questions from attendees.