

Additional \$96 Million Approved to Support Helene Recovery

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ASHEVILLE, N.C. – FEMA continues to support the state of North Carolina as it leads community cleanup and restores infrastructure damaged by Tropical Storm Helene.

In August alone, FEMA has obligated an additional \$96 million for more than 200 state and local recovery projects. This funding helps cover items like road repairs, critical infrastructure restoration, debris removal and other emergency actions taken to protect life and property following the storm.

Here are some of the large FEMA grants obligated to the state and communities:

- \$65.2 million to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for road repairs in Buncombe, McDowell, Mitchell, Wilkes and Yancey counties.
- \$5.9 million to the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources for repairs to Chimney Rock State Park's roads, bridge and café.
- \$5.8 million to the town of Beech Mountain for repairs to washed out portions of Buckeye Creak Road and Charter Hill Road.
- \$2.4 million to the EnergyUnited Electric Membership Corporation for emergency measures taken to protect and repair the electrical power distribution system.
- \$1.5 million to the Asheville Christian Academy for remediation to three school buildings flooded by Swannanoa River overflow.
- \$1.4 million to the town of Old Fort for permanent repairs to damaged public facilities.
- \$1 million for Haywood County to remove more than 1.3 million cubic yards of debris between Oct. 1, 2024 and March 24, 2025.

FEMA is reimbursing these costs at no less than a 90% federal share through its Public Assistance Program which provides funds for state and local governments response and recovery work. To date, more than \$627 million has been provided to the state for road repair, debris removal, critical infrastructure repair and more. Since January 20, 2025, more than \$322 million in Public Assistance



reimbursements has been approved to support the recovery efforts in North Carolina.



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