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# News Release

## **FEMA Awards Mount Juliet Nearly \$1.2 Million for Tornado Debris Removal**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** – FEMA has approved a grant of \$1,199,686 for the State of Tennessee to help Mount Juliet recover the cost of removing debris after the March tornadoes.

FEMA Public Assistance funds will reimburse the city for the cost of removing more than 114,000 cubic yards of debris from public roads, property and rights-of-way after the storm.

“The debris created by the devastating March 3, 2020 tornadoes hampered access for responders and made recovery operations and resumption of life for Wilson Countians difficult for several weeks,” said TEMA Director Patrick Sheehan. “We are thankful that FEMA is providing this grant to help support these Tennesseans and provide monetary relief for debris cleanup to Wilson County.”

The Public Assistance program provides grants to state, tribal, and local governments, and certain types of private nonprofit organizations, including some houses of worship, so that communities can quickly respond to and recover from major disasters or emergencies. The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency works with FEMA during all phases of the program and conducts final reviews of FEMA-approved projects.

The federal share for Public Assistance projects is not less than 75 percent of the eligible cost. The state determines how the non-federal share of the cost of a project (up to 25 percent) is split with the sub-recipients like local and county governments.

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