

# Blount County Now Eligible for Public Assistance Funding in Alabama

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**ATLANTA** – Blount County is now eligible to apply for funding under FEMA's Public Assistance Program to supplement state and local recovery efforts in areas that sustained damage from the severe storms and flooding that occurred Feb. 5 - March 6, 2020.

In addition to the 18 counties announced on May 21, Blount County may now request funding under the Public Assistance grant program. Assistance may cover eligible debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the repair or rebuilding of public facilities such as roads, bridges, water control facilities, buildings, equipment, public utilities, parks, and recreational facilities.

The president's May 21 major disaster declaration for Alabama made Public Assistance funding available to state and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis.

Public Assistance funding for the state and designated counties may include payment of not less than 75 percent of the eligible costs for debris removal and emergency protective measures taken to save lives and protect property and public health as a result of the storm.

All areas in the State of Alabama are eligible for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for actions taken to prevent or reduce long term risk to life and property from natural hazards.

For more information on the Alabama recovery, visit [www.fema.gov/disaster/4546](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4546).

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