

North Carolina Hurricane Recovery by the Numbers

In the last three years, North Carolina has been hit by three devastating hurricanes – Matthew, Florence and Dorian. As the state begins to recover from Hurricane Dorian, progress continues for survivors of previous storms. In total, North Carolina has spent \$2.8 billion in state and federal funding to help survivors of Hurricane Matthew and Hurricane Florence.

After Florence, Governor Roy Cooper created the North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR) to ensure North Carolina builds back stronger and smarter. NCORR has hired staff experts and expanded capacity to move state and federal disaster funding more quickly to people who need it and focused on resiliency to make sure North Carolina can better withstand future storms.



Key Hurricane Recovery Numbers

(As of September 10, 2019)

- NC Emergency Management has awarded **\$88.1 million** to local governments through the Hurricane Matthew FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) to eliminate future risks by funding reconstruction, elevation or buyout of properties damaged by repetitive flooding. **\$24.6 million** has been awarded to local governments after Hurricane Florence through FEMA's Expedited Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to buyout properties that have experienced repeat flooding.
- NC Emergency Management has delivered **\$573.8 million** via the FEMA Public Assistance Program to repair critical infrastructure due to Matthew and Florence impacts.
- \$229.7 million in FEMA Individuals and Households grants have been approved for **63,664 homeowners and renters** to help with Matthew and Florence recovery.
- The Sheltering Temporary and Essential Power (STEP) program has repaired **2,370 homes** so that families are not displaced.

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- NCORR has awarded **\$108 million** in federal CDBG-DR funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to homeowners for repairs and reconstructions, small businesses for recovery, local governments for infrastructure and the N.C. Housing Finance Agency for the construction of new affordable housing in hurricane-affected areas. North Carolina **still does not have access** to any of the CDBG-DR money appropriated after Hurricane Florence.
- There are **96** CDBG-DR-funded home construction projects underway and **151 complete** across North Carolina.
- More than **1,000 homeowners have been sent award letters** for their CDBG-DR grant.
- The Agriculture Disaster Assistance Program has processed 7,485 applications from 72 counties, with a total of **\$171.3 million paid to farmers** impacted by Hurricane Florence.
- The Department of Environmental Quality's Hurricane Florence Commercial Fishing Assistance Program has paid **\$11.6 million to commercial fishermen and shellfish harvesters** to help make up for income lost due to the storm.
- North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) **re-opened over 2,500 roads and bridges** that were damaged due to Florence and **more than 600** that were damaged due to Matthew.
- North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) helped more than **49,000 people** get crisis counseling and ongoing behavioral health care.
- **\$11.3 million in state disaster recovery grants** were awarded to Craven, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender and Scotland counties, and the City of Lumberton. The grants will be used to help low-to-moderate income, elderly and/or disabled storm survivors who are living in unsafe, unsanitary housing that poses an urgent safety or health risk. The grants can also be used for mitigation reconstruction and acquisition activities.
- A total of **\$2.4 million in non-profit grant awards** have been provided to Habitat for Humanity affiliates in eastern North Carolina to support emergency housing repairs, mitigate reconstruction and acquisition activities that will benefit a minimum of 83 hurricane displaced families.
- Governor Cooper raised **\$5.9 million from thousands of donors** to the NC Disaster Relief Fund. Donations have helped the Golden LEAF Foundation and the North Carolina Community Foundation make grants to more than 77 non-profits and local governments in 21 counties along with nine regional organizations.