

# Federal Aid to Maine for Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2017, Severe Storm & Flooding Repairs Tops \$1 Million

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BRUNSWICK, ME — More than \$1 million in federal assistance have now been obligated to Maine to help cover costs of the Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2017, severe storm and flooding that impacted 13 of the 16 counties in “The Pine Tree State.”

In early January 2018, President Donald Trump approved Maine Governor Paul LePage’s request for federal assistance, issuing a major disaster declaration. Since then, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been working with state and local officials providing federal dollars under its Public Assistance (PA) program to eligible public entities in Cumberland, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Sagadahoc, Somerset, Waldo and York counties.

The federal money for this disaster assists in the support of first responders who worked hard to ensure Mainers’ safety, and helps reimburse entities for their costs when clearing downed trees, removing debris from roadways, and making repairs to damaged infrastructure such as roads, bridges, utilities, buildings, schools, recreational areas, and certain private nonprofits that provide community services.

Although FEMA’s grants go to entities such as local governments and nonprofits, the PA program is intended to benefit everyone in affected Maine communities.

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