## FEMA Approved Non-Congregate Sheltering Plan

- New York's statewide NCS plan identifies three target populations for non-congregate sheltering:
  - COVID-19 positive individuals requiring isolation but not hospitalization and who:
    - Do not have an appropriate home setting, or
    - Have a medically vulnerable individual in the home setting where they would otherwise be isolated
  - Healthcare providers and emergency responders interacting with presumptive or confirmed positive COVID-19 patients in an occupational setting, to include testing sites
  - Individuals that are or were supported by a congregate care shelter facility, to include:
    - Homeless persons
    - Domestic violence survivors
    - Elder abuse survivors



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- The State plan was approved by FEMA until May 10, 2020.
  - FEMA must approve all extension requests.
- The legally responsible governmental entities for the NCS populations would be the Applicant for the reimbursement of eligible costs.
- PNPs utilizing NCS will have to seek reimbursement through the legally responsible governmental entity for the eligible population.
  - In most instances, the governmental entity that provides any other type of funding to the PNP could be the Applicant.
  - If a direct contractual relationship with a legally responsible governmental entity does not exist, a contract would need to be in place prior to seeking reimbursement.

Note: DHSES has requested FEMA to consider allowing PNPs to be direct Applicants. More information will be shared as it is provided.





## **Non-Congregate Sheltering Requirements**

- Procurement must follow FEMA's <u>Exigent and Emergency circumstances policy</u> and include a termination for convenience clause in their contracts.
- The funding for non-congregate sheltering to meet the needs of the Public Health Emergency cannot be duplicated by another federal agency, including the U.S.
  Department of Health and Human Services or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Non-congregate sheltering is limited to that which is reasonable and necessary to address the public health needs of the event and should not extend beyond the duration of the Public Health Emergency.
- Applicable Environmental and Historic Preservation laws, regulations, and executive orders apply and must be adhered to as a condition of assistance.
- FEMA Fact sheet on **Non-Congregate Sheltering**.



## **Eligibility of Costs:**

Requests for Non-Congregate Sheltering require that a tracking mechanism be established to demonstrate eligibility of cost reimbursement, with the following information:



