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\$5.7 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDS OBLIGATED TO HAMILTON COUNTY AGENCIES FOR STORM DAMAGE REPAIR

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Federal officials have obligated \$5,745,780 in Public Assistance (PA) reimbursement funds to Hamilton County agencies and non-profits for expenses incurred during the September 14 wind storm.

The PA program is helping state and local governments as well as certain Private Non-Profit organizations (PNPs) recover from the storm that blew through the state September 14. The storm left behind tons of debris in the streets, damaged public buildings, left millions without power and shut down or damaged electric cooperatives.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Public Assistance Program pays 75 percent of eligible costs and the applicants are responsible for the remaining 25 percent. Disbursement of the Federal Funds by the State of Ohio will be made available upon receipt and processing of all required documentation.

The reimbursements primarily cover the salary expenses and equipment costs that were incurred during the removal of storm debris. FEMA is continuing to work with area applicants to determine additional funding for debris removal and other public assistance categories.

The 33 counties included in the federal declaration are Ashland, Brown, Butler, Carroll, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Clinton, Coshocton, Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Greene, Guernsey, Hamilton, Harrison, Highland, Hocking, Holmes, Knox, Licking, Madison, Miami, Montgomery, Morrow, Perry, Pickaway, Preble, Shelby, Summit, Tuscarawas, Union and Warren. Under the declaration, affected local governments became eligible to apply for federal assistance to supplement local response efforts to the storm.

Teams of federal project specialists are working with local officials representing 781 affected local governments, state agencies and certain private non-profit organizations to examine disaster-related damages and associated costs and to help applicants complete the necessary paperwork.

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FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.

Federal Aid is for available for local governments and private non profits only. Individuals seeking aid should contact their personal insurance agency and local social service groups in their communities.

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