

FEMA Announces \$525 Million in Additional Federal Grants to Puerto Rico

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GUAYNABO, Puerto Rico – FEMA has awarded more than \$525 million in additional funds to Puerto Rico to cover costs related to Hurricane María.

These awards bring the amount of funds obligated under FEMA's Public Assistance program to \$5.3 billion.

The latest grants approved are as follows:

- More than \$520 million to the Puerto Rico Department of Housing for the Tu Hogar Renace program. The program allows homeowners to shelter-in-place while they make permanent repairs to their home. To date, 108,464 home repairs have been made through the program.
- More than \$3 million to the Municipality of Canóvanas for debris removal.
- Nearly \$1.5 million to the Municipality of Cayey for debris removal.

FEMA works with Puerto Rico's Central Office for Recovery, Reconstruction and Resiliency, or COR3, through the agency's Public Assistance program to obligate recovery funds to private nonprofit organizations, municipalities and agencies of the Government of Puerto Rico for expenses related to hurricanes Irma and María.

Assistance is available for debris removal, life-saving emergency protective measures and the repair, replacement or restoration of disaster-damaged facilities. The Public Assistance program also encourages protection of these damaged facilities from future events by providing assistance for hazard mitigation



measures during the recovery process.

FEMA obligates funding to the applicant for projects through COR3. For applicants to receive the awarded funds, they must provide required documentation to ensure conformity with local and federal requirements.

FEMA and COR3 continue to work together to expedite recovery funding and reimbursement of all eligible costs.

For more information on the Hurricane María recovery, visit fema.gov/disaster/4339.

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Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362) 711/VRS - Video Relay Service. Multilingual operators are available. (Press 2 for Spanish). TTY call 800-462-7585.

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