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Good morning,

I am writing to tell you about a program that may be of significant value to your community in the event of a federally declared disaster: FEMA's Public Assistance program.

On Sept. 7, 2020, Malden, Washington, experienced a devastating wildfire. The Babb Fire destroyed 80% of Malden's structures, including the fire station, post office, community hall, and maintenance building. The critical infrastructure loss greatly affected the rural community of 230 people.

Through FEMA's Public Assistance program, Malden was awarded \$4.2 million to construct two multi-use buildings to replace the four destroyed buildings. One building houses the town hall, post office, and fire station. The other building will serve the community as a library, food bank, and community gathering area.

[I invite you to watch this brief video from Malden Mayor Dan Harwood to learn more about their fire recovery.](#)

The work that FEMA does in coordination with our state partners can have tremendous impacts in smaller communities like yours, especially during the recovery from a disaster. We want to ensure that you are adequately prepared to navigate the recovery programs and other assistance grants.

It is a privilege to work alongside our state and local partners in Oregon to help people before, during, and after disasters. If you have any questions about the Public Assistance program, getting your community prepared for disasters, or resources attached in this message, please contact FEMA Region 10's Intergovernmental Affairs team – contact information listed below.

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