

# Buncombe County at a Glance

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Since the federal disaster declaration for Tropical Storm Fred, Buncombe County residents have received more than \$1.62 million in federal funds as of Oct. 6, 2021:

- **\$392,879** in FEMA grants to homeowners and renters.
- **\$1.17 million** in claims paid to National Flood Insurance Program policyholders.
- **\$57,500** in U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) low-interest disaster loans approved for homeowners, renters and businesses.

## Individual Assistance in Buncombe County:

- **138** homeowners and renters have been approved for **\$392,879** in federal grants through FEMA's Individuals and Households Program. This includes:
  - **\$367,321** in Housing Assistance grants for home repair, home replacement, and/or rental assistance.
  - **\$25,558** in Other Needs Assistance grants to replace essential household items and for other critical disaster-related costs.
- **50** homeowners and renters have been approved for rental assistance.
- **529** home inspections issued; **431** completed.
- **Disaster Survivor Assistance (DSA)** visited **261** households in Buncombe County.
- **A Document Drop-off Center** operated until Oct. 2 to help survivors with registration, application updates and referrals.
- **IA Assistance in Asheville:**
  - **35** homeowners and renters have been approved for **\$146,885** in federal grants through FEMA's Individuals and Households Program. This includes:
    - **\$143,955** in Housing Assistance grants for home repair, home replacement, and/or rental assistance.



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- **\$2,930** in Other Needs Assistance grants to replace essential household items and for other critical disaster-related costs.
- **19** homeowners and renters have been approved for rental assistance.
- **IA Assistance in Candler:**
- **45** homeowners and renters have been approved for **\$149,353** in federal grants through FEMA's Individuals and Households Program. This includes:
  - **\$132,785** in Housing Assistance grants for home repair, home replacement, and/or rental assistance.
  - **\$16,568** in Other Needs Assistance grants to replace essential household items and for other critical disaster-related costs.
- **19** homeowners and renters have been approved for rental assistance. .

### **U.S. Small Business Administration:**

- **SBA** is operating a Business Recovery Center at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, 1465 Sand Hill Rd., Suite 1054, Candler, NC 28715. Hours are Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–6 p.m., closed Saturday and Sunday. SBA has approved **\$57,500** in low-interest disaster loans to **4** applicants.

### **National Flood Insurance Program:**

- NFIP has paid **\$1.17 million** to policyholders who filed claims.

### **Public Assistance:**

- Buncombe County was approved for assistance for debris removal, emergency protective measures and permanent work Sept. 8, 2021.
- To date, **4** Requests for Public Assistance (RPAs) have been received and **4** approved.
- The state has held applicant briefings.
- **Applicants:**
  - Buncombe County
  - City of Asheville
  - Town of Black Mountain
  - Town of Montreat



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