

# Deadline Extended for FEMA Public Assistance Requests

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**RALEIGH, N.C.** - Local governments, houses of worship and other nonprofit organizations in [39 North Carolina counties and tribal members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians](#) have until Jan 7, 2025, to submit Requests for Public Assistance (RPA) from FEMA. The RPA is the first step for public and private nonprofit organizations to apply for federal disaster assistance.

FEMA extended the deadline at the request of the state of North Carolina.

The designated counties and tribe were a part of the major disaster declaration after Tropical Storm Helene, which included [FEMA's Public Assistance Program](#). This program provides grants to state, tribal and local governments, and certain private nonprofit organizations, including houses of worship, so communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies. These funds support the removal of debris, costs of emergency protective measures and restoration of public facilities, helping disaster survivors resume life in their communities.

Eligible applicants can apply for assistance through the state of North Carolina. For more information on submitting a Request for Public Assistance, applicants should contact North Carolina Emergency Management, or email [pahotline@ncdps.gov](mailto:pahotline@ncdps.gov).



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