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DISASTER ASSISTANCE EXPANDS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN SHELBY COUNTY

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials announced today disaster assistance is expanding to Shelby County to help pay for emergency measures and to repair, restore or replace public facilities damaged or destroyed by the July severe storms, flooding and mudslides.

“We have been working with state and local officials on damage assessments and, after further review, Shelby County is now eligible for all categories of Public Assistance,” Federal Coordinating Officer Doug Mayne said.

Pike County was already designated for Public Assistance as well as Individual Assistance.

“Shelby County was hard hit by Mother Nature,” said Gov. Steve Beshear. “The Public Assistance now made available from FEMA to Shelby County is much appreciated and will make things easier for Kentuckians impacted by these storms.”

Public Assistance funding, on a cost-share basis, can reimburse communities for emergency work associated with the disaster and to repair or replace flood-damaged infrastructure.

Projects fall into the following categories:

- Category A: Debris Removal
- Category B: Emergency Protective Measures
- Category C: Road Systems and Bridges
- Category D: Water Control Facilities
- Category E: Public Buildings and Contents
- Category F: Public Utilities
- Category G: Parks, Recreational and Other

Under the cost-share program, FEMA Public Assistance funds 75 percent of the cost for eligible work by state and local governments and certain nonprofit organizations that provide public services. The remaining 25 percent non-federal share comes from state and local sources. The state manages the grants for all projects.

FEMA’s mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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