

North Carolina's Public Assistance Application Deadline is Jan. 7

FEMA's Public Assistance program provides supplemental grants to state, tribal, and local governments, and certain types of private nonprofit organizations, including houses of worship, so that communities can recover from disasters like Tropical Storm Helene.

Public Assistance Funding

Jan. 7, 2025, is the deadline for filing **Requests for Public Assistance** with FEMA to cover emergency costs and rebuild North Carolina's public infrastructure damaged by Helene. If you are a government agency or potentially eligible private non-profit or house of worship, you can apply for Public Assistance grants at [Home | Grants Portal](#). After you submit the request, FEMA and North Carolina Emergency Management officials will review your documentation and contact you.

For this disaster, 39 counties and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are eligible **for debris removal and emergency protective measures**. This work is funded at 100% by FEMA through March 27, 2025, 180 days after the Sept. 28, 2024, disaster declaration. To learn if your county has been designated for FEMA Public Assistance grants click here: [Designated Areas | FEMA.gov](#).

All counties are eligible for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. See application forms here: [Hazard Mitigation](#).

Additionally, 26 counties and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are eligible for permanent work for that can repair or place roads and bridges; water and waste treatment facilities; public buildings like fire houses and city buildings; as well as utilities, parks and other community facilities. These projects must be completed within 18 months after the emergency declaration. Learn more about the PA program at [Public Assistance Resource Library](#).

Individual Assistance Deadline

Homeowners and renters with disaster-related damage or loss from Helene also have until Jan 7, 2025, to apply for federal assistance. To do so, visit [DisasterAssistance.gov](#). For more information, please contact fema-nc-newsdesk@fema.dhs.gov.

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