

FEMA Delivers Over \$1.4 Billion To Support Community-Led Recovery and Resilience Projects Across the U.S.

Today, FEMA announced the approval of more than \$1.4 billion in post-disaster funding under the Public Assistance, Hazard Mitigation, and Individual Assistance programs across the nation.

These programs help states, Tribal Nations, territories, and local governments recover and rebuild stronger, safer communities and protect critical infrastructure from future disasters. With this funding, President Donald J. Trump is keeping his commitment to reform federal disaster support and ensure that taxpayer dollars are invested in projects that deliver safety and security for the American people.

“FEMA is committed to quickly delivering funding to communities recovering from disasters,” said Robert Fenton, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the FEMA administrator. “As states, tribal nations and territories lead their response and recovery efforts, these funds help support and accelerate their progress. FEMA will continue to approve necessary funding while safeguarding taxpayer dollars.”

Public Assistance

The funding includes **approximately \$1.36 billion** under FEMA’s [Public Assistance](#) program. State, territorial and local governments, as well as certain private non-profits, will use this funding for **432 recovery projects** related to previous disasters, including projects associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. In line with President Trump’s [executive order 14395 Establishing the Task Force to Eliminate Fraud](#), FEMA has conducted detailed reviews of claimed costs for Public Assistance funds to help prevent fraud, waste, and abuse.

These Public Assistance projects include repairs to critical infrastructure, restoration of public buildings, road repairs, and reimbursement for actions taken to protect public health and safety during and after disasters.

Examples of projects reimbursed through Public Assistance funding include:

- **More than \$152.8 million** for the Tennessee Department of Military for debris removal related to Tropical Storm Helene.
- **Nearly \$120 million** for the Texas Division of Emergency Management for debris removal related to severe storms, straight-line winds and flooding.



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- **More than \$39.7 million** for the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority for hazard mitigation on permanent work as a result of Hurricane Maria.
- **More than \$27.8 million** for the Great Lakes Energy Cooperative in Michigan for debris removal related to a severe winter storm.
- **More than \$23.6 million** for the Omaha Public Power District for permanent repairs to the Elkhorn Service Center as a result of severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding.
- **More than \$14.5 million** for North Carolina Emergency Management for debris removal operations as a result of Tropical Storm Helene.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

FEMA is also awarding **more than \$70.7 million** for 25 projects through the [Hazard Mitigation Grant Program](#). These projects, located across multiple states and territories, are designed to prevent, reduce, or eliminate future disaster-related damage.

Through this program, state, local, and territorial governments and Tribal Nations implement mitigation measures such as acquiring hazard-prone homes and businesses, adopting and enforcing modern building codes and standards, protecting against floods through elevations and drainage improvements, constructing safe rooms, and upgrading utilities and infrastructure.

Examples of projects reimbursed through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program that were approved today include:

- **More than \$22 million** in Rock Valley, Iowa for the acquisition and demolition of 123 residential properties damaged by flooding. Acquisition projects involve the community to purchase homes and/or commercial structures and the underlying property and demolishing all structures. The property is maintained as open space indefinitely.
- **More than \$19.3 million will be provided to New Jersey and North Carolina** for management costs for the direct and indirect costs of mitigation projects in the aftermath of hurricanes Ida and Helene.
- **More than \$3 million for five elevation projects in Anna Maria, Dunedin, Redington Shores, Winter Springs and Citrus County, Florida** where the home is raised so potential floodwaters may flow underneath.
- **More than \$1.5 million for utility protective measures in Brown County, South Dakota and Bonner County, Idaho.** These projects are utility protections measures to convert overhead powerlines to underground.
- **More than \$187,000 in Gorin Park, Kentucky** for a safe room project designed and constructed to provide immediate life-safety protection for people in public and private structures from severe wind events, including hurricanes, tsunamis and tornadoes. For FEMA mitigation grants, the term “safe room” only applies to structures that meet the criteria in [FEMA P-361 Safe Rooms for Tornadoes and Hurricanes](#).
- **More than \$141,000 to the city of Helen, Georgia** for an alert and warning system.

- FEMA coordinates directly with states, Tribal Nations, and territories on all hazard mitigation and recovery projects. This supports FEMA's principle that disaster recovery and mitigation should be locally led and federally supported.

Individual Assistance

In addition, FEMA approved **approximately \$13.9 million** in Individual Assistance grants that fund nine state-managed recovery programs across the United States. These grants directly support individuals, families, and communities by addressing urgent post-disaster needs such as disaster unemployment assistance, crisis counseling, and disaster case management.

These latest approvals are part of the billions of dollars in disaster recovery assistance FEMA has provided to support local communities as they rebuild from recent natural disasters. FEMA continues its commitment to help communities recover from hurricanes, severe storms, tornadoes and wildfires while supporting efforts to reduce the impacts of future disasters.

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