Memo
To: Intermediary Membership Organizations
From: Fran Barrett, NYS Director of Nonprofits
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021
Re: FEMA Reimbursement Overview Session

Dear Intermediary Organizations,
I am writing to update you on a new New York State initiative regarding FEMA reimbursements.

New York State is launching a series of enhanced trainings and coaching sessions targeting non-medical private nonprofits exploring FEMA reimbursement for eligible expenses incurred related to a COVID-19 response.

An overview session will be offered to help these non-medical nonprofits understand eligibility and the application process and encourage them to apply. As intermediary organizations you will also be invited to attend. The overview will be offered on three alternate dates in June. For detailed information and registration links, please look for a separate communication sent from the Grants Gateway shortly.

We have developed a list of approximately 60+ intermediary organizations (see below), whom we expect will be working with direct service nonprofits pursuing reimbursement from FEMA. In addition to the nonprofit overview sessions, New York State will convene smaller work sessions aimed at you, the intermediary community, based on your feedback and suggestions for topics. They will make available a dedicated email inbox for you to send questions and maintain an FAQ along with other useful resources accessible on the Grants Gateway site to clarify definitions or interpretations. As you work with your nonprofit clients and gather information about their needs, please communicate the questions, processes, etc., that you’d like to see as topics for targeted work sessions to position you best to support your clients. Recognizing the important role that you will play in helping nonprofits get fully reimbursed from FEMA for COVID-related expenses, the State of NY wants you to have whatever help you might need to insure that your clients/members are fully reimbursed for any FEMA covered expenses incurred from January 20, 2020 onwards (FEMA has not set a deadline for applications but will provide 30 day notice).

Write to me at Fran.Barrett@exec.ny.gov if you have any questions.

If you would like to participate in this effort, just send an email to Lillian.Padilla@exec.ny.gov, and we will include you in the project.

We look forward to working with you and take this opportunity to thank you for all you do for our State.

P.S. If you are aware of other nonprofit intermediaries who should be included, please let us know.

Warm Regards,
Fran Barrett
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- Catholic Charities Archdiocese NY
- COFCCA
- FPWA
- HSC
- NYCON
- UJA Federation
- UNH
- Nonprofit New York