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What's in the Disaster Aid Package for States and Localities?

Congress passed a long-delayed bill to help places recover from past (and future) natural disasters. President Trump is expected to sign it.

After months of delay, Congress passed a [\\$19 billion aid bill](#) on Monday to help places recover from natural disasters that have struck over the last two years — and to help cover costs of the ones yet to come.

As the political infighting wore on this year, more natural disasters — such as flooding in the Midwest and tornadoes in the South — bumped up the price of the legislation by roughly \$5 billion. It's now [one of the most sweeping disaster aid packages ever passed](#) and heads to President Trump for his expected signature.

Communities in California, Florida and Texas — which have been ravaged by wildfires, hurricanes and floods — will likely be among the biggest beneficiaries. U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein says her state of California is eligible for more than \$12 billion. [The Texas Tribune](#) reports that the legislation includes a provision to force the federal government to release more than \$4 billion to Texas that Congress already allocated to the state a year ago.

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