

Criteria used in selection of properties for HMGP

Nearly 800 Edgecombe County residents applied for one of the 3 options under HMGP (i.e., buyout, elevation or reconstruction/elevation). At this time, there is only enough federal funding available to serve approximately 170 homes.

So, to determine who would be assisted, NC Emergency Management used 6 criteria to prioritize the eligible applicants. The task was to try to achieve the maximum impact to housing stock while staying within FEMA's cost effectiveness requirements.

The NCEM expedited criteria are:

- Homeowner was displaced in TSA as of Feb 2017; and/or
- Homeowner is eligible for a FEMA Mobile Home Unit; and/or
- Homeowner reported to local officials or NCEM during intake they were displaced with family/friends; and/or
- Local government designated properties for expedited criteria based on local conditions and/or;
- Property was deemed substantially damaged by a local floodplain administrator and/or
- Property's FEMA-Verified structural loss is greater than 50% of the Building Value (an NCEM criteria to determine any additional severely damaged structures)

FEMA's cost effectiveness criteria are:

- Property in 100-year floodplain that can be acquired and demolished for \$276,000 or less; or
- Property in 100-year floodplain that can be elevated or reconstructed for \$175,000 or less; or
- Properties outside of the 100-year floodplain can be found eligible if they are grouped with other properties with excess benefit.

If you received a letter stating that you were not selected for HMGP assistance, you should know that local and state officials are working to identify additional funds that may be able to assist you. We will notify you directly with the mailing address or phone number you provided on your application.

If you received a letter stating that you were selected, there is still some time to wait. The County or town must first receive and approve a grant agreement from FEMA to administer this program. This may take a few more months. We will notify you directly with the mailing address or phone number you provided on your application.

For residents in the Town of Princeville, your situation is different from the rest of the County. Because there are so many people who applied for HMGP within that relatively small area, an Environmental Assessment is required. That has already started. It is unclear as to how long that may take. You will be notified directly with the mailing address or phone number you provided on your application once we know that program can move forward for you.

If you would like **general assistance to help with unmet needs** related to Hurricane Matthew, call **(919) 861-2886**.