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News release

FEMA Public Assistance Available for West Virginia Communities

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – On Sept. 11, President Trump approved [Public Assistance](#) for Marion and Ohio counties following the June 14-15, 2025, storms. This is in addition to [Individual Assistance](#) available for individuals and households in Marion and Ohio counties.

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.

FEMA's Public Assistance program helps communities recover from disasters. Through Public Assistance, communities can get help covering their costs for debris removal, life-saving emergency protective measures, and restoring public infrastructure. Public Assistance is available to states, local governments, and private nonprofit organizations. Individuals and households with uninsured losses can apply for assistance through FEMA's Individual Assistance program. **REMINDER:** The deadline to apply for Individual Assistance is Monday, Sept. 22.

More information about the Public Assistance program can be found at fema.gov/assistance/public.

For more information on West Virginia's disaster recovery, visit emd.wv.gov, [West Virginia Emergency Management Division Facebook page](#), www.fema.gov/disaster/4884, and www.facebook.com/FEMA.

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DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE VERSUS PUBLIC ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAMS



INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE

Provides FEMA assistance directly to eligible individuals and families affected by a disaster, who have uninsured or under-insured necessary expenses and serious needs. **It is not a substitute for insurance and cannot compensate for all losses caused by a disaster.** The assistance is intended to meet your basic needs and supplement disaster recovery efforts.

Individual Assistance May Include



Renting temporary housing



Other disaster-caused expenses and serious needs, such as repair or replacement of personal property & vehicles, or funds for moving and storage, medical, dental, child care, funeral, & other miscellaneous items.



Repairing uninsured or underinsured homes

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Provides supplemental grants to **state, tribal, territorial, and local governments, and certain types of private non-profits** so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies.

Public Assistance Projects Examples



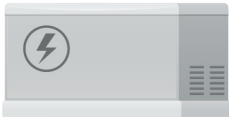
Restoration of buildings & equipment such as schools, hospitals, & facilities providing community services



Restoration of damaged roads & bridges



Debris removal from obstructed public roadways & infrastructure



Repair of public utilities & water systems

What is Public Assistance?



This program provides grants to **state, local, tribal, and territorial governments as well as certain types of private nonprofits**, so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies.

Public Assistance grants may reimburse for disaster-related debris removal, life-saving emergency protective measures, restoration of community and social service facilities (e.g., schools, hospitals, community centers, houses of worship), and restoration of public infrastructure.

How to Apply

- Contact your state or local emergency management agency or visit us online at fema.gov/assistance/public
- Apply through Grants Portal at grantee.fema.gov/

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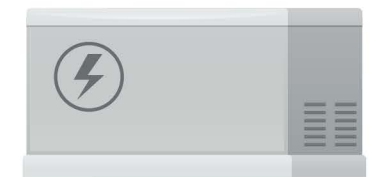
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