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Good Afternoon All,

As we continue through the Public Assistance grant program, SCEMD wants to ensure you know that you have an assigned State Public Assistance Coordinator and Specialist assigned to assist you throughout the grant management lifecycle. If at any point you have questions, issues, or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact your State Specialist, Coordinator, or myself. We are available day and night, and are always more than willing to assist however we can. A list of our State Public Assistance team and their assigned areas is below.

I would ask that you please keep them informed of your progress and of issues so we can deliver the best possible service to you and we can resolve problems quickly. The primary topics that we would like to track are:

1. Your progress moving through the grant process.
2. If eligibility determinations are being made in the field by a FEMA representative. These absolutely should not be happening, and if they are please notify your State representative immediately.
3. All claims should appear on a Project Worksheet as this then allows for appeal rights should there be a discrepancy. When in doubt, please contact your State representative.
4. Any meetings you have with FEMA, so we can attempt to be present as well.

Our Public Assistance Staff has been broken out by county, so for any applicant within that county please contact the listed State Representative. State Agencies have been separated individually.

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Public Assistance Coordinator

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County responsibilities: Laurens, Calhoun, Berkeley, Richland and Aiken

State Agency responsibilities: Clemson University, Coastal Carolina University, SC Department of Health & Environmental Control, SC Dept of Disabilities & Special Needs, SC Dept of Mental Health, SC Dept of Transportation, The Lieutenant Governor's Office On Aging and USC: Columbia

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County responsibilities: Colleton, Orangeburg, Saluda and Charleston

State Agency responsibilities: Mid Carolina Electric, Public Ser. Comm. Of SC DBA Santee Cooper, Santee Electric, Claflin University, College of Charleston, and The Citadel

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County responsibilities: Greenwood, Newberry, Bamberg, Beaufort, and Dorchester

State Agency responsibilities: SC Dept. of Natural Resources, SC Dept. of Parks, Rec, & Tourism, SC Dept. of Public Safety, and Tri-County Electric

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County responsibilities: Clarendon, Sumter, Lexington, Fairfield, and Lee

State Agency responsibilities: Office of the Adjutant General, SC Dept. of Labor, Licensing, and Regulations, SLED, SC Dept. of Administration, SCETV, SC Forestry Commission, State Fiscal Accountability Authority, Black River Electric, McLeod Health, Lexington and Richland School District 5, Lynches River Electric, The Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging

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Public Assistance Specialist

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County responsibilities: Anderson, Abbeville, McCormick, Marion, Horry, and Williamsburg

State Agency responsibilities: SC Dept. of Commerce, Little River Electric, SC Dept. of Education, SC Law Enforcement Training Council, SC State Housing Finance and Development

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County responsibilities: Darlington, Florence, Georgetown, Kershaw, Lancaster

State Agency responsibilities: SC Dept. of Revenue, SC Dept. of Corrections, SC Dept. of Social Services

We want to make this an easy and stress-free process for you, so please contact us with any questions or issues and we will ensure you are taken care of throughout this process. We are also adding additional staff later this month to better assist you.

During the holiday season if you can't reach your assigned State representative as they may be on leave, please contact the SCEMD Public Assistance duty phone at (803) 367-7756 as it is monitored 24/7 everyday, to include the holiday season. Thank you, and we look forward to working with you through the Public Assistance grant process.

Thank You,

Allen Fountain

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