



Dan McCranie, Chairman
Sharon Cobb Flanagan, District 1
Kelly Belflower, District 2
Brian Watkins, District 3
Karen Cheek, District 4
Conner Bearden, County Manager

***** Notice Of Declaration for Dodge County *****

State of Georgia
FEDERAL DISASTER DECLARATION FACT SHEET
OCTOBER 9, 2024

On September 30, 2024, President Joseph R. Biden Jr., granted a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Georgia triggering the release of Federal funds to help people and communities recover from Hurricane Helene that began September 24, 2024, and continuing. **This disaster declaration has been amended as indicated below in bold.** Details of the disaster declaration and assistance programs are as follows:

Declaration Number:	FEMA-4830-DR
Incident:	Hurricane Helene
Incident Period:	September 24, 2024, and continuing
Federal Coordinating Officer:	Kevin A. Wallace, Sr. National FCO Program

Individual Assistance (IA): (Assistance to individuals and households):

IA-Designated Counties: Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Bryan, Bulloch, Burke, Butts, Camden, Candler, Chatham, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Colquitt, Columbia, Cook, **Dodge**, Echols, Effingham, Elbert, Emanuel, Evans, Glascock, Glynn, Hancock, Irwin, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Lanier, Laurens, Liberty, Lincoln, Long, Lowndes, McDuffie, Montgomery, Newton, Pierce, Rabun, Richmond, Screven, Tattnall, Telfair, **Thomas**, Tift, Toombs, Treutlen, Ware, **Warren**, Washington, Wayne, and Wheeler Counties.

Public Assistance (PA): (Assistance for emergency work and the repair or replacement disaster-damaged facilities):

PA-Designated Counties: Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Bulloch, Burke, Candler, Chatham, Clinch, Coffee, Colquitt, Columbia, Cook, Echols, Effingham, Emanuel, Evans, Glascock, Irwin, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Lanier, Laurens, Liberty, Lincoln, Lowndes, McDuffie, Montgomery, Pierce, Richmond, Screven, Tattnall, Telfair, Tift, Toombs, Treutlen, Ware, Washington, and Wheeler Counties for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B), including direct federal assistance under the Public Assistance program.

The President has approved the State of Georgia's request for a cost share adjustment under FEMA-4830-DR. Under the President's order, Federal funds for debris removal and emergency protective measures, including direct Federal assistance has been increased to 100 percent of the total eligible costs for 90 days from the start of the incident period.

Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Burke, Coffee, Effingham, Jeff Davis, Jenkins, Pierce, Screven, and Ware Counties for permanent work [Categories C-G] (already designated for debris removal and emergency protective measures [Categories A and B], including direct Federal assistance. Brantley, Mitchell, Wayne, and Worth Counties for Public Assistance, including direct Federal assistance.



Dan McCranie, Chairman
Sharon Cobb Flanagan, District 1
Kelly Belflower, District 2
Brian Watkins, District 3
Karen Cheek, District 4
Conner Bearden, County Manager

Hazard Mitigation (HM): (Assistance for actions taken to prevent or reduce long term risk to life and property from natural hazards):

HM-Designated Areas: All areas in the State of Georgia are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

OTHER: Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the State and warranted by the results of further damage assessments.

Individuals in Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Bryan, Bulloch, Burke, Camden, Candler, Chatham, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Colquitt, Columbia, Cook, **Dodge**, Echols, Effingham, Elbert, Emanuel, Evans, Glascock, Glynn, Hancock, Irwin, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Lanier, Laurens, Liberty, Lincoln, Long, Lowndes, McDuffie, Montgomery, Newton, Pierce, Rabun, Richmond, Screven, Tattnall, Telfair, Thomas, Tift, Toombs, Treutlen, Ware, Warren, Washington, Wayne, and Wheeler Counties can apply with FEMA the following ways:

- Apply online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov.
- Constituents may call the application phone number at 1-800-621-3362.

How FEMA's Individual Assistance Program Works:

FEMA's Individual Assistance program offers Federal funding for individuals impacted by natural disasters, including for those who incur housing costs, food costs, and for other vital supplies. This may include:

- **Rental Assistance:** Money you can use to rent housing if you are displaced from your home because of the disaster.
- **Lodging Expense Reimbursement:** Money to reimburse you for emergency lodging expenses, such as hotel or motel, if you are displaced from your home because of the disaster.
- **Home Repair or Replacement:** Money to help you repair or replace your home damaged by the disaster. The money can also help with pre-existing damage to parts of your home where the disaster caused further damage.
- **Accessibility Needs:** Money to help survivors with a disability with specific repairs to make sure their home is accessible, such as exterior ramp, grab bars, and paved path to the home entrance
- **Immediate Needs:** Money to help you pay for immediate needs such as water, food, first aid, prescriptions, infant formula, breastfeeding equipment, diapers, personal hygiene items and fuels for transportation.

•



Dan McCranie, Chairman
Sharon Cobb Flanagan, District 1
Kelly Belflower, District 2
Brian Watkins, District 3
Karen Cheek, District 4
Conner Bearden, County Manager

- **Displacement:** Money to help with immediate housing needs if you cannot return to your home because of the disaster. The money can be used to stay in a hotel, with family and friends or other options while you look for a rental unit.
- **Personal Property:** Money to help you repair or replace appliances, room furnishings, and a personal or family computer damaged by the disaster. This can also include money for books, uniforms, tools, additional computers and other items required for school or work, including self-employment.
- **Medical/Dental:** Money to help you pay for expenses because the disaster caused an injury or illness. This money can also be used to help replace medical/dental equipment, breastfeeding equipment, or prescribed medicine damaged or lost because of the disaster.
- **Childcare:** Money to help you pay for increased or unplanned for childcare expenses caused by the disaster.
- **Transportation:** Money to help you repair or replace a vehicle damaged by the disaster when you don't have another vehicle you can use.
- **Moving and Storage Expenses:** Money to help you move and store personal property from your home to prevent additional damage, usually while you are making repairs to your home or moving to a new place due to the disaster.

What Happens After You Apply:

1. **FEMA Reviews Your Application:** If FEMA can't qualify you based on your application alone, they may request more info or to inspect your home.
2. **Check Your Email:** FEMA will email you when you have messages on your account.
3. **Check Your Status:** You can sign in to your account at any time to check the status of your application.
4. **Get Payment:** If you qualify, FEMA will send a payment using the method you choose, either through direct deposit or a check by mail.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA) LOANS:



Dan McCranie, Chairman
Sharon Cobb Flanagan, District 1
Kelly Belflower, District 2
Brian Watkins, District 3
Karen Cheek, District 4
Conner Bearden, County Manager

The Small Business Administration (SBA) offers disaster assistance for homeowners, renters, nonprofits, and businesses of all sizes affected by Hurricane Helene in approved counties. For more questions or assistance, please visit sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance

Types of Disaster Loans Available (please click on the name of the following programs to find more specific information):

1. **Home Disaster Loans:** Loans to homeowners or renters to repair or replace disaster-damaged real estate and personal property, including automobiles.
2. **Business Physical Disaster Loans:** Loans to businesses to repair or replace disaster-damaged property owned by the business, including real estate, inventories, supplies, machinery and equipment. Businesses of any size are eligible. Private, non-profit organizations such as charities, churches, private universities, etc., are also eligible.
3. **Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL):** Working capital loans to help small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private, non-profit organizations of all sizes meet their ordinary and necessary financial obligations that cannot be met as a direct result of the disaster. These loans are intended to assist through the disaster recovery period.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS) TAXPAYER RELIEF:

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will automatically provide administrative disaster tax relief and special tax law provisions that grant additional time for individuals and businesses to file returns, pay taxes, and perform certain other time-sensitive acts to taxpayers affected by a federally declared disaster. Some circumstances may apply.

The administrative disaster tax relief includes the postponement of filing and payment deadlines for eligible taxpayers and is based on preliminary damage assessments by FEMA.

For current tax relief provisions search [Tax relief in disaster situations](#) and visit [Around the nation](#) for IRS disaster relief news releases specific to states affected by disasters.

Who are affected taxpayers?



Dan McCranie, Chairman
Sharon Cobb Flanagan, District 1
Kelly Belflower, District 2
Brian Watkins, District 3
Karen Cheek, District 4
Conner Bearden, County Manager

- Individuals whose principal residence is located in a covered disaster area and their spouse, if filing jointly.
- Business entities or sole proprietors whose principal place of business is located in a covered disaster area.
- Relief workers affiliated with government or philanthropic organizations assisting in a covered disaster area.
- Any individual visiting a covered disaster area who was killed or injured as a result of the disaster, or any other person determined by the IRS to be affected by a federally declared disaster.

You can get free telephone assistance and local solutions to tax problems at an [IRS Taxpayer Assistance Center](#) near your area, just call for an in-person appointment. Free tax assistance is also available at the [Let us help you](#) page.



Dan McCranie, Chairman
Sharon Cobb Flanagan, District 1
Kelly Belflower, District 2
Brian Watkins, District 3
Karen Cheek, District 4
Conner Bearden, County Manager