

# One Month Later: Aid for Boulder County Fires and Wind Storm Tops \$69 Million

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DENVER – In the month since President Biden approved a major disaster declaration for the Marshall Fire and straight-line winds in Colorado, federal agencies have provided more than \$69 million in grants and loans to assist in recovery as of February 2, 2022.

To date, a total of 2,934 people in Boulder County have applied with FEMA for assistance. FEMA has approved \$936,574.58 through the Individuals and Households program, consisting of \$757,417.10 in Housing Assistance for home repairs and rental expenses, and \$179,157.48 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 \$68,101,500 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. Multilingual operators are available. The toll-free number is open every day from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. MST. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or



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others, give FEMA the number for that service.

? Visiting the Disaster Recovery Center at 1755 S. Public Road, Lafayette, Colorado. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. MST Monday through Saturday (closed Sundays).

? Downloading the FEMA mobile app for smartphones.

The application deadline is Tuesday, March 2, 2022.

## STAY IN TOUCH WITH FEMA

Homeowners and renters who applied for FEMA disaster assistance are encouraged to notify FEMA of changes to their mailing address, phone number, email address, and if they discover additional damage or receive an insurance settlement. Updating contact information ensures that FEMA can reach you to ask questions or provide new information. Missing or wrong information in your application could result in delays in receiving assistance.

It's important to stay in touch with FEMA regarding any new information on your insurance claim. FEMA cannot complete your application until a copy of the insurance settlement is in your file. Once you receive the information from your agent, be sure to provide a copy to FEMA.

## 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.

As of the January 30 deadline, 20 Requests for Public Assistance (RPA) have been submitted to FEMA. Of those, 15 have been approved and 5 are under FEMA review.

## **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.

In addition to in-person help, a FEMA Mitigation Helpline and email address are available for community members to receive mitigation advice.

? Hotline number: 833-FEMA-4-US (833-336-2487), open Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. MST.

? Email: [fema-r8-hmhelp@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-r8-hmhelp@fema.dhs.gov).

From Thursday, Feb. 3 through Tuesday, Feb. 8 the Mitigation team will be at Lowe's located at 1171 Dillon Rd, Louisville, Colorado.

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

? 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 Legal Services: Free legal help is available for community members impacted by the Marshall Fire and Straight-line Winds disaster. Disaster Legal Services provides confidential legal assistance to those individuals who are unable to secure legal services to meet their unmet disaster-caused needs without a cost-share.

The hotline number for Disaster Legal Services is **877-370-1216**.

### **By the Numbers**

? 2,536 cumulative survivor interactions have taken place at the FEMA Disaster Recovery Center.

? A total of 630 FEMA housing inspections have been completed.

? FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance teams visited 4,175 homes and businesses and have so far interacted with 2,714 survivors.

? FEMA Mitigation Specialists have provided rebuilding and repair advice to 834 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/>.



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