

# President Donald J. Trump Approves Major Disaster Declaration for Puerto Rico

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WASHINGTON -- FEMA announced that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to supplement recovery efforts in the areas affected by a severe storm and flooding on Sept. 13.

The President's action makes federal funding available to affected individuals in the Municipality of Arecibo.

Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Claude Hyacinthe has been named the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected area. Additional designations may be made at a later date if warranted by the results of damage assessments.

Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in the designated area can begin applying for assistance by registering online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or by calling 1-800-621- 3362 or 1-800-462-7585 TTY.



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