

FEMA Approves More Than \$1.7 Million for Permanent Repairs of Utility Infrastructure to Vermont Electric Cooperative

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REGION 1 – The Vermont Electric Cooperative will receive \$1,743,876 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the repair of 54 transformers and 2,887 miles of transmission and distribution electric conductor line poles damaged in the October 2017 severe storm and flooding.

The grant represents the federal share of the total project cost of \$2,325,168. The remainder will come from non-federal sources.

This grant is funded through FEMA's Public Assistance program which provides grant reimbursement to communities for expenses incurred in the immediate response and the recovery from a disaster. Eligible applicants include states, federally-recognized tribal governments, U.S. territories, local governments, and certain private nonprofit organizations. The grant applications are submitted by the state, which coordinates the process with local governments.

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

The Vermont Electric Cooperative is a private nonprofit organization operating in the 10 counties designated in a presidential disaster declaration for the damages caused by a severe storm and flooding from October 29-30, 2017. The designated counties are Addison, Chittenden, Essex, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans, Washington and Windham.

To date FEMA has obligated more than \$2.68 million in Public Assistance funding to Vermont as a result of damages from the severe storm and flooding.



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