

FEMA Approves \$1.8 Million for Town of Emerald Isle Debris Removal

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DURHAM, N.C. – The Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved more than \$1.8 million to reimburse the Town of Emerald Isle in Carteret County for debris removal following Hurricane Florence.

Beginning Sept. 21, 2018, the town hired contractors to remove vegetation and other debris from public rights of way throughout the town. The approved funds cover work completed through Dec. 18, 2018.

FEMA's Public Assistance program provides grants for state and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations to reimburse the cost of debris removal, emergency protective measures and permanent repair work.

Public Assistance is a cost-sharing program. FEMA reimburses applicants at least 75 percent of eligible costs, and the remaining 25 percent is covered by the state of North Carolina. FEMA's share for this project is nearly \$1.4 million. The federal share is paid directly to the state, which disburses funds to agencies, local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations that incurred costs.

For more information on North Carolina's recovery from Hurricane Florence, visit ncdps.gov/Florence and FEMA.gov/Disaster/4393. Follow us on Twitter: @NCEmergency and @FEMARegion4.

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