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MEMORANDUM FOR: FEMA Regional Administrators
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ATTENTION: Disaster Assistance Division Directors

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SUBJECT: Disaster Assistance Policy DAP9521.2
PNP Museum Eligibility

The purpose of this memorandum is to request comments from your Regional staff on the attached draft Disaster Assistance Policy DAP9521.2, *PNP Museum Eligibility*. This is an existing policy that is scheduled for review to ensure that Disaster Assistance Directorate policies are consistent with current laws and regulations. This policy specifies the criteria that a PNP facility must meet to qualify as an eligible PNP Museum.

Please provide any comments you may have **within 30 days of the date of this memorandum** to Lu Juana Richardson, Public Assistance Division, via email at LuJuana.Richardson@dhs.gov, or facsimile at (202) 646-3304.

If you have questions, please call Lu Juana Richardson at (202) 646-4014.

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I. TITLE: **Private Nonprofit (PNP) Museum Eligibility**

II. DATE:

III. PURPOSE:

This policy provides guidance in determining the eligibility of a Private Non-Profit (PNP) facility as a PNP museum.

IV. SCOPE AND AUDIENCE:

The policy is applicable to all major disasters declared on or after the date of publication of this policy. It is intended for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) personnel involved in making eligibility determinations under the Public Assistance (PA) Program. This policy does not address museum collections or individual holdings as those are the subject of a separate policy, DAP9524.6, *Collections and Individual Objects*.

V. AUTHORITY:

Section 406 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5172, and 44 CFR §§206.221(e)(7) and 206.226.

VI. BACKGROUND:

This policy has been prepared to provide guidance on what constitutes an eligible PNP museum facility. Note that all PNP applicants must also meet additional eligibility criteria, detailed primarily in 44 CFR §§206.221, and 206.222 in order to receive disaster assistance under the PA Program.

VII. POLICY:

A. Definition

1. **PNP Museum:** PNP museums are facilities which are constructed or manufactured with the primary purposes of:

- a. Preserving a documented collection of artistic, historic, scientific or other objects, and
- b. Exhibiting the documented collection to the general public.

Subject to the provisions that follow, PNP museums may be eligible for PA grant funding.



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B. Eligible Facilities

1. Museum buildings that are used for the preservation and exhibition of the documented collection.
2. Permanent facilities (e.g., walkways and driveways) of outdoor areas dedicated to museum-type exhibits.
3. PNP-owned historic buildings, including their appurtenances, such as barns and other outbuildings, intended for the preservation and exhibition of artifacts within a defined area and maintained to exhibit the historical culture.
4. PNP-owned permanent facilities and equipment that are part of arboretums and botanical gardens.
5. Infrastructure (water, power, sewer/septic) necessary to support the museum building.

C. Ineligible Facilities

1. Administrative buildings and other assets that are not essential to the preservation and exhibition of objects for the general public.
2. Grounds at museums and historic sites. Plant materials are subject to the provisions of DAP9524.5, *Trees, Shrubs, and Other Plantings Associated with Facilities*.
3. The definition of PNP museums does not include open natural areas or features, and it does not include entities that promote the preservation and conservation of such areas.

VIII. RESPONSIBLE OFFICE: Disaster Assistance Directorate (Public Assistance Division).

IX. SUPERSESSION: This policy supersedes RP9521.2 dated August 17, 1999, and all previous guidance on this subject.



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X. **REVIEW DATE:** This policy does not automatically expire, but will be reviewed 3 years from the date of publication.

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