

City gets cleanup funding

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Orange was one of five municipalities in Essex County that received federal disaster funding from a recent round of grants to aid in cleanup efforts.

Mayor Eldridge Hawkins Jr. said Orange's share of the \$142,000 Federal National Emergency Grant would be used to hire workers to help with the cleanup efforts. That work has been ongoing since late August when Hurricane Irene passed, followed by pre-Halloween snowstorm that downed power lines and caused street and property damage.

The \$142,000 in funding will pay for 14 jobs in Fairfield, Caldwell, Bloomfield, Orange and Irvington, according to the department.

Hawkins said the city would hire three full-time workers, who would be employed on a three-month basis. They began employment on Monday.

"The Orange residents will work on cleanup, removing debris and repairing public infrastructure," Hawkins said. "These temporary employees will help our Department of Public Works with the continuing cleanup after the two major storms," Hawkins said.