

McCrory Asks General Assembly For \$200 Million to Aid Recovery From Wildfires and Hurricane Matthew

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Governor Pat McCrory will ask the General Assembly for \$200 million to aid in the recovery from flooding in the eastern part of the state resulting from Hurricane Matthew and wildfires that burned in the western part of the state. McCrory wants the General Assembly to assist in:

- Short-term housing for areas not covered by federal emergency management funding as well as grants for help with rent, building new rental units and repairs.
- Adjusting school calendars in hard-hit areas that were closed for extended periods, and helping pay for repairs to infrastructure, trash pick-up, river maintenance and other local needs.
- Rebuilding communities to make them less vulnerable to flooding and other disasters.
- Funding the state's share of federal and state disaster relief.

"In the last three months, North Carolina has experienced some of the worst natural disasters in state history,"

McCrory

said. "As we work to make sure North Carolina recovers stronger than before, we are committed to addressing the unmet needs of our citizens still suffering, and we must do it now, especially during the Christmas holidays and as cold weather approaches."

McCrory

said a tax increase will not be required to fund aid for Hurricane Matthew and wildfires because of the state's large rainy day fund which is in excess of \$1 billion.