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The Federal Cost-Share Increases for the April 2011 Storms

Clanton- The Federal Emergency Management Agency has increased the federal cost-share under the major disaster declaration for the April 2011storms. This amended agreement will increase the cost-share from 75% to 90% for all eligible applicants who received public assistance.

Public Assistance is a federal grant program that funds debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly owned facilities and other projects.

"The recovery from the April 2011 storms is a long-term process. This federal cost-share agreement will go a long way toward helping cities, counties and the state as a whole, with the massive costs associated with the storms," Governor Robert Bentley said. "Over time, Alabama will rebuild stronger than ever. I appreciate the support of both FEMA and the Alabama EMA. Their dedication to the long-term recovery is making a real difference in communities across Alabama."

The Alabama Emergency Management Agency staff will be working with all applicants to explain how this cost-share revision will impact them in the future.

"We know counties and cities are facing tough times as they are rebuilding their communities," Director Faulkner said. "We are excited to know they will now receive additional federal funding."

This modified cost-share applies to more than 300 state and local government entities.