

FEMA will provide more than \$5.9 Million to Minnkota Power Cooperative

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CHICAGO - The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced today that \$5,912,150 in federal funding has been made available to Minnkota Power Cooperative for repairs to the electrical distribution system in northwestern Minnesota.

This grant funding is part of FEMA's recovery efforts in response to the federal disaster declaration on September 6, 2018. Minnkota Power Cooperative, a not-for-profit electric generation and transmission cooperative, will use this funding for the repair and replacement of damaged electrical equipment as a result of severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding that occurred between June 15, 2018 and July 12, 2018.

"Not-for-profit electric cooperatives are a vital resource, providing utility service to many greater Minnesota communities," said Department of Public Safety Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Joe Kelly. "Without this federal disaster funding, the burden of these repairs would fall directly on the Minnesota households serviced by these cooperatives."

"FEMA's Public Assistance Program is an important resource for communities after a disaster," said James K. Joseph, FEMA Region V Administrator. "By funding this work, a critical source of power in northwestern Minnesota was able to recover and resume service for communities hard-hit by severe storms and flooding."

FEMA's Public Assistance Program provides funding to local government jurisdictions and eligible private non-profits for the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged infrastructure as well as costs incurred for debris removal, disaster cleanup and emergency actions taken to protect lives or property.

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