FEMA Extends 100 Percent Funding for Emergency Response to Hurricanes

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ST. CROIX, Virgin Islands – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has extended for 60 days the period in which it will cover 100 percent of eligible costs for debris removal and emergency protective measures undertaken by the U.S. Virgin Islands in response to hurricanes Maria and Irma.

The deadline to receive 100 percent federal reimbursement for eligible Public Assistance work is now May 5 for Hurricane Irma and May 14 for Hurricane Maria.

The extension comes after certain areas of the USVI sustained damage of sufficient magnitude that special cost-sharing arrangements are warranted.

To date, FEMA's Public Assistance Program has approved more than \$447 million for USVI response and recovery.

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To donate or volunteer, contact the voluntary or charitable organization of your choice through the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) at <u>www.nvoad.org</u>. For those who wish to help, cash donations offer voluntary agencies the most flexibility in obtaining the most-needed resources and pumps money into the local economy to help businesses recover. The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands also has the "Fund for the Virgin Islands" at www.USVIrecovery.org.



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