

Timeline

Helene in Western NC



September 2024

September 25

Gov. Roy Cooper issues [Statewide State of Emergency](#) ahead of Helene

September 27

Helene hits Western North Carolina, knocking out power, water, phone service across WNC. Major flooding, high winds, and landslides make travel to and from the area nearly impossible

September 28

President Joe Biden issues [Major Disaster Declaration](#) that activates FEMA Individual Assistance, Public Assistance, and Hazard Mitigation Assistance

October 2024

October 10

[HB 149 Disaster Recovery Act of 2024](#) signed into law; provides no housing assistance

October 14

Eviction court resumes in hard-hit Buncombe County; NCIDR and NC Housing Coalition [send letter to Chief Justice Paul Newby](#) requesting 90-day eviction moratorium, which isn't granted

October 23

Gov. Cooper's initial [Damage and Needs Assessment](#) released; estimates \$53.6B in damages

October 24

[SB 743 – The Disaster Recovery Act of 2024 - Part II](#) signed into law, (provides \$1M in rental assistance); D-SNAP Application Period closes.

November 2024

November 14

Gov. Cooper issues initial [\\$25.6B Federal funding request](#) to Congress.

December 2024

December 11

[SB 382 – Disaster Relief-3/Budget/Various Law Changes](#) veto overridden; becomes law.

December 13

Gov. Cooper's [updated Damage and Needs Assessment](#) released; estimates \$59.6B in damages.



January 2025

January 2

Newly inaugurated Gov. Josh Stein issues [executive order](#) establishing GROW-NC and Division of Community Revitalization

January 7

CDBG-DR award amounts announced (\$1.4B for NC, \$225M for City of Asheville)

February 2025

February 3

Gov. Stein issues \$1.07B [Helene Immediate Needs Budget Recommendation](#) to NCGA leadership to cover immediate needs through July 1, 2025

February 20

Gov. Stein issues [additional Federal Funding Request](#) for \$19B

March 2025

March 7

Most FEMA housing programs for survivors [end](#)

March 20

[HB 47 Disaster Recovery Act of 2025 - Part I](#) signed into law

March 29

Disaster Unemployment Assistance Program [benefits end](#)

April-May 2025

FEMA [ends 100% Federal cost share agreement](#)

April 7

FEMA [deadline](#) to apply for Individuals Assistance and Public Assistance

State & City of Asheville CDBG-DR Action plans approved by HUD

May 19

Gov Stein submits [Phase 2 funding recommendations](#) to NCGA leadership, requesting an additional \$891M over the next 6 months

June 2025

June 16

Applications for the Renew NC Single-Family Housing Program open

June 26

[HB 251 Various Disaster Recovery Reforms](#) signed into law

June 27

[HB 1012 - Disaster Recovery Act of 2025 - Part II](#) signed into law; does not include any funds for housing



July-August 2025

July 10

Foreclosure moratorium ends for FHA-insured mortgages



Late August

First ReNew NC home repair supported by CDBG-DR complete



September 2025

September 15

Gov. Stein issues \$13.5B [Federal aid request](#) to Congress, bringing total Federal request to \$23B

“In total, federal support to date amounts to approximately 9% of the total damage western North Carolina suffered. Meanwhile, storms that were similarly devastating – such as Hurricanes Katrina, Maria, and Sandy – saw 70% of the cost of recovery efforts covered by federal funding. Governor Stein’s \$23 billion request would bring the federal support North Carolina received to 47%.”

-NC Governor Josh Stein

By the Numbers

\$59.6 Billion estimated damages

\$15 Billion estimated housing damage

74,000 homes damaged

8,800 homes destroyed or severely damaged

14 Million cubic yards of debris collected

108 verified deaths in North Carolina