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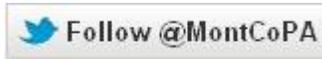
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Montgomery County Eligible to Recoup January Blizzard Costs

Norristown, PA (March 24, 2016) – Montgomery County municipalities and non-profit agencies are eligible to recoup some of the nearly \$5.3 million costs associated with the severe snow storm that struck the region in January.

On Wednesday, President Obama officially declared the storm a disaster for 22 counties in Pennsylvania, including Montgomery County, making them eligible to apply for federal aid.

Montgomery County compiled costs of \$245,773 associated with the storm that are eligible for reimbursement, including overtime, equipment and materials.

When added to the eligible costs submitted by the 62 Montgomery County municipalities, 15 school districts, and two hospitals, the total for Montgomery County comes to \$5,269,184.73. That is far above the minimum threshold of \$2.85 million for the county to be eligible to receive federal aid.

The blizzard dropped as much as 30 inches of snow in some parts of Montgomery County on January 22nd and 23rd.

“Storms of this intensity are costly to address and it will be very helpful for the County, municipalities, and our partner agencies to be able to recoup some of their expenses,” said Montgomery County Commissioners Chairman Josh Shapiro.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency will review all of the documentation submitted and make a determination on whether the costs are eligible and set the percentage of costs the federal government will reimburse applicants in the coming months.