

# President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Major Disaster Declaration for American Samoa

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WASHINGTON -- FEMA announced that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the territory of American Samoa to supplement territorial and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by high surf, high winds and flooding July 12-15, 2022.

Public assistance federal funding is available to the territory, eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency protective measures, including direct federal assistance.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures throughout the territory.

Benigno B. Ruiz has been named the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected areas. Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the territory and warranted by the results of further assessments.



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