

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1501

January 19, 2022

Ms. Andrea Spillars
Regional Administrator, Region 7
Federal Emergency Management Agency
11224 Holmes Rd
Kansas City, MO 64131

Dear Regional Administrator Spillars,

I write regarding the response of the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) to the August 10, 2020, Derecho. The City of Marion, located in my Congressional district, is requesting status updates on ten FEMA projects they believe to be eligible for reimbursement.

The 2020 Derecho was estimated to have damaged over 90 percent of homes and buildings in Marion and destroyed over half of the city's tree canopy. For a city of just over 40,000 people, the burden placed on the city's finances was immense. Disaster response and recovery expenses stemming from the Derecho continue to cause a compounding cashflow challenge for the city, which is why the timeliness of these reimbursements is so critical.

In addition to status reports on outstanding reimbursements, the City of Marion is requesting a response to their January 7, 2021, letter requesting consideration of community volunteer efforts to count towards their local match. I have attached that letter for your convenience.

I am asking FEMA to please consider the City of Marion's requests and respond in a timely fashion and in accordance with all relevant laws and regulations. The attached document details what has been provided to FEMA most recently. Please see the project number and date each was submitted to FEMA below:

PROJECT ID	Initial Submission Date
157011	11/18/20
164132	12/10/20
159241	11/4/20
162214	11/25/20
162212	11/25/20
161073	11/18/20
164129	12/10/20
166102	12/30/20
174536	03/04/21
182960	12/30/20

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to hearing back from you. If you have any questions, please reach out to Reagan Kozak in my Cedar Rapids office at (319) 364-2288 or at reagan.kozak@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ashley Hinson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Ashley Hinson
Member of Congress