

Assistance to South Carolina Tops \$269 Million Six Months After Hurricane Matthew

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ATLANTA – Six months after Hurricane Matthew struck South Carolina's coast, disaster survivors and communities in the Palmetto State have received **more than \$269 million** in grants from FEMA, settlements from FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program, and low interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

More than 11,000 applications from homeowners and renters have been approved in the 24 disaster-designated counties since the Presidential disaster declaration on Oct. 11, 2016. **Nearly \$32 million** in Individual Assistance grants provided temporary housing assistance and critical disaster-related home repairs. **Another \$6.9 million** helped survivors repair or replace essential personal property damaged during Matthew as well as storm-related medical and dental expenses.

Businesses, homeowners and renters received **more than \$57 million** in low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration to repair, rebuild and replace damaged property and contents. Disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other sources.

Policyholders received **more than \$146.6 million** in insurance settlements from FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program, to repair and rebuild flood-damaged property.

As state and local governments recover, FEMA's Public Assistance (PA) program is reimbursing the state for 75 percent of eligible costs to repair, replace, or restore disaster-damaged publicly owned facilities and critical infrastructure like roads, bridges, utilities, schools and hospitals. Many disaster-damaged structures will be more resilient than they were before Matthew due to mitigation measures incorporated in their restoration. To date, **more than \$26.5 million** is obligated across 26 South Carolina counties designated for Public Assistance.



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For more information about the disaster recovery operation, visit fema.gov/disaster/4286 or the South Carolina Emergency Management Division at scemd.org/recovery-section/ia.

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