

Obtaining FEMA Funding for Temporary Relocation, Repair, and Replacement of Damaged or Destroyed Facilities Hurricanes Irma & Maria, Puerto Rico & the U.S Virgin Islands

In the wake of disasters, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides Public Assistance funding to health centers and other public entities to help cover the cost of relocation, emergency repair, and permanent restoration of projects. **If your health center suffered damage from Hurricane Irma or Hurricane Maria and your health center is located in Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands, here is what you should know about FEMA’s Public Assistance Program:**

The U.S. Territories of Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands have each been declared a Disaster Area by FEMA for both Hurricane Irma and Hurricane Maria. For reference:

Disaster Declaration	Irma		Maria	
	Declaration #	Date	Declaration #	Date
Puerto Rico	DR-4336	Sept. 10, 2017	DR-4339	Sept. 20, 2017
US Virgin Islands	DR-4335	Sept. 7, 2017	DR-4340	Sept. 20, 2017

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<http://www2.pr.gov/agencias/aemead/Pages/Home.aspx>
<http://www2.pr.gov/Pages/Huracan.aspx> (in Spanish)

Please note: In PR, the Primary Care Association is facilitating the collection and submission of Public Assistance applications. Please contact Alicia Suarez, Executive Director, Asociacion de Salud Primaria de Puerto Rico, (787) 484-9159.

Capital Link has a resource available to health centers that suffered damage from natural disasters. The resource explains the FEMA assistance application process and what health centers should expect from working with the agency. Also included in the guide are links to specific forms, which are necessary when applying for assistance, and other FEMA resources to help health centers through the rebuilding process. To access the complete resource, [click here](#). Capital Link will update this document and our website (www.caplink.org/resources/disaster-relief) with information as it becomes available.

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