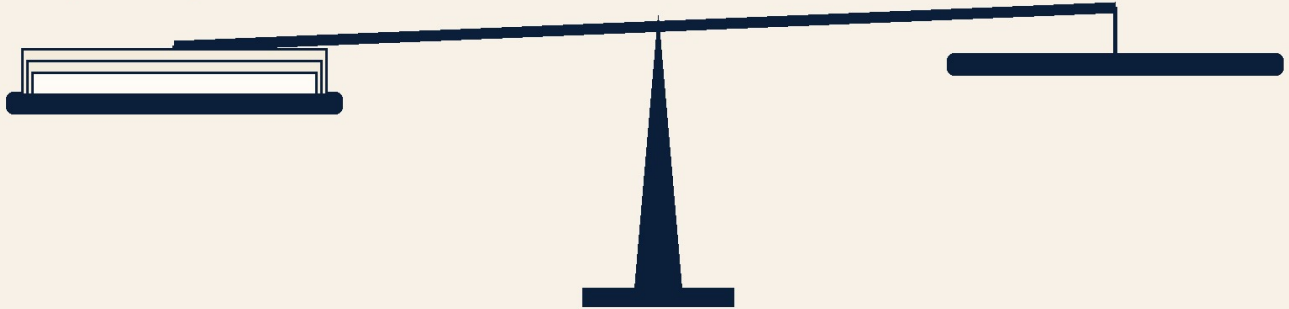


1,093,800



A FEMA repair under \$1,093,800 counts as a small project

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On September 29, 2026, FEMA said \$1,093,800 is the line between a small disaster repair and a large one. RebuildAlert uses a different dollar line on its homepage.

After the president declares a disaster, a city, county, tribe, or some nonprofits can ask FEMA for help. FEMA is the federal agency that helps after floods, fires, and storms. The money can fix public buildings, roads, and water systems.

FEMA sorts those repair jobs into two piles. A small project uses shorter paperwork. A large project uses longer paperwork. The law that sets this up is section 422 of the Stafford Act. Stafford is the main U.S. disaster law.

On September 29, 2026, FEMA put a short notice in the Federal Register. That is the government's daily record of official notices. This one is volume 91, page 61430. It says the small-project line is now \$1,093,800.

That line is for disasters declared on or after October 1, 2025. Under that dollar amount, the job is small. At that amount or above, the job is large.

Last year the line was \$1,062,900. Prices in stores went up 2.9 percent in the year that ended in August 2025, so FEMA raised the line by the same amount.

The line follows the year the disaster was declared. It does not follow the week the money showed up. An older disaster can still use an older line. OpenFEMA's Small or Large label follows that same declaration-year line. Do not re-sort an old disaster against the new dollar amount.

RebuildAlert watches new FEMA payments. The list on its homepage is a different cut. It shows the first payments from the last 14 days where the federal share is at least \$100,000. A job can be "small" under FEMA's rule and still show up there. A "large" job can be left off that list.

The longer note is on RebuildAlert: <https://www.rebuildalert.com/blog/small-vs-large-openfema-project-size-1093800>

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What this page will not say

Small means shorter paperwork. It does not mean the work is tiny, finished, or already out for bid. Large means longer paperwork. It is not a bid notice and not a notice to start work.

The new line does not change the federal share of the cost. It does not relabel a disaster declared before October 1, 2025.

This page names no street. County and city are as far as a later worksheet note should go.

This is a plain-language note. It is not FEMA guidance and not legal advice. RebuildAlert is not part of FEMA.

Notes

Federal Register, September 29, 2026: 91 FR 61430. Stafford Act section 422 small-project line of \$1,093,800 for disasters declared on or after October 1, 2025. The earlier line was \$1,062,900.

OpenFEMA Small or Large follows the declaration-year line. RebuildAlert's homepage list is separate: first payments in the last 14 days with a federal share of at least \$100,000.

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