## **FEMA Public Assistance Available for Five More Counties**

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RALEIGH, N.C. – Five more North Carolina counties affected by Hurricane Florence are now eligible to apply for federal assistance to help pay for the cost of debris removal, emergency protective measures and permanent repair work to damaged infrastructure.

FEMA announced that state and local government agencies in Alamance, Madison, Polk, Rowan and Tyrrell counties may be eligible for reimbursement under FEMA's <u>Public Assistance</u> program.

"We are very pleased that five more counties will get assistance cleaning up after Hurricane Florence and rebuilding their communities," said Gov. Roy Cooper. "This assistance will help North Carolinians as we continue to pick up the pieces from this devastating storm."

The following 44 counties were previously designated as eligible to apply for public assistance: Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Cabarrus, Carteret, Chatham, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Dare, Davidson, Duplin, Granville, Greene, Harnett, Hoke, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Montgomery, Moore, New Hanover, Onslow, Orange, Pamlico, Pender, Person, Pitt, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Stanly, Union, Wayne, Wilson and Yancey.



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"Our recent assessments show Hurricane Florence wreaked havoc across the state—from Tyrell on the coast to Madison in the mountains," said Federal Coordinating Officer Albie Lewis, who oversees disaster operations in North Carolina. "The money pays back local governments that broke their budgets to protect people, clear roads, restore power and repair bridges damaged by Florence. It helps the whole state recover."

The federal share of assistance is not less than 75 percent of the eligible cost.

For additional information on the Public Assistance process, please visit FEMA.gov/public- assistance.

For more information on North Carolina's recovery from Hurricane Florence, visit <u>ncpds.gov/Florence</u> and <u>FEMA.gov/Disaster/4393</u>. Follow us on Twitter: @NCEmergency and @FEMARegion4.

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