

# FEMA Public Assistance Funding Authorized for Virginia Communities to Restore Permanent Infrastructure

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**BRISTOL, Va.**— The Public Assistance Program is FEMA's largest grant program, providing funding to assist states, federally recognized tribal governments, U.S. territories, local governments and certain types of private nonprofits. Public Assistance grants help pay for emergency and permanent work that helps communities respond to and recover from disasters.

On Oct. 1, several Virginia counties and cities were approved for Public Assistance Categories A and B, which support the following emergency work: debris removal and emergency protective measures.

The major disaster declaration for the Commonwealth of Virginia was amended on Oct. 10, approving **Lee** County for Public Assistance Categories A-G and adding Public Assistance Categories C-G for the following areas: **Bedford, Bland, Buchanan, Carroll, Craig, Dickenson, Giles, Grayson, Montgomery, Pittsylvania, Pulaski, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise** and **Wythe** Counties as well as the cities of **Bristol, Covington, Danville, Galax, Norton** and **Radford**.

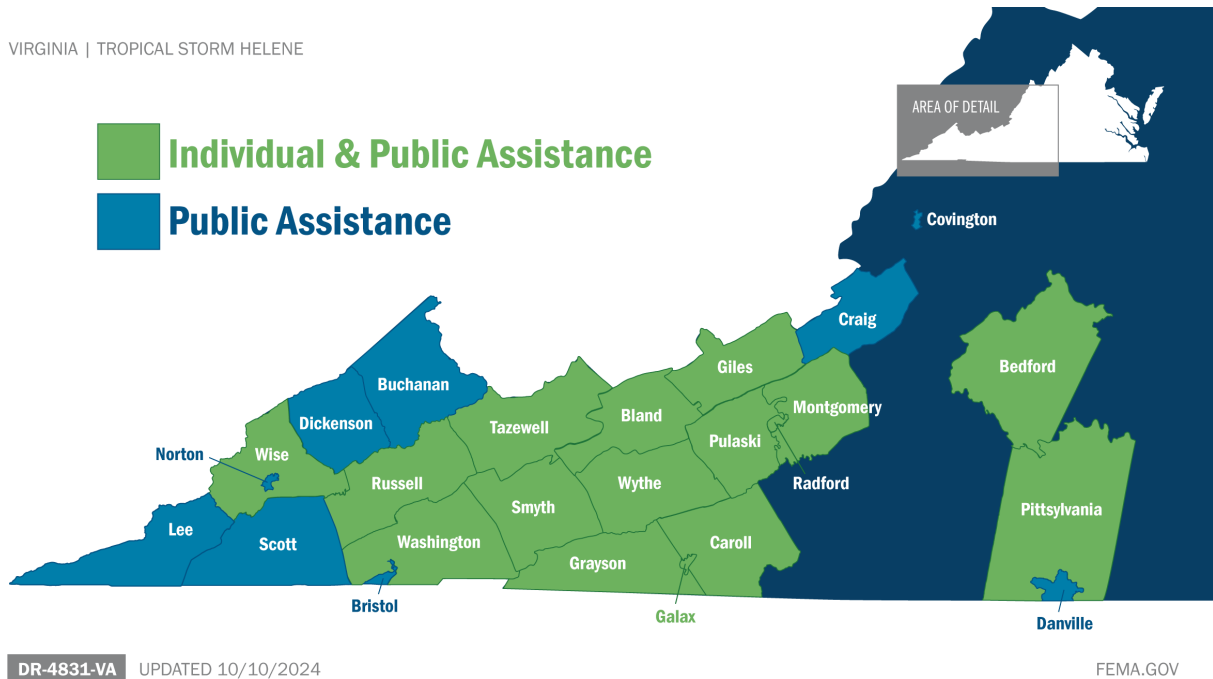
Public Assistance Categories C-G support permanent work in the following:

- Category C: Roads and bridges
- Category D: Water control facilities
- Category E: Public buildings and contents
- Category F: Public utilities
- Category G: Parks, recreational and other facilities

For more information on Public Assistance, see: [fema.gov/assistance/public](https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public).



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For more information on Virginia's disaster recovery, visit [vaemergency.gov](#), the [Virginia Department of Emergency Management Facebook page](#), [fema.gov/disaster/4831](#) and [facebook.com/FEMA](#).

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