



Chatham County Board of Commissioners
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For Immediate Release

Houses of Worship May Be Eligible for FEMA Assistance

SAVANNAH, GA (January 26, 2018) – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has announced that Houses of Worship may now be eligible to apply for assistance from FEMA's Public Assistance Program. Previously, churches, synagogues, temples, mosques and other religious entities were not considered eligible applicants for FEMA Public Assistance. This change was made January 2nd and is retroactively effective back to August, 2017. This makes Houses of Worship that sustained damages from Hurricane Irma eligible to apply.

FEMA Public Assistance provides grants to state, tribal, territorial, and local governments, and certain types of private non-profit organizations, so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from presidentially-declared disasters or emergencies.

The application period will begin February 1st and end March 2nd. Houses of Worship that have questions or are interested in learning more should contact the Georgia Emergency Management Agency – Homeland Security (GEMA – HS) Public Assistance (404) 635-7019. GEMA – HS will be conducting virtual Applicant Briefings. These briefings will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Details on how to join the briefings are indicated below.

Public Assistance Applicant Briefings for Houses of Worship

Monday, January 29, 2018

9:30 a.m. EST - 1 hour

To join by phone: [1-855-282-6330](tel:1-855-282-6330) (Toll Free)

Meeting number (access code): **645 303 518#**

To join by WebEX

Enter in your internet browser: <https://gema.webex.com>

When prompted enter meeting number (access code): **645 303 518**

When prompted enter meeting password: **PDM3Xuxi**

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

6:30 p.m. EST - 1 hour

To join by phone: [1-855-282-6330](tel:1-855-282-6330) (Toll Free)

Meeting number (access code): **641 899 421#**

To join by WebEX

Enter in your internet browser: <https://gema.webex.com>

When prompted enter meeting number (access code): **641 899 421**

When prompted enter meeting password: **FyZJSG45**

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

1:30 p.m. EST - 1 hour

To join by phone: [1-855-282-6330](tel:1-855-282-6330) (Toll Free)

Meeting number (access code): **641 976 412#**

To join by WebEX

Enter in your internet browser: <https://gema.webex.com>

When prompted enter meeting number (access code): **641 976 412**

When prompted enter meeting password: **b6uUPgSJ**

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