WILDER STRATEGIES / POLICY WRITING SAMPLE

What Federal Fire Management Assistance Covers

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Policy question

When federal fire management assistance is approved for a wildfire, what does the decision mean for incident managers, nonprofits, and affected households?

What the grant covers

FEMA's Fire Management Assistance Grant program helps eligible governments cover approved costs of managing and suppressing qualifying fires. The decision concerns response costs tied to the fire. A grant announcement alone does not establish that FEMA Individual Assistance is available to residents.

What nonprofits can communicate

When sharing an approval, identify the program by name and explain who receives the funding. Keep household referrals separate. Direct residents to confirmed local resources and update those referrals if officials later announce household assistance. This distinction helps residents act on the information they have without relying on assistance that has yet to be announced.

FEMA Fire Management Assistance Grants