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FEMA amends declaration to include additional 'Public Assistance' categories

October 26, 2016 – The Federal Emergency Management Agency amended its Major Disaster Declaration to include additional Public Assistance categories for Flagler County to assist with governmental recovery expenses related to Hurricane Matthew.

FEMA added “permanent work” categories that include public assistance for: roads and bridges; water control facilities; public buildings and their contents; public utilities; and parks and recreational facilities.

“This now covers all aspects of FEMA funding,” Flagler County Public Safety Emergency Manager Steve Garten said. “We are already receiving Public Assistance for emergency protective measures and debris removal, as well as the designation we received for Individual Assistance to help our residents with their personal recovery efforts.”

This represents the fifth amendment to the major disaster declaration. Its effective date is October 25.

Certain private non-profit organizations may also receive assistance, such as: educational, utility, emergency, medical, temporary or permanent custodial care facilities, irrigation, museums, community centers, libraries, rehabilitation facilities, shelter workshops, health and safety services, as well as others deemed to “provide essential services of a governmental nature to the general public.”

“This is great news for our partners here in Flagler County,” said Commission Chair Barbara Revels.

Those eligible must register at www.floridapa.org to begin the process.

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