

# President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Major Declaration for New Jersey

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WASHINGTON -- FEMA announced that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the state of New Jersey to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by the remnants of Hurricane Ida from Sept. 1-3, 2021.

The President's action makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Bergen, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Passaic and Somerset 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 the state and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by remnants of Ida in Bergen, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Passaic and Somerset counties. Emergency protective measures, including any direct federal assistance through FEMA's Public Assistance program, will be provided at 75% federal funding.

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

Patrick Cornbill has been named as the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal response operations in the affected areas. Additional designations may be made later if requested by the state and warranted by the results of further assessments.

Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in the designated areas can begin applying for assistance by registering online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or by calling 1-800-621-3362 or 1-800-462-7585 TTY for the hearing and speech impaired.

