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We hope you all are well. Our thoughts are with you who have family or friends in the areas impacted by Helene.

Our office is working hard to understand the extent of what will be needed to recover from this storm. We're getting questions from various state agencies and we don't yet have a lot to share but want to communicate what we can with you right now.

We have received a lot of questions about where people can find more information. Federal guidelines and assistance sites can be found here:

- [Completing and Submitting Streamlined Project Applications \(fema.gov\)](#);
- [Process of Public Assistance Grants | FEMA.gov](#)

And the NC Emergency Management Public Assistance site is here – [Public Assistance | NC DPS](#). Note that NCEM's site has not been updated to include the disaster declaration for Helene, so agencies will need to go directly to FEMA Public Assistance site to determine the areas of NC that the declaration currently covers. Only those areas will be eligible for reimbursable activities.

Some of you may have noticed that not all of the counties that the Governor included in his disaster declaration request ([open \(nc.gov\)](#)) were included in the federal government's initial approval. We're hearing that all the requested counties are likely to be approved eventually, so we suggest focusing on all of the requested counties as you gather data and track needs.

We've reached out to NCEM and hope to have additional details to share with you soon. Please review the above websites and continue to share useful information with us. There is a ton swirling around, but still so much that is unknown. At this point, we think it's likely better to keep track of more information/data than less. We'll be able to hone in on the most useful pieces once we know more.