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## **Public Assistance For Storm Damage, Response Costs Approved For Additional Counties**

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – Eight additional counties were approved for all categories of Public Assistance to help them recover from the Hurricane Matthew, including: Calhoun, Charleston, Clarendon, Chesterfield, Darlington, Kershaw, Marlboro and Richland. This assistance from FEMA enables state agencies, local governments and certain private non-profits to recoup costs for storm response and debris removal.

The FEMA Public Assistance program 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.

The FEMA Public Assistance program is a reimbursement grant program. Typically, the federal share is 75 percent and the state or local governments pay the remaining 25 percent whereas eligible private non-profit groups are responsible for the full 25 percent. [More information about this program can be found here.](#)

Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Beaufort, Berkeley, Colleton, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Hampton, Horry, Jasper, Lee, Marion, Orangeburg, Sumter and Williamsburg counties were previously designated for all categories of Public Assistance.

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