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13 N.C. Counties Now Eligible For FEMA Help For Repair, Response Costs

RALEIGH, N.C. – Thirteen more North Carolina counties affected by Hurricane Florence are now eligible for federal assistance to help pay for the cost of repairing damaged public infrastructure and responding to the storm.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced that state and local government agencies in the 13 additional counties will now be able to receive grants under FEMA’s Public Assistance program, which reimburses governments for the cost of repairing or replacing damaged or destroyed infrastructure and the cost of responding to a disaster.

“This is welcome news as North Carolina works to clean up and rebuild from Hurricane Florence,” said Gov. Roy Cooper. “Local governments poured significant resources into responding to the storm, and many also face damage to critical public infrastructure. Getting access to this help is key to these communities’ recovery.”

The following counties are now eligible for Public Assistance in all categories:

Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Cabarrus, Chatham, Dare, Granville, Montgomery, Person, Randolph, Stanly, Union, and Yancey Counties.

The following counties that were previously eligible for Public Assistance Categories A & B (Emergency Protective Measures and Debris Removal) are now eligible for all categories of permanent work:

Beaufort, Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Duplin, Greene, Harnett, Hoke, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Moore, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Wayne, and Wilson Counties.

Pitt County is eligible for Public Assistance Categories A & B (Debris Removal and Emergency Protective Measures).

“This is another step forward on the road to recovery,” said Federal Coordinating Officer Albie Lewis, who is in charge of FEMA’s operations in North Carolina. “We continue to support our state and local partners in their efforts.”

FEMA’s Public Assistance program provides grants to state, tribal, and local governments, and certain types of private non-profit organizations so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies.

These funds reimburse eligible applicants for the cost of debris removal, life-saving emergency protective measures, and the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged facilities like buildings, roads, and utilities.

The federal share of Public Assistance is not less than 75 percent of the eligible cost. The state determines how the non-federal share of the cost of a project (up to 25 percent) is split with the sub-recipients like local and county governments.

FEMA, the state, and the sub-recipients work in a partnership to ensure that state and local governments receive the fullest amount of assistance legally allowed. This process protects all parties to ensure compliance with applicable federal regulations.

FEMA works closely with the state and sub-recipients to ensure funding is being used correctly and that communities are able to access funds throughout their recovery.

For additional information on the Public Assistance process, please visit [FEMA.gov/public-assistance](https://www.fema.gov/public-assistance).

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