

# President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Amends Puerto Rico Disaster Declaration

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WASHINGTON -- FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell announced today that President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. made additional assistance available to the Government of Puerto Rico to supplement territorial and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by Hurricane Fiona, beginning Sept. 17 and continuing.

This approval allows for 100% retroactive federal funding to cover debris removal, emergency protective measures and direct federal assistance for a period of 30 days from the incident period.

The President's action also makes federal funding available to affected individuals in three additional municipalities within Puerto Rico--Añasco, Hormigueros and Mayagüez. The original 55 municipalities can be found [here](#).

Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-interest loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

You can apply for disaster assistance at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov), by calling **800-621-3362**, or by using the [FEMA App](#). 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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