



VINCENT C. GRAY  
MAYOR

October 21, 2011

The Honorable Barack Obama  
The President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Through: Ms. Mary Ann Tierney (Via Facsimile – 215-931-5590)  
Regional Administrator, Region III  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
615 Chestnut Street  
One Independence Mall, 6th Floor  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106

Dear Mr. President:

Under the provisions of Section 401 (a) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206 (Stafford Act), and implemented by 44 C.F.R. § 206.35, I request a declaration of major disaster for the District of Columbia as a result of damages sustained from the impact of the August 23, 2011 earthquake, measuring 5.8 on the Richter Scale. The resulting damages affected the entire city up to and including August 28, 2011.

In accordance with Section 401 of the Stafford Act, and the District of Columbia Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, which was completed and approved on December 18, 2010, I, as Mayor of the District of Columbia, on August 23, 2011, directed the execution of the District Response Plan. Also, on August 23, 2011, I requested a joint Federal, and local survey of damaged areas. Preliminary assessments indicated that the most severe damages involved:

***Residential and commercial properties; public infrastructure, including but not limited to facilities, roads and bridges, utilities; several hospitals, and structural inspections for public and private schools and other municipal facilities. Wards 1, 2 3, 5, 7 and 8 experienced the most significant impacts.***

Pursuant to 44 C.F.R. § 206.35, I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response was beyond the capabilities of the District of Columbia government and that supplementary Federal assistance was necessary to save lives, protect property, public health, and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a disaster. Specifically, I am requesting:

***Public Assistance (Categories A-G), Hazard Mitigation Assistance and Small Business Administration Disaster loans.***

As delineated by the Stafford Act and other statutory authorities, I am submitting the preliminary estimates of the types and amounts of emergency assistance needed. (See Enclosure A)

Additionally, I am furnishing the following information on the nature and deployment of District of Columbia resources that were and continue to be utilized to alleviate the conditions of this emergency:

*Activation of the District Response Plan (DRP), activation of the District Emergency Operations Center (EOC); issuance of the Public Emergency Executive Order; deployment interagency damage assessment teams to inspect public and private schools, municipal, commercial and residential structures; coordination of infrastructure inspections local utilities; deployment of teams to assess cellular and internet networks and coordinate restoration; deployment of DC Department of Transportation (DDOT) to complete inspections of 100 bridges, of which 3 locations reported damages (Kenilworth Avenue, South Capitol Street, SE and I395 at Kenilworth Avenue, NE; deployment of crews for signal outages and placement of portable signage; coordination with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to ascertain infrastructure impacts; coordination of response by the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (FEMS) to address an extremely high volume of service calls throughout the city; coordination with CSX officials regarding the inspection of the CSX bridge overpass at I-295; activation of emergency management centers within area hospitals to address potential medical surge and provide coordinated medical operations; deployment of law enforcement, transportation of equipment and supplies.*

The following information is furnished on efforts and resources of other Federal agencies, which were used in responding to this incident:

*DC National Guard*

*– Provide an Emergency Liaison*

*Department of Homeland Security*

*– Provide an Emergency Liaison*

I have designated DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency Director, Millicent West or her designee as the District (State) Coordinating Officer for this request. She will work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency in damage assessments and may provide further information or justification on my behalf.

Sincerely,

Vincent C. Gray  
Mayor



Enclosure

**ENCLOSURE A**

(Estimated Requirements)

Estimated requirements for other Federal agency programs:

*(Specify agency and assistance required).*

Estimated Requirements for assistance under the Stafford Act:

	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Coordination	
Technical and advisory assistance	
Category B - Emergency protective measures	\$ 254,954
Individuals and Households Program (IHP)	
Distribution of emergency supplies	
Other (specify)	
Category C - Roads and Bridges	\$
Category E - Buildings and Equipment	\$ 15,430,000
Category F - Utilities	\$
Totals:	\$ 15,684,954
Grand Total: \$	<b>22,572,813**</b>

*Note: Estimates are to reflect total eligible costs before any cost sharing.*

\*\*In addition to the figures confirmed by the District and FEMA preliminary damage assessments, District agencies report the follow expenditures:

A) Education Facilities:	\$ 4,359,659
B) Non-Education Facilities (including DPR and FEMS):	\$ 2,464,200
C) Law Enforcement	\$ 64,000

**PROJECTED TOTAL COSTS: \$6,887,859**

Mayor Signature Workflow - 514951 in External Process (ASSIGNED to: Natalie Harris)

General Steps Contacts Attachments Links Documents Discussion

Add WF Note

Add Step Note

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Send Info Copy

Release

Print Summary

Print Summary by Section

Find/Add Person

Attach People

Attach New People

Attach Mail

Detach Mail

Attach File

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Step Help

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Natalie Harris 10/20/2011 02:24 PM Added Mail 2483885 (Status: Completed) for Ms. Lolita Alston (closed) Internet Mail. Clearance Process Approval Request

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Natalie Harris 10/21/2011 11:32 AM Letter has been updated - approvals have been received for updated letter from OCA, Legal, and Deputy Mayor for Public Safe on 10/21/11 - nh Updated Presidential Request Letter.pdf

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