

## DISASTER DECLARATION RECOVERY

# Forensic Accounting & Complex Claims (FACC) Practice

Federal Emergency Management  
Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance



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**We can help qualifying entities seek reimbursement for qualifying expenses from FEMA's Public Assistance Program.**

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With any Presidential declaration of a national disaster or emergency, government assistance through FEMA's Public Assistance program is made available for qualifying entities to seek reimbursement under Section 501(b) of the Stafford Act.

Once a disaster declaration is made, the Forensic Accounting & Complex Claims (FACC) team can work with clients to assist in preparing both the insurance claim and the FEMA Public Assistance worksheets. We work with our clients by:

- Assisting in determination of FEMA eligibility
- Tracking and supporting costs incurred to maximize recovery through all available funding sources
- Assistance in preparing expedited project worksheets (PW) to secure advance funding from FEMA
- Assisting in providing insurance adjusters property claim estimates and business income loss estimates to secure cash advance funding
- Work with clients throughout both the insurance claim and FEMA process, including FEMA's closeout audit

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## How FACC can help you and your clients recover from catastrophic events

WTW has a team of highly qualified experts as part of its Risk & Analytics practice. Included in this group is FACC, a global practice consisting of certified public accountants, forensic accountants, certified fraud examiners, and project managers, including a former FEMA public assistance claims director, with direct knowledge of the protocols and procedures necessary to correctly request reimbursement from FEMA.

The Risk & Analytics FACC practice at WTW assists clients in the preparation, support, and quantification of economic damages. We look to recover from available FEMA assistance and any insurance policies that may be applicable. We add value to our clients by quantifying the loss amounts, gathering the necessary supporting documents, and preparing and submitting the claim on the client's behalf to the appropriate party(ies). We continue to work on our Client's behalf to seek resolution as quickly as possible.

The FACC team works across all geographic locations throughout the United States in the quantification of economic damages. We have successfully resolved some of the largest and most complex claims, such as those resulting from hurricanes, wildfires, floods, tornadoes and Covid-19.

## The Risk & Analytics FACC practice can assist by:

- Establish record keeping protocols to assist in tracking costs incurred
- Providing resources with direct knowledge of the FEMA recovery process. Our team includes a former FEMA public assistance claims manager
- Team members have direct contact to FEMA public assistance staff to stay on top of new declarations and new expense funding types
- Assistance in preparing claim packages and worksheets as required by FEMA, including assistance in submitting FEMA claims on the on-line portal
- Increase the timeline of FEMA approval and funding
- Fees for our services can be reimbursed form FEMA and most insurance policies, providing clients with our services and expertise with no net out of pocket costs

The FACC group is uniquely qualified to assist and manage both the FEMA claim process and the interplay between commercial insurance coverages that may be applicable to this event.

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