

FEMA Awards \$1.5 Million to Bowling Green Municipal Utilities for Response to Tornado Damage

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FRANKFORT, Ky. – FEMA has approved **\$1,585,196** to reimburse Bowling Green Municipal Utilities for its mutual aid use of 18 utility companies from Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee that assisted in power restoration and repairs after the Dec. 10-11, 2021, tornadoes.

Three utility companies from Kentucky, three from Tennessee and 12 from Georgia assisted in the emergency response to the tornadoes between Dec. 12 and Jan. 10.

The work and costs associated with the Bowling Green Municipal Utilities project included expenses to temporarily house and feed crews from the responding companies. An interstate mutual aid agreement allows member states to share resources during emergencies when local and state governments cannot adequately address the response.

FEMA's award is paid directly to the commonwealth to disburse to agencies, local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations that incurred costs.

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

Because of the magnitude of damage from the tornadoes, President Biden in January authorized a cost share adjustment to 100% federal funding for emergency protective measures for a 30-day period of the commonwealth's choosing.

