



FEMA: December 4th Deadline for the Moapa Band of Paiutes Tribal Nation to Request Federal Public Assistance

Major disaster declaration opens grant eligibility for hazard mitigation funding statewide

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Oakland, Calif., – Time is limited for the Moapa Band of Paiutes tribal nation to request public assistance (RPA) from FEMA. A major disaster declaration was proclaimed for the state of Nevada for severe storms and flooding that occurred between September 7 – 9, 2014. States, counties, cities, tribal nations and non-governmental entities that provided support to the Moapa Band of Paiutes tribal nation during the storm may also be eligible for federal funding assistance. While all counties in the state of Nevada are eligible for the hazard mitigation grant program, the Moapa Band of Paiutes tribal nation will be given priority to apply for hazard mitigation projects.

Under the federal disaster declaration (FEMA DR-4202-NV) signed by the President on November 5, 2014, the Moapa Band of Paiutes tribal nation has been designated as adversely affected by the disaster and is eligible for both public assistance and hazard mitigation assistance. All counties in the state of Nevada are eligible for the hazard mitigation grant program. December 4th is the deadline to apply for assistance.

The public assistance program reimburses state and local governments, tribal organizations and certain private nonprofit entities at least 75 percent of costs for disaster-related expenses associated with emergency protective measures, debris removal, and the repair and restoration of damaged infrastructure. The remaining cost share would come from non-federal sources.

In order to qualify, damage must be a direct result of the storms and flooding that occurred between September 7-9, 2014.

“Through the public assistance program, FEMA is working with our state, local and tribal partners to help restore pre-storm conditions and, in some cases, implement cost-effective and long-term mitigation measures.” said Mark Landry, FEMA federal coordinating officer. “I want to encourage our local partners and eligible private nonprofit organizations to apply to the program.”

“The Presidential Declaration enables the Nevada Division of Emergency Management/Homeland Security (NDEM) and FEMA to coordinate disaster relief efforts to all entities that provided support during the September flood events on the Moapa Band of Paiutes Reservation,” said Chris Smith, NDEM Chief. “I urge all organizations to take advantage of the public assistance program by the December 4th deadline.”

Aletha Tom, Chairwoman of the Moapa Band of Paiutes Tribal Council, expressed gratitude for those who have assisted the tribal community.

“We are so appreciative of the support we are receiving and thankful for all the personnel who are making our flood recovery a priority, said Tom.”

Public assistance is administered by the state of Nevada and paid for by FEMA.

To learn more about FEMA public assistance please visit: <https://www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit>.

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