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## **KERSHAW COUNTY DECLARED FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF WORK FOR FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

**Kershaw County, SC** – On Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, Kershaw County was declared for all categories of work for **PUBLIC ASSISTANCE** by The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a result of Hurricane Matthew. Local government agencies including municipalities within Kershaw County and non-profit organizations qualify to receive supplemental assistance for their recovery expenses.

Kershaw County was **NOT DECLARED** for Individual Assistance by FEMA. This means homeowners and businesses located in the county are not eligible to receive funding for damages incurred by Hurricane Matthew.

### **HOW FEMA GETS INVOLVED IN A STATE DISASTER:**

Once a disaster has occurred, and the State has declared a state of emergency, the State will evaluate the recovery capabilities of the State and local governments. If it is determined that the damage is beyond their recovery capability, the governor will normally send a request letter to the President, directed through the Regional Director of the appropriate FEMA region. The President then makes the decision whether or not to declare a major disaster or emergency.

After a presidential declaration has been made, FEMA will designate the area eligible for assistance and announce the types of assistance available. FEMA provides supplemental assistance for State and local government recovery expenses, and the Federal share will always be at least 75 percent of the eligible costs.

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