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FACT SHEET

Private Nonprofits Encouraged to Apply for FEMA Public Assistance

Private nonprofit organizations in North Carolina may be eligible to receive federal assistance in recovering from losses connected with Hurricane Matthew. FEMA encourages all affected private nonprofits in the 49 counties designated for Public Assistance (PA) grants to apply for aid as soon as possible.

Community, volunteer, faith-based and private nonprofit organizations that had damage from the flooding caused by the hurricane may be able to receive FEMA PA grants or apply for U.S. Small Business Administration low-interest disaster loans to repair or replace their facilities.

The first step is to contact your county emergency manager to obtain a Request for Public Assistance (RPA). The emergency manager will be able to answer questions on the application process. The applicant then submits the completed RPA to North Carolina Emergency Management for evaluation before it is forwarded to FEMA for eligibility determination.

There are two types of nonprofits eligible for assistance: those that provide critical services to the community and those that provide non-critical essential services.

- Critical community service organizations that may qualify for FEMA PA grants include:
 - Faith-based and private schools
 - Emergency services (fire/rescue)
 - Hospitals and other medical treatment facilities
 - Utilities like water, sewer and electrical systems
- Non-critical, essential service organizations that may also qualify for PA grants include:
 - Community centers
 - Daycare centers
 - Disability advocacy and service providers
 - Homeless shelters and rehabilitation facilities
 - Libraries, museums and zoos
 - Performing arts centers
 - Senior citizen centers

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Organizations that provide non-critical, essential services must also apply for a low-interest disaster loan from SBA in addition to submitting an RPA. FEMA may assist with expenses the SBA loan does not cover.

The SBA may provide up to \$2 million in the form of low-interest disaster loans. A loan application is available online at sba.gov/disaster. Or call 800-659-2955. If you use TTY call 800-877-8339.

Only organizations that can prove state or IRS tax exempt status may be considered.

For more information on the Public Assistance program visit ncdps.gov/public-assistance. For more information on the North Carolina recovery, visit fema.gov/disaster/4285 and readync.org.

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