



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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Public Housing Notice 2015-13

To: Local Housing Authority (LHA) Executive Directors within the counties of Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Essex, Middlesex, Nantucket, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk and Worcester.

From: Steven Carvalho, Associate Director, Division of Public Housing & Rental Assistance

Cc: Lorraine Eddy, Andrew Poliferno, MEMA

Date: April 28, 2015

Re: FEMA Disaster Declaration # FEMA-4214-DR-MA

The U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency announced that federal disaster aid has been made available to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the area affected by the severe winter storm and snowstorm during the period of **January 26-28, 2015**.

Disaster aid funding is available to state and eligible local governments and certain private non-profit entities on a cost sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the severe winter storm and snowstorm in the counties of Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Essex, Middlesex, Nantucket, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk and Worcester.

In addition, federal funding is available on a cost-sharing basis for snow assistance for a continuous 48 hour period during or proximate to the incident period within the counties of Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk and Worcester.

It is important to note that the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is the authorizing agency who administers all insurance claims for state-owned local housing authorities. Costs incurred to perform storm-related repair or restoration to damaged LHA buildings and/or grounds must be reported to the DHCD to ensure appropriate insurance claim processing.

Please note that there is no insurance coverage for snow removal, therefore, do not submit your snow removal costs to DHCD for your snow removal costs, but rather submit your snow removal costs directly to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for reimbursement. Your snow removal related costs will be reviewed and approved by FEMA. Please note that each project must meet a minimum threshold of \$3,040.00. Upon approval, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) will electronically deposit your approved funding directly into your account.

At this time, MEMA is hosting Applicant Briefings to explain the reimbursement process in detail. Please find attached a listing all locations, dates, and times of Applicant Briefings within the declared counties. It is important that you or a representative from your facility attend one of these briefings to obtain information on the reimbursement process. You may attend any briefing which is most convenient for you.