



# Disaster Recovery

Expert Disaster Recovery Consulting Services

Meridian Strategic Services, Inc. is an Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery consulting company dedicated to assisting our clients in overcoming their most significant disaster recovery challenges and maximizing access to available recovery funding.

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# About Meridian

Disaster Recovery Expertise

Meridian Strategic Services, a certified veteran-owned small business, is committed to aiding local, tribal, territorial, and state governments, as well as eligible utilities, educational and cultural institutions, houses of worship, and Private Non-Profit organizations, with comprehensive disaster recovery and hazard mitigation services.

We specialize in facilitating our clients' recovery from disasters through effective project management, technical expertise, and in-depth knowledge of federal and state disaster recovery grants. Our tailored services are crafted to optimize external funding opportunities for our clients while employing a cost-saving approach.

Meridian's team brings decades of experience in Disaster Recovery Program Management, Hazard Mitigation, and Long-Term Community Recovery to every engagement.



# Why Select Meridian

The Meridian Team comprises seasoned professionals with backgrounds in FEMA, State Emergency Management, and Local Emergency Management, boasting decades of expertise in hazard mitigation, disaster preparedness, crisis response, community development, and disaster recovery operations.

Prepared to harness our team's collective experience, Meridian stands ready to support our clients in bolstering their disaster recovery efforts and fortifying their resilience to future disasters. We achieve this through detailed planning, effective project management, technical expertise, and passionate advocacy for the needs of disaster survivors.

Drawing upon our extensive Emergency Management experience nationwide, the Meridian Team delivers unparalleled disaster recovery solutions unmatched by any other company.

# How We Can Help

## Our Disaster Recovery Services

- Preliminary Damage Assessments
- Coordination with FEMA
- Policy and Project Guidance from Subject Matter Experts
- Hazard Mitigation Project Management
- Public Assistance Program Management
- Individual Assistance Program Support
- Grant applications and administration
- Site Inspection Support
- Long-Term Community Recovery Coordination
- Quality Assurance in Project Development Prior to Obligation
- Project Appeals and Arbitration Development Assistance
- Disaster Closeout Assistance

Meridian offers assistance to our clients in navigating the intricate and time-consuming process of disaster recovery, enabling them to focus on their vital day-to-day responsibilities.

Our consultants collaborate closely with you to oversee projects from initiation to completion. We prioritize adherence to regulatory timelines by employing efficient project management practices and leveraging our understanding of Federal program prerequisites.





# The Role Consultants Play

FEMA acknowledges the arduous, time-consuming, and intricate nature of recovering from a disaster. Recognizing this, FEMA considers hiring consultants to assist in coordinating a community's disaster recovery as an eligible expense.

Our mission extends beyond restoring communities to pre-disaster conditions; we aim to bolster the nation's resilience against future disasters.

Disaster Recovery Consultants offer invaluable assistance in several key areas:

- Project management expertise
- Proficiency in managing Federal disaster recovery grants
- Maximizing Federal and State reimbursement of disaster-related expenses
- Integration of hazard mitigation strategies
- Facilitating comprehensive community involvement in the recovery process
- Ensuring compliance with regulatory timelines
- Coordinating the integration of private and public disaster recovery funding sources

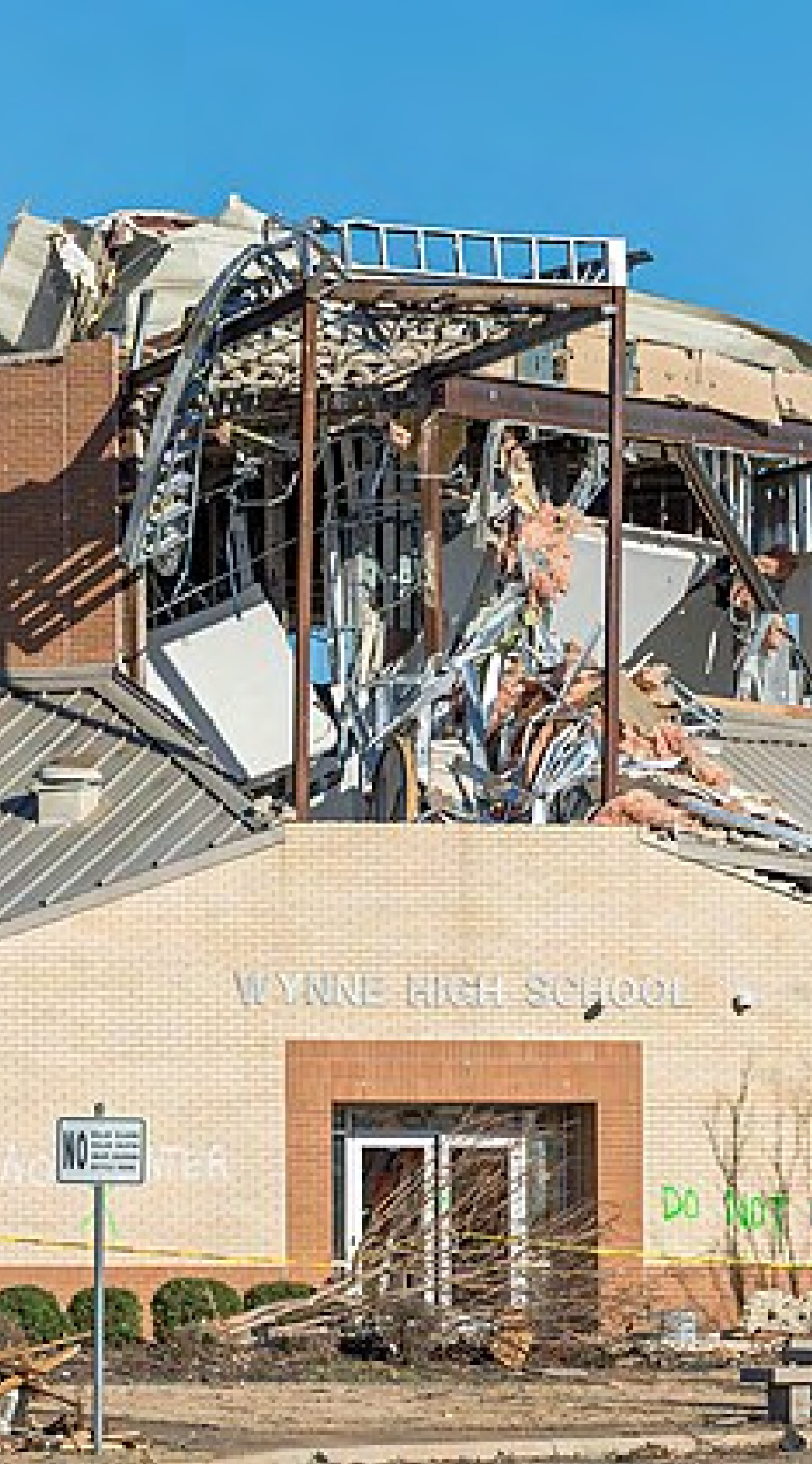
# FEMA Public Assistance Program

Meridian partners with our state, local, territorial and tribal governments as well as eligible private nonprofits to support their recovery disaster efforts utilizing FEMA Public Assistance Program.

The Public Assistance Program provides communities funding for disaster related expenses for emergency protective actions, permanent facility repairs, and hazard mitigation.

Our expert knowledge of the Public Assistance Program's requirements helps to maximize our client's project eligibility and regulatory compliance.

Since 2020, Meridian has played a pivotal role in assisting our clients in securing millions of dollars in federal disaster recovery funding.







# FEMA Individual Assistance Program

Meridian's disaster recovery experts have significant on the ground experience implementing the Individual Assistance Program at the local, state and federal levels of government.

We help inform our clients on available Individual Assistance funding and how to gain access to and implement these crucial recovery programs.

We support our clients with accessing Individual Assistance Programs including:

- Mass Care and Emergency Support
- Transitional Shelter Assistance
- Individual and Household Assistance
- Disaster Case Management and Crisis Counseling
- Disaster Unemployment Assistance
- Disaster Legal Services
- Voluntary Agency Coordination

# Management Costs

The Federal Government acknowledges the challenges communities face in coordinating disaster recovery efforts. Consequently, communities are granted a percentage of the total grant amount to alleviate the financial burden of managing disasters.

Management costs encompass various expenses, including indirect, direct management, and administrative costs incurred during the grant management process. FEMA often reimburses an Applicant's management costs at a rate of 100%, up to 5% of the total project value.

These management costs can be utilized for engaging external assistance to streamline disaster recovery efforts. Engaging a disaster recovery consultant may incur little to no cost for the Applicant.







# Other Federal Funding Sources

Meridian assists our clients access funding through several other disaster related programs that can play a pivotal role in a disaster recovery effort.

FEMA's All Hazards Mitigation Program provides communities and other eligible applicants funding before and after disasters in order to limit the damage of future disasters.

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) is a federal disaster resilience program that has allocated over \$1 billion in grant funding to states, territories, tribal and local governments.

The Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program is designed to provide disaster recovery grant funding to traditionally economically challenged communities.







# Who We Help

Meridian is focused on assisting governments and private nonprofits with comprehensive disaster recovery planning, project management, and grant management services.

Who we help:

- Local Governments
- State Governments
- Territorial Governments
- Tribal Governments
- Authorities and Special Districts
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Houses of Worship
- Utilities
- Healthcare Facilities
- Educational Institutions
- Cultural Institutions



# Whole Community Recovery

FEMA encourages a “whole community” approach to disaster mitigation and recovery.

Meridian assists our clients in incorporating both traditional and non-traditional partners into the disaster recovery process enabling communities to prepare for and recover from disasters in a manner that incorporates the values and needs of the entire community.

Successful long-term disaster recovery necessitates forging partnerships among the public, private, and philanthropic sectors.

By establishing these relationships early in the recovery process, communities enhance their resilience to future challenges.





## Our Emergency Management Experience

Our team possesses extensive experience in assisting communities nationwide in recovering from large-scale and complex disasters.

Here is a list of some of the notable response and recovery operations our team has participated in during the past 25 years:

- World Trade Center Attacks
- Hurricane Katrina
- Hurricane Rita
- Deep Water Horizon
- Hurricane Irene
- Tropical Storm Lee
- Super Storm Sandy
- Hurricane Matthew
- Lake Ontario Flooding
- Hurricane Harvey
- Hurricanes Irma & Maria
- Hurricane Florence
- Hurricane Dorian
- COVID-19 Response
- Puerto Rico Earthquake Swarm
- Kilauea Volcano Eruption
- 2021 Texas Ice Storm
- Hurricane Ida
- Over 200 Significant Disasters Worldwide



Our  
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