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Governor urges disaster-aid grants to consider long-term recovery

Charlotte, NC- North Carolina will get \$1 billion of the aid included in the natural disaster legislation passed Wednesday, October 3, 2018, by Congress. The money will come through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The bill changes benefits rules that will allow about 2,000 more North Carolinians to receive community development block grant funding. Currently, anyone who was approved for home repair money from the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew two years ago is not eligible in the block grant awards process.

Governor Roy Cooper and state agencies submitted information to the legislature to take in the analysis for implementation plans. Recommendations include key principles for ensuring people's health, safety, and long-term well-being. Cooper highlighted the need to aid communities improve local water systems to withstand flooding and storm surge. Departments are calling for grant money to go to the hardest hit systems so local leaders can repair or move failed systems.

The bill also makes changes to Federal Emergency Management Agency programs that would allow more disaster aid to be used on projects, such as case management for survivors from counties with significant damage and mental health care facilities to people as communities rebuild.

"As leaders push for flexibility in disaster aid recovery, every effort to maintain interaction between local, state and the federal government needs to be supported. These relationships are important in order to efficiently provide relief throughout the communities that need to remain strong throughout rebuilding." Said Senator Joyce Waddell

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