



## News Release



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### State Extends Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Deadline

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – The City of Fayetteville and Cumberland County would like residents to know that the deadline is being extended for property owners seeking assistance to restore property damaged by Hurricane Matthew. The new deadline is Monday, May 8, 2017.

The City of Fayetteville has issued letters and applications by mail for homeowners located in the City's flood zones, informing them of their possible inclusion in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The City also mailed postcards to these residents as a follow-up outreach to ensure they are notified of grant availability.

Property owners are required to submit documentation they receive in the mail for the grant program. City staff and its consultant Tetra Tech will assist homeowners to obtain all necessary documentation for the project package. If determined eligible, homeowners will have a choice of one of the following three options:

- Acquisition and demolition or "buyout"
- Structure elevation or "house raising"
- Mitigation reconstruction or "demolish and rebuild"

Below is a timeline of events leading up to Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application submissions:

- May 8, 2017 – Homeowners to submit application documents to the City
- June 30, 2017 – City goal of finalizing Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application
- October 10, 2017 – Submit completed Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

For more information about the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and possibilities for grants that residents may be eligible to receive, residents can log onto [www.fayettevillenc.gov/fema](http://www.fayettevillenc.gov/fema).

Homeowners must submit all documents to the City by May 8, 2017 in order to be considered for inclusion into the program. If homeowners did not receive a letter or know someone who did not receive a letter, but think they could be eligible, they may contact the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program hotline at (910) 420-0128, leave their information and a grant specialist will return their calls and answer any questions regarding the program.

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Residents in the city limits can also contact these city staff members for more information:

Ray Oxendine - 910-433-1683

Dave Steinmetz - 910-433-1705

Elizabeth Mailu - 910-433-1357

### **County residents**

Cumberland County hosted four community meetings in February about the Hazard Mitigation program and conducted an intake center at the Department of Social Services for residents interested in applying for mitigation assistance.

Residents in the unincorporated areas of the county that live in the 100-year flood zone who would like to apply for the mitigation program may contact Gene Booth, Cumberland County Emergency Management Coordinator, by May 8 at 910-678-7641 or [wbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us](mailto:wbooth@co.cumberland.nc.us). The application is available at [http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/emergency\\_mgmt/downloads/PSI\\_Updated\\_Fillable.pdf](http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/emergency_mgmt/downloads/PSI_Updated_Fillable.pdf).

Once the State of North Carolina has received all applications for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding, the applications will be ranked by the State for funding consideration.

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