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We are sure the facts are all good here?

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On Oct 16, 2015, at 11:09 AM, Becker, Derrec <DBecker@emd.sc.gov> wrote:

Here's the draft we put together... approved by the recovery section. Thanks!

Gov. Haley Secures Assistance for Storm Damage, Response Costs for 15 Counties

Federal Aid Will Help Local Governments Recoup Costs

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Friday, October 16, 2015, 5:00 p.m.) – Gov. Nikki Haley secured federal approval for Public Assistance to 15 South Carolina counties to help them recover from October's severe flooding. This assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency enables local governments to recoup costs for storm response, debris removal and infrastructure damage.

The 15 counties now eligible for the FEMA Public Assistance program are: Abbeville, Anderson, Bamberg, Berkeley, Colleton, Darlington, Fairfield, Florence, Georgetown, Kershaw, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, Richland and Williamsburg counties.

In addition, Charleston, Clarendon, Dorchester, Horry, Lexington, Orangeburg and Sumter counties were declared eligible for Public Assistance relating to debris clean-up and emergency protective measures, categories A and B, only. Damage assessments are on-going in some counties and other categories may be added later.

The Public Assistance categories are as follows:

- Category A: Debris Removal.
- Category B: Emergency Protective Measures.
- Category C: Roads and Bridges.
- Category D: Water Control Facilities.
- Category E: Buildings and Equipment.
- Category F: Utilities.
- Category G: Parks, Recreational Facilities and Other Items.

“We are working hard to help local governments with the costs of clearing debris and responding to the communities' needs,” Gov. Haley said. “South Carolina is already beginning the recovery process following these devastating storms, and this additional assistance will allow communities to begin long-term repairs and rebuilding.”

FEMA provides two types of assistance. Individual Assistance aids families, while Public Assistance helps with community recovery costs. Public Assistance provides assistance to state, tribal and local governments, as well as certain non-profit organizations.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is a reimbursement grant program. Typically, the federal share is 75 percent, and the state and local governments pay the remaining 25 percent. Eligible private non-profit groups are responsible for the full 25 percent.

The FEMA Individual Assistance program provides direct aid to residents who've been severely affected by severe storms and flooding in South Carolina. Flood survivors in Bamberg, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Greenwood, Horry, Kershaw, Lee, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, Sumter, and Williamsburg Counties can register with FEMA the following ways:

- Apply online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov.
- Apply via smartphone at m.fema.gov.
- Constituents may call the registration phone number at 1-800-621-3362; those who have a speech disability or hearing loss and use TTY, should call 1-800-462-7585 directly; for those who use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362.

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