- FEDERAL DISASTER AID PROCESS

When disaster strikes, the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency works with local, state and federal partners to coordinate efforts throughout the preparedness, response and recovery process.

WHAT HAPPENS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING A DISASTER?

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GEMA/HS field coordinators contact local emergency management agency officials regarding potential resources needed for disaster areas

Based on reports from EMAs, GEMA/HS coordinates with the Office of the Governor regarding the need for a state emergency declaration

Based on estimated financial impact of damages, GEMA/HS coordinates with FEMA and local authorities to conduct preliminary damage assessments and determine if damages exceed federal monetary thresholds

Upon approval of a federal declaration, federal resources are made available and could result in individual assistance and/or public assistance to impacted communities

Local EMAs are responsible for reporting damages and requesting state assistance through GEMA/HS When the Governor declares a state of emergency, state resources may be deployed to support local governments

If damages exceed the threshold, the Governor may request a federal disaster declaration from the President

···· TYPES OF ASSISTANCE ·····

IVIDUAL

Housing assistance, including temporary housing, repair, replacement, and semi-permanent or permanent housing construction

Individual household programs help replace household items, furniture and clothing

Other needs assistance including personal property and other items

Grant assistance for debris removal, life-saving emergency protective measures, and the repair, replacement or restoration of certain disaster-damaged public facilities and certain non-profit facilities

Hazard mitigation may be made available to help communities take measures to reduce or eliminate future risks to life and property

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