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FEMA Approves PA Disaster Aid for Hampton

RICHMOND (Dec. 20, 2016) – The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced Monday that the city of Hampton is now eligible to receive Public Assistance (PA) to assist with damage sustained from Hurricane Matthew.

FEMA had already approved PA for the cities of Franklin, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Chesapeake, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach; as well as the counties of Isle of Wight and Southampton on November 17, 2016, but extended the major disaster declaration to include the city of Hampton among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by Hurricane Matthew.

The declaration makes FEMA's Public Assistance program available to cover eligible government and certain nonprofit costs. This program provides federal funds for debris removal, repairs to critical infrastructure, roads, buildings and equipment, and related emergency services. The PA program is different from Individual Assistance (IA), which provides direct financial aid to citizens and businesses. State and federal officials will continue to work with local governments over the coming months until all repairs and eligible projects have been completed.

To date, FEMA has approved grants and loans totaling more than \$8.4 million to residents and businesses in seven counties and independent cities impacted by Hurricane Matthew.

The disaster funds come to the state in the form of FEMA grants to individuals and households; FEMA public assistance grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations; low-interest disaster loans from the SBA, and claims paid by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that include:

- More than \$7 million for individual housing assistance
- More than \$1.4 million in other needs assistance
- Nearly \$10.8 million in low-interest SBA loans
- More than \$38 million in payouts on NFIP claims

“This federal aid is helping our residents, communities and localities recover from the flooding. I am glad to know that Hampton will now be receiving assistance to help recover costs and repair

their city,” said Dr. Jeff Stern, state coordinator for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

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