

# President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Major Disaster Declaration for Mississippi

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**WASHINGTON** -- FEMA announced today that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the state of Mississippi to supplement recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe storms, straight-line winds and tornadoes from June 14-19, 2023.

The President's action makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Jackson and Jasper counties. Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Federal funding is also available to state, tribal and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by severe storms, straight-line winds and tornadoes in Claiborne, Copiah, Covington, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lawrence, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Rankin, Scott, Simpson, Smith and Wayne counties and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

Darryl L. Dragoo has been named the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected areas. Additional designations may be made at a later date if warranted by the results of damage assessments.

Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in the designated areas can begin applying for assistance by registering online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov), by calling **1-800-621- 3362** or by using the FEMA App. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service.

