

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Major Disaster Declaration to Help Floridians Recover from Hurricane Nicole

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WASHINGTON -- Hurricane Nicole survivors and Florida infrastructure and beaches will now be eligible for federal disaster assistance at the direction of President Biden.

FEMA announced today that additional assistance has been made available to supplement state, tribal and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by Hurricane Nicole during the period of Nov. 7-30, 2022. Assistance for Category G costs, specifically for damaged engineered beaches and the costs to restore them, is also being made available to the state of Florida.

This critical assistance for survivors and state infrastructure is in addition to the over [\\$3.69 billion the Biden-Harris Administration has provided to the State of Florida](#) in response to Hurricane Ian, including \$814 million FEMA has put directly into the hands of survivors to help jumpstart their recovery. FEMA has also provided more than \$1.2 billion dollars to National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policyholders to date.

FEMA will continue to work with the state of Florida to help survivors recover from Hurricane Ian, while also ensuring that those affected by Hurricane Nicole have the resources they need to begin their road recovery.

Assistance for Hurricane Nicole can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-interest loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster, and will be available to affected individuals in Brevard, Flagler, Lake, Putnam, St. Johns and Volusia counties.

Federal funding is also available to state and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work



and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by Hurricane Nicole in Brevard, Duval, Flagler, Indian River, Martin, Nassau, Palm Beach, St. Johns, St. Lucie and Volusia counties.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

Affected survivors can apply for disaster assistance at www.DisasterAssistance.gov, by calling 800-621-3362 or by using the FEMA mobile app. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service.

Thomas J. McCool has been named the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected areas. Additional designations may be made at a later date.

FEMA will continue to work with the state of Florida.

