

Disaster Recovery Assistance Program (DRAP): What to Expect

Your application is not complete until all your documents have been submitted. Once your application is complete, it will be reviewed. All applications must be completed by **October 21, 2026**, or they will be denied for being incomplete.

After your application is reviewed, it will be approved or denied. If approved, you will be sent a grant agreement. Read your grant agreement carefully before signing. Once sent back and review by the legal department, your application will be sent for payment. You will get an email or be sent your completed agreement in the mail. From that point, it takes 2-4 weeks for your payment to process.

If you have any questions, you can reach out to padrap@pa.gov or call 717-562-5771 Monday-Friday 8am-5pm.

Important Things:

1. Sign and Return the Grant Agreement

- **Watch the Clock:** If you are approved, you will get a grant agreement either by email or in the mail (depending on what you chose on your application). You must sign it and send it back within **30 days**.
- **Getting Paid:** Your payment cannot be sent until the paperwork is fully signed. Payment will either be direct deposited into your account, or a check will be mailed.

2. Spend the Money the Right Way

- **Use it for Only the Approved Costs:** You can **only** spend the grant money on the exact items listed in your grant agreement. If you aren't sure what those are, reach out to padrap@pa.gov
- **No "Double Dipping":** You cannot use this money for anything that insurance or another organization has already paid for.
- **Left Over Money:** if you have money left over, you must either return the money to PEMA or ask to use the remaining amount on other eligible items by emailing padrap@pa.gov

3. Prove How you Spent It

- **Show your Receipts:** Within **60 days** of completing your repairs or making your approved purchases, you must send proof (receipts) to PEMA to show exactly how you spent the money. All items must be completed before the grant agreement expires.
- **Follow the Rules:** The state will check up on how the money was used.
- **Pay it Back if You Misspend:** If you can't show receipts, or if you bought things that aren't allowed, you will have to give the money back. PEMA may conduct compliance reviews or audits. If any misuse of state funds is uncovered, your case may be referred to the Office of Attorney General.

4. Keep all Receipts and Documents for Three Years

- **Save Everything:** Do not throw away your receipts or other documents after they are submitted. You are required to save them for **3 years** after getting the grant, just in case the state needs to double check them.