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FEMA Assistance Deadline Approaching for Houses of Worship

SAVANNAH, GA (February 26, 2018) – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 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. *The deadline for submission is quickly approaching, all applications are due by March 2nd. Those interested must have attended the applicant briefings in late January.*

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.

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