

## Georgia to receive \$64.9M in federal disaster recovery funding

ATLANTA, GA (April 11, 2018) — The State of Georgia will receive \$64,904,000 in federal assistance to address “unmet needs” in areas in the southern part of the state that were affected by major disasters in 2017. Funding, made available through HUD’s Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program, will be directed and administered by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

“Last year’s storms, tornadoes and the landfall of Hurricane Irma caused extensive damage in many parts of our state,” said Gov. Nathan Deal. “In response, I mobilized all available resources to protect lives and property. Our quick response would not have been possible without the support of President Trump and the federal government, including the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and we greatly appreciate this cooperation to further assist the areas that were most heavily affected by these storms.”

“This funding is now available to assist communities, some of which were completely devastated and remain uninhabitable a year after the fact,” commented DCA Commissioner Christopher Nunn. “I applaud the hard work that’s been done at the local level and appreciate the strong support of Governor Deal and Georgia’s Congressional delegation.”

Funds will be prioritized for use in the most impacted and distressed areas, to facilitate long-term recovery through the restoration of infrastructure and housing, mitigation to protect from predictable future damage, and economic revitalization. DCA is actively working with HUD to hone program details, and will be communicating and coordinating directly with local governments in eligible disaster areas.

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