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State of North Carolina

FEDERAL DISASTER DECLARATION FACT SHEET

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Today, September 28, 2024, President Joseph R. Biden Jr., granted a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of North Carolina triggering the release of Federal funds to help people and communities recover from Tropical Storm Helene that began September 25, 2024, and continuing. Details of the disaster declaration and assistance programs are as follows:

Declaration Number:	FEMA-4827-DR
Incident:	Tropical Storm Helene
Incident Period:	September 25, 2024, and continuing
Federal Coordinating Officer:	Thomas J. McCool National FCO Program
Individual Assistance (IA):	(Assistance to individuals and households):
IA-Designated Areas:	Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey Counties and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Public Assistance (PA):

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

PA-Designated Areas:

Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey Counties and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Categories A and B), including direct federal assistance.

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 North Carolina 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 Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey Counties and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians 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 (TTY: 800-462-7585).

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