



Editor's Note: FEMA and the state of Nevada have established a joint News Desk phone number for media questions about the January 5-14, 2017 and February 5-22, 2017 severe winter storms, flooding and mudslides disasters. The phone number for members of the media to call is:
775-267-0578. \*This number is NOT for public inquiries – strictly news media calls\*

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## NEVADA HOLDS PUBLIC ASSISTANCE APPLICANT BRIEFINGS

**CARSON CITY, Nev.** – The Nevada Division of Emergency Management will conduct a series of three Public Assistance Applicant Briefings this week. The briefings are one of the first steps in the FEMA Public Assistance (PA) process for local, state and tribal governments and certain private non-profit organizations affected by the severe winter storms, floods and mudslides that occurred February 5-22, 2017. Applicants will receive an overview of the PA program and process and will also be able to submit their Request for Public Assistance (RPA). It is important to note, each eligible applicant must complete an RPA for this specific disaster regardless of participation in the January declared disaster.

City, county, state and tribal government entities and certain private non-profits in the following jurisdictions are invited to attend the briefing: Washoe, Elko (including the South Fork Band of Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone), Humboldt and Douglas counties (including the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California), and the independent city of Carson City.

The Applicant Briefings for the State of Nevada will be held:

Wednesday April 5, 2017 4:00 p.m. Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management 2478 Fairview Drive Carson City, NV 89701

**Thursday April 6, 2017 4:00 p.m.** Humboldt County Communications Center 795 East Fairgrounds Road Winnemucca, NV 89445





Friday April 7, 2017 9:00 a.m. Elko County School Police Building 1092 Burns Road Elko, NV 89801

The Public Assistance program should not be confused with FEMA's Individual Assistance program and does not provide financial assistance to homeowners or individuals. The applicant briefings are not intended for the public.

Public Assistance applicants may be eligible for reimbursement for at least 75 percent of eligible disaster-related expenses to help Nevada communities recover. Eligible disaster-related expenses may include debris removal, overtime for law enforcement responding to the disaster, and repairing or rebuilding facilities, buildings, roads and bridges.

Applicants may submit their RPA to the State of Nevada, prior to the briefing, via email to the Nevada Division of Emergency Management at <u>disaster-recovery@dps.state.nv.us</u> by Wednesday, April 26, 2017.

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