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Governor McAuliffe Announces Hampton, Portsmouth and Suffolk Approved for FEMA Disaster Aid

Nov. 21, 2016 - Governor Terry McAuliffe announced over the weekend that Portsmouth - along with Hampton and Suffolk - has been added to the federal government's "Individual Assistance" disaster declaration to help with damages caused by Hurricane Matthew last month.

Individual Assistance programs available through the disaster declaration can provide recovery assistance for individuals and households affected by the storm, including grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-coast loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency had already approved Individual Assistance for Norfolk, Chesapeake, Virginia Beach and Newport News. *"I am pleased to be able to work with President Obama to bring this funding back for the people of Virginia who need it,"* McAuliffe said.

Residents must apply for aid directly with FEMA, and report damages, by:

- Calling toll-free at 800-621-3362 or TTY 800-462-7585
- Registering on your computer at <http://www.disasterassistance.gov/>
- Registering your smartphone at m.fema.gov

Starting Monday, Nov. 28, residents can also register in person at a Disaster Recovery Center that will be established at 1701 High Street (Portsmouth Department of Social Services) from 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. seven days a week.

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