

# FEMA Approves \$926,980 to Maine Department of Transportation for Debris Removal

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REGION 1 – The Maine Department of Transportation will receive \$926,980 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the costs incurred to remove debris as a result of an October 29-November 1, 2017, severe storm and flooding event. This funding was brought to fruition by a partnership between FEMA and the Maine Emergency Management Agency.

The \$926,980 grant represents the federal share of the total project cost of \$1.2 million. The remainder will come from non-federal sources.

This grant is funded through FEMA's Public Assistance Grant program which reimburses communities for actions taken in the immediate response and during recovery from a disaster. Eligible applicants include states, federally recognized tribal governments, U.S. territories, local governments, and certain private non-profit organizations. The grant applications are submitted from the state, which coordinates the process with local governments.

FEMA obligates funding for this project directly to the State. It is the State's responsibility to ensure that the eligible sub-recipient receives this award. Following the state's review process and upon receipt of appropriate documentation, they will provide funds to the sub-recipient on a reimbursable basis.



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The Maine Department of Transportation is located in Kennebec County; other counties to receive a Presidential declaration include Cumberland, Franklin, Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Sagadahoc, Somerset, Waldo, and York. These counties received a Presidential declaration due to the extent of the damages caused by the severe storm and flooding on October 29 – November 1, 2017. To date FEMA has obligated more than \$7.3 million to the State of Maine as a result of damages from that declaration, DR-4354-ME, under the Public Assistance program.

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