

# Five Parishes Added to Louisiana Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance Following Hurricane Barry

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BATON ROUGE, La. — At the request of the state of Louisiana, Lafayette, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard and St. Martin parishes have been added to the August 27 major disaster declaration for preparations and damages related to Hurricane Barry.

The additional parishes are now eligible for FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) funding to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by Hurricane Barry between July 10 and 15, 2019.

FEMA's PA program reimburses parishes, states, tribes and certain nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis (75 percent federal share).

Along with Allen, Iberia, Lafourche, Plaquemines, St. Mary, Terrebonne and Vermillion parishes, Lafayette Parish was designated for emergency and permanent work under FEMA's Public Assistance program. Eligible work includes disaster-related debris removal, emergency protective measures, and repair and replacement of disaster-damaged facilities, such as roads, bridges, government buildings, parks, and public utilities, including water treatment and electrical plants.



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Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Jefferson, Livingston, Orleans, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. John the Baptist, St. Martin, Tangipahoa, and West Feliciana parishes are approved for debris removal and emergency protective measures, including direct federal assistance. Eligible work could include sandbagging, search and rescue, removal of health and safety hazards and other more immediate actions to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety.

All areas in Louisiana are eligible for assistance under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

The HMGP helps communities with hazard mitigation measures following a presidential major disaster declaration in affected areas. Mitigation measures reduce the risk of loss of lives and properties from future disasters.

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