

**INFORMATION ABOUT DISASTER RELIEF
OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR MARTIN HEINRICH**

FEMA DISASTER RELIEF FUND

The CARES Act provides \$45 billion for the immediate needs of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments to protect citizens and help them recover from the overwhelming effects of COVID-19. Of which \$15,000,000,000 may be used for all purposes authorized under such Act and may be used in addition to amounts designated by the Congress as being for disaster relief pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(D) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency 15 Deficit Control Act of 1985.

- Reimbursable activities may include medical response, personal protective equipment, National Guard deployment, coordination of logistics, safety measures, and community services nationwide.
- Local governments, tribes and non-profits can apply for FEMA Public Assistance through the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management - Disaster Recovery Division. Reimbursement can cover 75% of the costs associated with responding to COVID-19.
- For information: <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/03/23/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-public-assistance-simplified-application>
- To apply contact Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (Phone) 505-476-9600

EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER ACT

The CARES Act provides \$200 million for shelter, food and supportive services to individuals and families in sudden economic crisis. For information:

<https://www.efsp.unitedway.org/efsp/website/websiteContents/index.cfm?template=about.cfm>