

# President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. 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 Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe storms, flooding and landslides from Feb. 4-6, 2022.

The President's action makes federal funding available to affected individuals in the municipalities of Cataño, Dorado, Toa Baja, Vega Alta and Vega Baja. 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.

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

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

Residents and business owners who sustained losses in the designated areas can begin applying for assistance by registering online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or by calling 1-800-621-3362. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service.



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