

# As Federal Assistance Tops \$34 million, Local, State and Federal Agencies Still Committed to Connecticut Recovery

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**HARTFORD, Conn.** – More than three-months after remnants of Hurricane Ida ripped through Connecticut communities, more than \$34 million in direct federal assistance has been disbursed to help individuals, households and businesses on their road to recovery. State, federal, volunteer, local and community partners remain committed to Connecticut disaster survivors with damage and losses from the remnants of Hurricane Ida.

## **By the Numbers**

To date, FEMA's Individuals and Households Program has provided nearly \$6.4 million in federal grants. This amount includes more than \$6 million in individual assistance for temporary housing and rental and home repair or replacement and \$341,547 in other needs assistance (ONA) which can help pay for disaster damaged personal property, transportation, and moving and storage expenses.

In addition, the U.S Small Business Administration has approved nearly \$9.4 million in SBA disaster loans to help homeowners, renters and businesses recover from remnants of Hurricane Ida.

The National Flood Insurance Program has also paid nearly \$18.8 million to policy holders. The program allows property owners in communities that participate in NFIP to purchase flood insurance administered by the federal government.

## **Federal, State, Community Resources Still Available**

FEMA along with the State of Connecticut and their local and federal partners continue to provide resources and help to Connecticut residents affected September's storm.



**FEMA**

**Stay in Touch with FEMA** — If you registered for disaster assistance it's important that you stay in touch. Missing or incomplete information can delay disaster assistance.

If you need help with an existing application, visit [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov); download the [FEMA app](#); or call **800-621-3362** (TTY: **800-462-7585**). The toll-free telephone lines are currently operating 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service. Multilingual operators are available. Callers should refer to their nine-digit registration number, which can be found on all communications from FEMA. Below is a list of resources to help survivors keep

**File an Appeal with FEMA** — If you are found to be ineligible for disaster assistance, or you feel the award amount is insufficient, you have the right to an appeal. Carefully read your determination letter to understand why the decision was made and how you can receive the assistance you need. For more information, you may contact the FEMA helpline at **800-621-3362** (TTY: **800-462-7585**).

**Follow Up on U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Assistance Loans** — If you applied for an SBA loan after the disaster declaration and want to follow up or have any questions about your loan, contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling **800- 659-2955**, or emailing [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov), or visiting Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call **800-877-8339**. To apply visit SBA's website at <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela/s/>.

**Disaster Legal Services**—For information and referrals to Connecticut attorneys providing free and reduced fee legal services to individuals affected by a disaster. Call **800-453-3320** or apply online at <https://apply.slsc.org/>.

For a list of local and community organizations available to provide disaster recovery resources in Connecticut visit <https://go.usa.gov/xetGd>

