

# Aid for Boulder County Fires and Wind Storm Tops \$43.6 Million

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DENVER – In the three weeks since President Biden approved a major disaster declaration for the Marshall Fire and straight-line winds in Colorado, federal agencies have provided more than \$43.6 million in grants and loans to assist in recovery as of January 20, 2022.

To date, a total of 2,645 people in Boulder County have applied with FEMA for assistance. FEMA has approved \$802,354 through the Individuals and Households program, consisting of \$679,540.95 in Housing Assistance for home repairs and rental expenses, and \$122,813.35 in Other Needs Assistance for repair or replacement of personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, moving expenses and other disaster-related needs.

In addition, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved \$42,848,000 in low interest disaster loans for homeowners, renters, and businesses.

**Boulder County community members affected by the disaster can still apply for assistance or check on the status of their application in the following ways:**

- Going on-line to [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov).
- Calling **800-621-3362 (800-462-7585 TTY)**. Multilingual operators are available. The toll-free numbers are open every day from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. MST.
- Visiting the Disaster Recovery Center at **1755 S. Public Road, Lafayette, Colorado**. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. MST daily.
- Downloading the FEMA mobile app for smartphones.

The application deadline is Tuesday, March 2, 2022.

## FEMA Public Assistance



FEMA's Public Assistance Program (PA) is a grant program which provides funding for rebuilding necessary infrastructure to state and local governments and certain types of private nonprofit organizations following a presidential disaster declaration. Assistance is available for debris removal and emergency protective measures taken to promote public safety. The federal cost share for eligible work is no less than 75 percent. The state is conducting informational briefings for potential applicants on how to apply for this assistance.

## **Mitigation Community Education & Outreach**

FEMA's Mitigation Community Education & Outreach team provides mitigation advice to community members affected by the Marshall Fire and straight-line wind event. Topics include home repair, ignition resistant construction, wind resistant construction, putting together supply kits, and hiring a contractor. Mitigation specialists are located at the Disaster Recovery Center in Lafayette and also will be visiting local home improvement stores.

From Thursday, Jan. 20 through Tuesday, Jan. 25 the team will be at McGuckin Hardware located at 2525 Arapahoe Ave., Boulder, Colorado.

In the coming weeks, outreach will continue at additional local home improvement stores, below:

- Thursday, Jan. 27 – Tuesday, Feb. 1: Home Depot, 1600 29th St, Boulder, Colorado
- Thursday, Feb. 3 – Tuesday, Feb. 8: Lowe's, 1171 Dillon Rd, Louisville, Colorado
- Thursday, Feb. 10 – Tuesday, Feb. 15: Home Depot, 393 S Hover Rd, Longmont, Colorado
- Thursday, Feb. 17 – Tuesday, Feb. 22: Lowe's, 355 Ken Pratt Blvd, Longmont, Colorado
- Thursday, Feb. 25 – Tuesday, March 1: Ace Hardware, 1727 Main St, Longmont, Colorado.

## **Additional Aid for Individuals**

**Disaster Unemployment Assistance:** In Boulder County, the last day to file claims with the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment is Thursday,



February 2. To learn more and start a claim, visit <https://cdle.colorado.gov/unemployment/disaster-unemployment-assistance>.

## By the Numbers

- 2,098 cumulative survivor interactions have taken place at the FEMA Disaster Recovery Center.
- A total of 497 FEMA housing inspections have been completed.
- FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance teams visited 2,079 homes and businesses and have so far interacted with 1,686 survivors.
- [FEMA Mitigation Specialists have provided rebuilding and repair advice to 475 survivors through their outreach at local home improvement stores and at the Disaster Recovery Center](#)

## More Information:

For more information about Marshall Fire and straight-line winds recovery in Boulder County, visit the FEMA disaster webpage at <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4634>, the Colorado Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management webpage at <https://dhsem.colorado.gov/> or the Boulder County webpage at <https://www.bouldercounty.org/disasters/wildfires/marshall/>. For the Small Business Administration information, visit <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela/s/>.

