

FEMA Awards More Than \$1.1 Million to Stamford for Tropical Storm Isaias Recovery Costs

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BOSTON – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending more than \$1.1 million to the State of Connecticut to reimburse the City of Stamford for the costs of removing debris after Tropical Storm Isaias in 2020.

The city will receive a total of \$1,127,838 in federal funding through FEMA's Public Assistance grant program to reimburse it for the costs of cleaning up debris after the Aug. 4, 2020 storm, which spawned high winds across the state and an EF1 tornado in Westport.

One person was killed in Connecticut by a falling tree, while approximately 750,000 residents were left without power. Another person later died from a chainsaw accident while clearing downed trees.

Stamford used both city workers and some contract services to pick up 13,095 cubic yards of vegetative debris, which was hauled to two temporary staging sites before being hauled to final disposal sites. The debris removal was performed between Aug. 4, 2020 and January 13, 2021.

FEMA has awarded nearly \$35 million in Public Assistance grants to state and local governments for the disaster to date.

"FEMA is pleased to be able to reimburse the City of Stamford for the costs incurred recovering from Tropical Storm Isaias," said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. "Quickly removing debris to re-open transportation routes and commerce is a key part of a successful recovery."

FEMA's Public Assistance program is an essential source of funding for states and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency.

