



FEMA

February 12, 2025

The Honorable Brian P. Kemp
Governor of Georgia
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Governor Kemp:

This is in response to your January 24, 2025, request for an extension to the cost share waiver under major disaster FEMA-4830-DR that was declared on September 30, 2024 due to Hurricane Helene. You specifically requested an extension of the 100 percent federal cost share for debris removal and emergency protective measures, including direct federal assistance to 180 days, and you reiterated your request for an increase in the federal cost share for permanent work to 90 percent.

Based on our review of all the information available, it has been determined that the increased level of funding you have requested for major disaster FEMA-4830-DR is not warranted. Therefore, I must inform you that your request for an extension of the period of 100 percent federal funding for debris removal and emergency protective measures, including direct federal assistance to 180 days is denied. FEMA will closely monitor the actual federal obligations for FEMA-4830-DR and a 90/10 cost share adjustment for all Public Assistance costs will be reviewed for consideration under 44 C.F.R. § 206.47(b) if the per capita impact meets or exceeds the qualifying indicator.

This denial may be appealed within 30 days after the date of this letter. The appeal, along with additional information justifying the appeal, should be submitted to the President through Robert D. Samaan, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region 4, located at 3005 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta, GA 30341.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cameron Hamilton".

Cameron Hamilton
Senior Official Performing the Duties
of the Administrator