

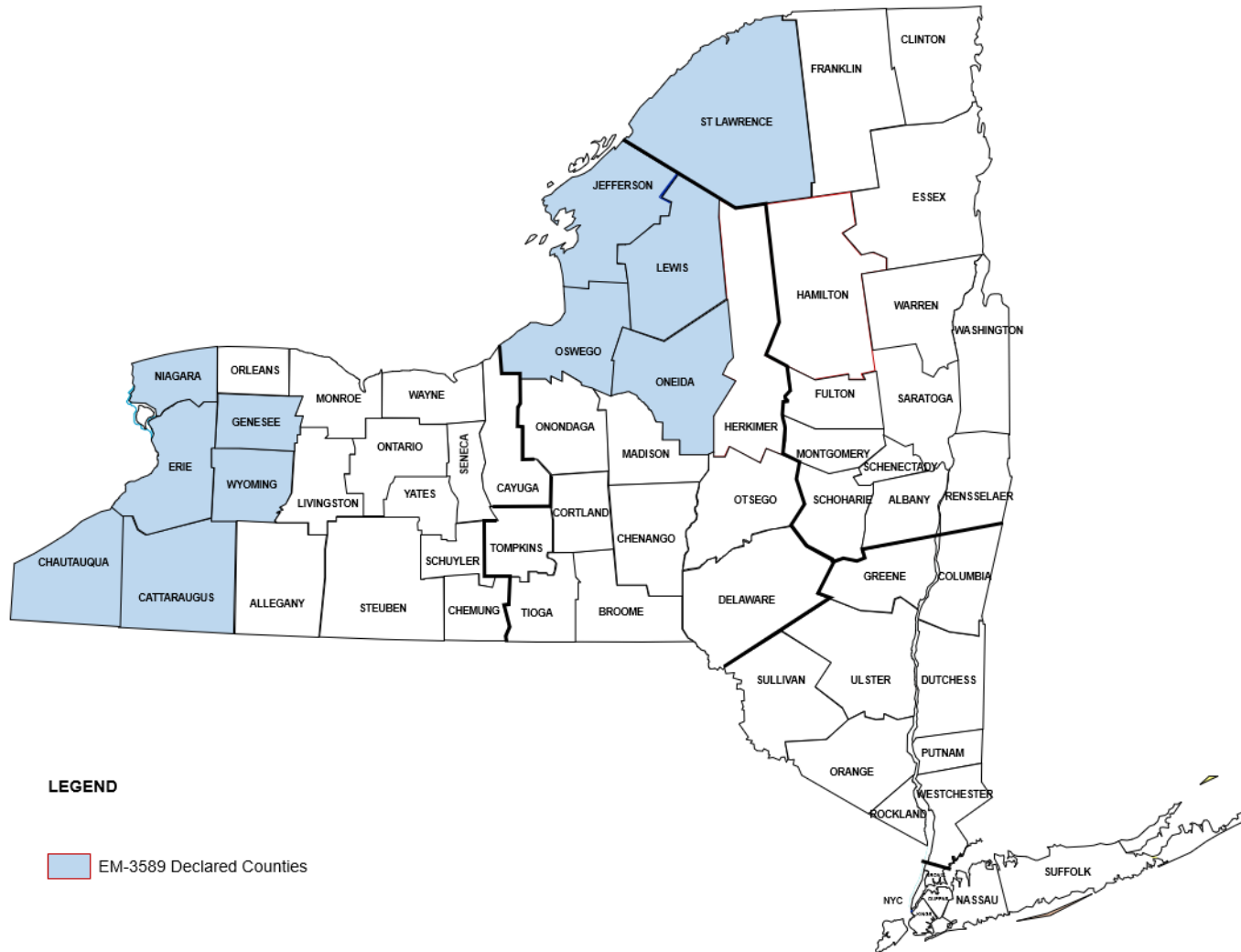


**Homeland Security  
and Emergency Services**

**November 2022 Snowstorm  
FEMA Assistance  
Emergency Declaration EM-3589  
and  
Potential Major Disaster Declaration**



# EM 3589 Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm



# EM-3589

- **DECLARED NOVEMBER 20, 2022**
- **INCIDENT:** Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm
- **INCIDENT PERIOD:** November 18, 2022, and continuing
- **DATE REQUESTED BY GOVERNOR:** November 19, 2022
- **FEDERAL COORDINATING OFFICER:** Lai Sun Yee
- **DESIGNATIONS AND TYPES OF ASSISTANCE:**
- FEMA is authorized to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures, authorized under Title V of the Stafford Act, to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in the designated areas. Specifically, FEMA is authorized to provide emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct federal assistance, under the Public Assistance program at 75 percent federal funding.
- This assistance is for the counties of Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Jefferson, Lewis, Niagara, Oneida, Oswego, St. Lawrence, and Wyoming.
- **OTHER:** Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the state and warranted by the results of further evaluation.
- **Note: This is an emergency declaration.**

# Emergency versus Major Disaster

## What's the Difference?

- Emergency Declaration
  - Applicants must be located in a declared county but no county or statewide threshold applies.
  - Only Cat B and Direct Federal Assistance
  - \$5M cap; possibility of extending the cap.
- Major Disaster Declaration
  - Requires PDA to validate that eligible damages exceed county and statewide thresholds.
  - Applicants must be located in a declared county but only counties exceeding their threshold are included.
  - Additional categories of work may be eligible.
  - No cap on total disaster damages.

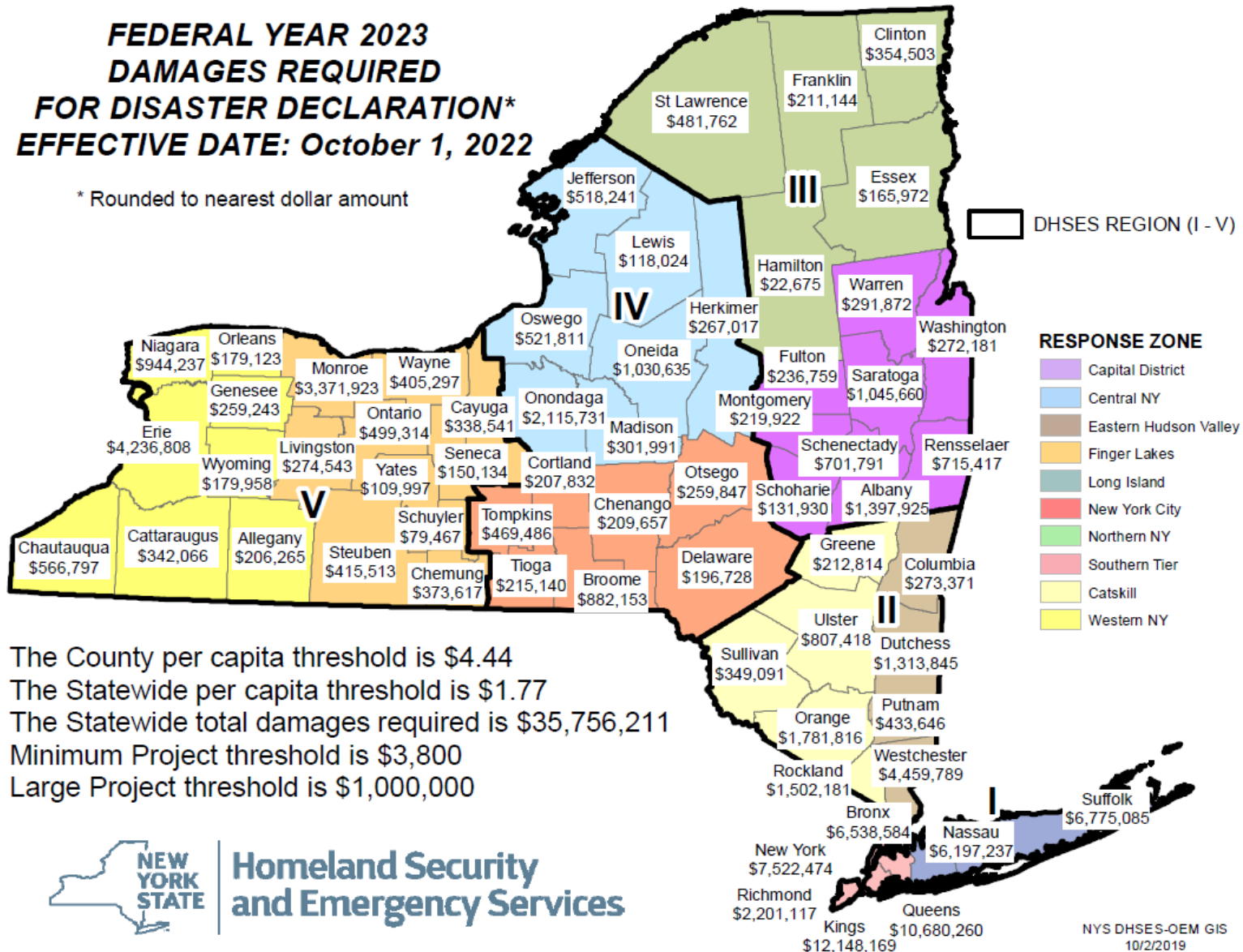
# Emergency versus Major Disaster

## What's the Same?

- General eligibility and documentation requirements for projects.
- Grants Portal process.
- Small Projects and Large Projects.
- Obligation, Closeout and Payment.

**FEDERAL YEAR 2023  
DAMAGES REQUIRED  
FOR DISASTER DECLARATION\*  
EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2022**

\* Rounded to nearest dollar amount



The County per capita threshold is \$4.44  
 The Statewide per capita threshold is \$1.77  
 The Statewide total damages required is \$35,756,211  
 Minimum Project threshold is \$3,800  
 Large Project threshold is \$1,000,000



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# Deadline for State to Request a Major Disaster Declaration

- The State has 30 days from the date of the incident to request a Major Disaster Declaration – **Monday, December 19, 2022**, for this event.
- Given the ongoing pandemic, any necessary State and Federal damage assessments may be completed virtually within the 30-day period.

# Deadline for County Estimated Costs and Backup Documentation

- **Submittal Deadline for Counties**
  - In order to determine potential NYS eligibility within 30 days from the snowstorm, all estimated cost and relevant backup documentation must be submitted to ([DHSESPADamageAssessments@dhses.ny.gov](mailto:DHSESPADamageAssessments@dhses.ny.gov)) by **Wednesday, November 30, 2022.**



# Eligible Costs

## Eligible snow removal work:

- Eligible expenses must be incurred within a continuous 48-hour period that the applicant selects. Individual Applicants may select a different period as it best suits their situation. Costs incurred outside the selected 48-hour period are not eligible. FEMA may extend this period for an additional 24 hours for counties where the snowfall exceeds the historical snow of record by at least 50%.
- Eligible snow removal activities include:
  - snow removal
  - de-icing
  - salting
  - snow dumps
  - sanding of roads and other eligible facilities
  - Limited snow-related activities necessary to carry out emergency protective measures, such as clearing snow in the immediate vicinity of a downed power line, are eligible outside of the limited time period.
- Other emergency protective measures (not restricted to the 48-hour time limit) including, but not limited to, search and rescue, sheltering and EOC operations.

# Documentation Requirements

## 48-Hour period

- Snow removal estimates or actual costs.
  - Quantities – CY or Tonnage
  - Method – Force account – Contract – Mutual Aid
  - Location taken from and taken to.
  - Cost estimates – OT labor, equipment, materials
  - Contract documentation and invoices.
- Snow Dumping
  - Method
  - Quantities – Load tickets
  - Disposal Site – GPS coordinates

# Documentation Requirements

## 48-Hour period (Cont.)

- Salting and De-icing
  - Type of materials used i.e., rock salt
  - Quantities used
  - Locations where materials were used including GPS.
  - Dates and times
  - Cost estimates
  - Contract documentation and invoices.

# Other Eligible Work

- EOC Operations.
  - Dates, times, location, expenses, personnel costs.
  - Summary sheets.
- Search and Rescue.
- Sheltering.

**These costs are considered other emergency protective measures and are not restricted to the 48-hour time limit.**

# Permanent Work

- Damages caused by the snow event to buildings and other structures. I.e., Roof collapses due to snow weight.
- Damages caused to a permanent category of work as a result of performing eligible emergency work. i.e., damages to curbs and signate, streetlights, snowplows etc.

# The Small Business Administration

## Loans and Requirements

Small Business Administration (SBA) provides low interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes, and private non-profit organizations.

### SBA Physical Disaster Loans

- Loans cover home/building repair and replacement of physical assets damaged in the disaster.
- Homeowners, renters, businesses, and non-profits are eligible.
- Threshold is 25 or more homes and/or businesses with 40% or more uninsured loss of the estimated fair replacement value, or pre-disaster fair market value of damage property, whichever is lower.
- Program must be requested by the Governor within 60 days of the date of the disaster.

### SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans

- Loans provide economic relief to small businesses, most private nonprofit organizations and small agricultural cooperatives.
- At least 5 small businesses in a disaster area who have suffered substantial economic injury and need financial assistance not otherwise available on reasonable terms.
- Program must be requested by the Governor within 120 days of the disaster occurrence.



# Individual Assistance Preliminary Damage Report

- County EMs will need to gather information to fill out a Preliminary Damage Report. This report needs to be filled out in its entirety and in a timely manner. This spreadsheet can include residential and business damages.
- Once all information has been gathered Counties should note which addresses have had the greatest impact.

NEW YORK STATE Homeland Security and Emergency Services											
COUNTY		DATE OF OCCURRENCE	November 17-20th								
AREA / MUNICIPALITY		INCIDENT TYPE	Snow Storm								
Resident Name	Phone Number (Needed for additional outreach/questions/damage)	Street Address	City/Town, Zip Code	Renter, Owner	Business, Single or Multi Family Residence, Mobile Home	Primary or Secondary residence	Fair Market Value of Property	Estimated Amount of Loss (Dollars)	Insurance Coverage (Yes/No)	Estimated Uninsured Loss (Dollars)	Damage Description: Collapsed roof, personal property loss, other damages

# NYS DHSES Contact Information

## Recovery Section:

- 1220 Washington Ave, Bldg. 7A, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Albany, NY 12242
- (518) 292-2293, Fax Number: (518) 322-4984
- [www.dhses.ny.gov](http://www.dhses.ny.gov)
- [DHSESPADamageAssessments@dhSES.ny.gov](mailto:DHSESPADamageAssessments@dhSES.ny.gov)

## Questions on Cost and Backup Documentation:

- Public Assistance: Corrine Franchini: [Corrine.Franchini@dhSES.ny.gov](mailto:Corrine.Franchini@dhSES.ny.gov)
- Individual Assistance: Jamie Marcella: [Jamie.Marcella@dhSES.ny.gov](mailto:Jamie.Marcella@dhSES.ny.gov)



# Questions?

