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## **Governor McCrory Secures Additional Federal Aid for Individuals and Local Governments**

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**Raleigh, N.C.** – Governor Pat McCrory this afternoon received a federal disaster declaration to help individuals in Camden, Chowan, Currituck, and Pasquotank counties and to help the local government in Hertford county recover from the massive flooding caused by Hurricane Matthew.

**“This additional assistance for individuals and local governments in Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Pasquotank and Hertford counties will help these communities begin to recover and rebuild,”** said Governor McCrory. **“We will continue to work with towns, cities and counties across North Carolina to provide any and all assistance necessary to recover from Hurricane Matthew.”**

Camden, Chowan, Currituck and Pasquotank counties had already been approved for federal public assistance and are now also eligible for individual assistance. Hertford County is now eligible for federal public assistance to help support recovery efforts of local governments and non-profits.

With the addition of these counties, 35 counties have now been approved for federal individual and public assistance and six counties have been approved for public assistance only. As joint preliminary damage assessments continue, the governor said he is hopeful that other counties will meet the federal criteria for a disaster declaration.

The governor encouraged individuals and groups to help in the relief efforts by making a financial or other contribution. Monetary contributions to the North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund for Hurricane Matthew can be made by texting **NCRECOVERS** to **30306** or by visiting [NCDisasterRelief.org](http://NCDisasterRelief.org). This is one of the best ways to help fund long-term recovery efforts.

For updates on Hurricane Matthew impacts and relief efforts, go to [ReadyNC.org](http://ReadyNC.org) or follow N.C. Emergency Management on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/ReadyNC) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ReadyNC). For more information, go to [ReadyNC.org](http://ReadyNC.org) or download the free ReadyNC app, which has real-time weather, traffic and shelter information.