



TROPICAL STORM NICOLE UPDATE



OCTOBER 19, 2010

1. **BACKGROUND:** During the period of 9/27–10/1/10, portions of eastern NC received over 2 feet of rain which resulted in widespread flooding.
2. **THE RESPONSE:** The NC Division of Emergency Management (NCEM) activated the State Emergency Operations Center with State Emergency Response Team partners on 9/29/10. Resources such as Incident Management Teams, Swift Water Rescue Teams, Helo-Aquatic Rescue Teams, North Carolina National Guard Teams with High Clearance Vehicles, pumps, food and water were coordinated to assist the counties for response operations. Over 200 rescues were executed. Local evacuation and sheltering operations were conducted. Currently, no one is being sheltered; all displaced residents are staying with family or friends.
3. **PRELIMINARY DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS (PDA):** Once flooding subsided, counties were given time to assess their damages. On 10/5/10, PDA Teams began assessing the damages in 26 eastern counties. As the result of the assessments, the Governor received a federal declaration for Individual Assistance for six counties (Beaufort, Bertie, Craven, Hertford, Onslow and Tyrrell) on 10/14/10. She has also requested a federal declaration for Brunswick, Camden, Jones, Martin, New Hanover, Pender, Pitt and Washington counties. To date, NCEM has completed 16 IA PDAs and 26 PA PDAs. NC DOT has received a Federal Highway Emergency Declaration based on damages to federal roads.
4. **INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE (IA) DECLARATION:** Provides assistance for housing and personal property losses. Funds are provided in the form of a grant paid directly to citizens impacted from the event. Maximum program grant award is \$30,200 & payment is split 75% Federal & 25% State.
 - a. **FEDERAL SHARE:** Estimated at \$1,500,000.
 - b. **STATE SHARE:** Estimated at \$500,000.
5. **PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PA) DECLARATION:** Funding is provided as reimbursement to state and local government for emergency protective

measures, debris removal, and damages to public infrastructure. Threshold for a Federal PA Declaration in NC is \$10.6M in statewide damages. State PA damages are currently estimated at \$8.1M although some adjustments could still be made. Therefore, a State PA Declaration will be necessary for eligible jurisdictions. Currently there are only two eligible jurisdictions for a State PA Declaration: Windsor (Bertie County) and Caswell Beach (Brunswick County).

- a. **FEDERAL SHARE:** Not Applicable.
- b. **STATE SHARE:** State PA estimated costs are \$108,636.31 (Windsor estimated at \$77,136.31 and Caswell Beach estimated at \$31,500.00). State pays 75% for State PA Declaration; based on damage assessments, no counties are eligible for State PA. To be eligible for State PA funding, a jurisdiction must have uninsured eligible damages in excess of 1% of their annual operating budget.

6. **ESTIMATED COUNTY DAMAGES:**

	Homes	Minor	Major	Destroyed	Homes Estimated Costs	Businesses	Businesses Estimated Costs	PA Estimated Costs
Beaufort	51	22	6	23	\$520K	3	\$1.1M	\$308K
Bertie	90	26	57	7	\$800K	41	\$1.5M	\$697K
Brunswick	6	1	4	1	\$20K	5	\$75K	\$569K
Camden	15	13	2	0	\$70K	0	0	\$6K
Carteret	2	2	0	0	\$10K	0	0	\$141K
Chowan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$122k
Columbus	3	3	0	0	\$15K	0	0	\$4K
Craven	120	45	52	23	\$995K	16	\$900K	\$919K
Currituck	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$6K
Duplin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$68K
Gates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$35K
Hertford	9	5	4	0	\$55K	14	\$70K	\$97K
Jones	11	7	3	1	\$110K	1	\$20K	\$90K
Martin	6	3	3	0	\$15K	1	\$15K	\$43K
N. Hanover	7	6	1	0	\$30K	6	\$18K	\$2.3M
Onslow	56	6	22	28	\$115K	8	\$1.4M	\$493K
Pasquotank	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$36K
Pender	11	6	4	1	\$175K	6	\$88K	\$250K
Perquimans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$2k
Pitt	9	2	5	2	\$160K	0	0	\$110K
Tyrrell	69	56	13	0	\$235K	7	\$76K	\$127K
Washington	3	2	1	0	\$10K	1	\$5K	\$6K
Totals	468	205	177	86	\$3.34M	109	\$5.3M	\$6.43M

7. **JOINT FIELD OFFICE (JFO):** A Joint Field Office has been established in Rocky Mount; it is being staffed by FEMA (est. 100) and NCEM (est. 15). The mission is to manage the six opened Disaster Recovery Centers and to provide Disaster Recovery services to the citizens in the Declared Counties. Estimated time of operation is 60 days. Operational costs include food, lodging, vehicles, supplies, and salaries for Disaster Reservists. Estimated cost to the state is \$957,389.
8. **TOTAL ESTIMATED TS NICOLE COSTS FOR STATE OF NC:**
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| a. <u>INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE:</u> | \$500,000 (25% State Share) |
| b. <u>PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:</u> | \$156,826 (75% State Share) |
| c. <u>JOINT FIELD OFFICE:</u> | \$957,389 (Operational Costs) |
| d. <u>STATE AGENCIES:</u> | \$1,692,419 |
| i. NC DOT | (\$1,527,443 for Road Cleanup) |
| ii. NCEM | (\$99,000 for Response Costs) |
| iii. NCNG | (\$26,911 for Response Costs) |
| iv. NCDFR | (\$33,585 for Response Costs) |
| v. NCDENR | (\$5,480 for Response Costs) |
| e. <u>GRAND TOTAL:</u> | <u>\$3,306,634</u> |
9. **THE ROAD AHEAD:** NCEM Teams are working in the Joint Field Office, the Disaster Recovery Centers and making final efforts to ensure the State has captured all eligible disaster costs.
10. **CLOSING:** Overall, the response to TS Nicole went well. Counties and the State worked quickly in a synchronized manner to ensure public safety. Response resources such as Swift Water Rescue Teams, Aviation assets, Companion Animal Mobile Equipment Trailers, VIPER Radios, etc. that have been funded by both Homeland Security and State Appropriations performed in an exemplary fashion.
11. **POINT OF CONTACT:** Mike Sprayberry, NCEM Deputy Director, at 919/369-4174 or msprayberry@ncem.org for any questions you may have concerning Tropical Storm Nicole.

