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• Who appoints them?

• Where are they?
MANAGING DISASTERS

• After local and state resources are overwhelmed, federal assistance becomes available

• Emergency vs Major Disaster Declarations
  o Utilization in COVID-19 Response

• Disaster Relief Fund

“LOCALLY EXECUTED, STATE MANAGED, FEDERALLY SUPPORTED”

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

• Public Assistance:
  o Debris removal, life-saving emergency protective measures, and restoring public infrastructure. Local governments, states, tribes, territories and certain private nonprofit organizations are eligible.

• Individual Assistance:
  o Housing assistance, disaster case management, crisis counseling, disaster legal services, unemployment assistance, and voluntary organization coordination.

• Hazard Mitigation:
  o For actions taken to prevent or reduce long term risk to life and property from natural hazards.

• Cost Shares
FEMA AND COVID-19

- First on the scene
- Initial Federal vs State Coordination Issues
- Transition to CARES Act
  - $2T package -- largest relief package ever passed
  - Coronavirus Relief Fund ($150B; direct to states and locals; population formula)
  - $45 B Disaster Relief Fund
  - $13.5B Education facilities, $3.5B childcare, $4.3B public health agencies, $5B Community Development Block Grants

TREASURY DEPARTMENT RESOURCE:
https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/state-and-local-governments

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