

FEMA Approves Fire Management Assistance Grant for Holomua Fire in Maui

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OAKLAND, Calif. – The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Region 9 Administrator authorized the use of federal funds to assist the State of Hawaii in combating the Holomua Fire burning in Maui County.

On September 23, the State of Hawaii submitted a request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for the Holomua Fire. At the time of the request, the fire was threatening approximately 364 homes in and around Paia on Maui. Mandatory evacuations had taken place for approximately 1,672 people. The fire began on September 23 and had already burned more than 200 acres.

FMAGs provide federal funding for up to 75 percent of eligible firefighting costs. FMAGs are approved through FEMA to assist in fighting fires that threaten to become major disasters.

Eligible costs covered by FMAGs can include expenses for field camps, equipment use, materials, supplies and mobilization, and demobilization activities attributed to fighting the fire. For more information on FMAGs, visit fema.gov/assistance/public/fire-management-assistance.

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