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### **OHIO RECEIVES FEDERAL DISASTER DECLARATION FOR HURRICANE SANDY**

*Cuyahoga County receives assistance for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities*

**COLUMBUS** – Local governments, state agencies and certain private non-profit organizations in Cuyahoga County are now eligible for federal funds to help pay for damage repair and extra costs they incurred as a result of the severe storms and flooding due to the remnants of Hurricane Sandy that impacted Northeast Ohio. The federal funds have been made available as a result of President Barack Obama granting Gov. John R. Kasich's request for a federal disaster declaration.

The funds will be provided through FEMA's Public Assistance Program, which repays local governments for eligible storm-related response and recovery efforts including debris removal, emergency protective measures and the repair, replacement or restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly owned facilities. Estimates developed jointly by FEMA, state and local officials found more than \$17 million in damages and costs to public property and infrastructure.

Ohio EMA will disburse the federal funds upon receipt and processing of all required documentation. Representatives from Ohio EMA will meet with local officials to further explain the public assistance application process.

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