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The White House has made more federal funding available to Vermont for damage from Tropical Storm Irene.

The president has authorized an increase in the federal reimbursement rate from 75 percent to 90 percent for public assistance projects including repairs to state buildings and municipal roads, bridges and infrastructure.

Gov. Peter Shumlin sent a letter to President Barack Obama on May 3 requesting the increased match.

Shumlin and Vermont's congressional delegation said Wednesday that the change means Vermont could receive more than $30 million in additional funding.

The Aug. 28 storm damaged more than 3,500 homes, 500 miles of roads and more than 200 bridges in Vermont.