



# Mississippi

## Severe Storms, Tornadoes & Flooding

### April 28–May 3, 2014

## Response and Recovery



### People are the Priority



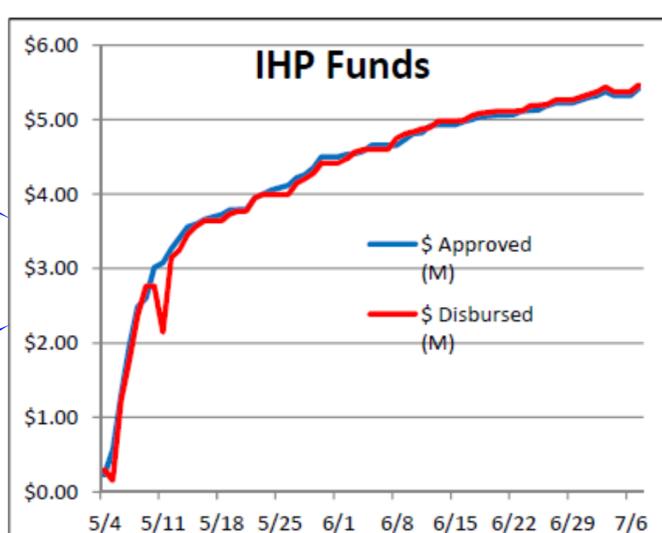
After a series of storms and tornadoes struck Mississippi, destroying homes, factories and a hospital, state, local and federal agencies worked with the private sector and voluntary agencies to bring relief to storm survivors.

A FEMA-owned mobile medical facility was trucked in to ensure all critical needs, medical or otherwise, were met.

Federal disaster declared in 12 Mississippi counties made money available for disaster survivors, state and local governments and eligible nonprofits.

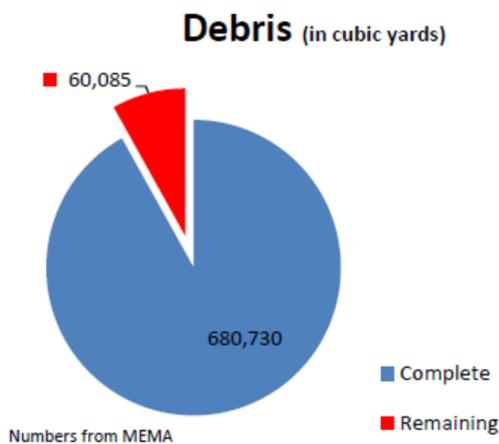
### Individual Assistance

FEMA's Individuals and Households Program (IHP) provides housing assistance and other aid for homeowners and renters. In the past two months, more than \$5.3 million was approved to help Mississippians recover from the disaster.



### Public Assistance

FEMA's Public Assistance Program reimburses state and local governments, tribal nations and eligible nonprofits for disaster-related expenses, including debris removal. Based on damage assessments, more than 90 percent of disaster-related debris has been removed during the past two months. More than 50 Requests for Public Assistance have been received from eligible applicants.



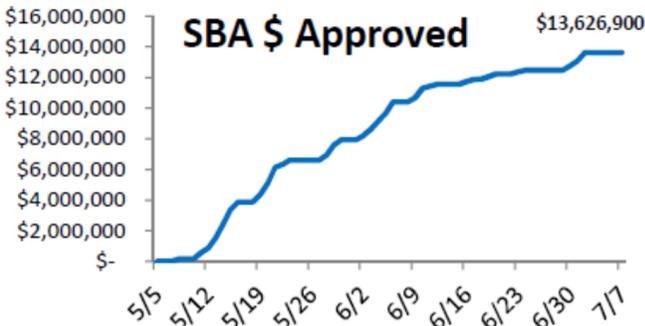
### Additional Federal Assistance

Three weeks after a tornado destroyed the Winston Medical Center, local, state and federal partners established a mobile disaster hospital. Approximately 450 outpatients, 300 emergency room patients and 22 inpatients received treatment at the temporary facility. [Video of national mobile disaster hospital.](#)

FEMA, HUD and SBA are supporting MEMA's Long-Term Housing Task Force with the goal of moving survivors back into their homes or into safe, sanitary and secure temporary housing. As of July 7 2014, 22 temporary housing units are occupied. [Video of survivor receiving temporary housing unit.](#)



**SBA** offered low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations. More than \$13.6 million was approved in two months.



### Private Sector

Small businesses joined with larger companies and business associations to assist survivors, donate equipment, supplies and resources, including technical support, infrastructure for the mobile hospital and advertising.



### Voluntary Agencies



The American Red Cross sheltered 678 storm survivors and provided thousands of meals and snacks.

The Salvation Army opened eight mobile kitchens and served more than 10,000 meals.

Thousands of volunteers cleared debris, cleaned houses and repaired homes across the state.

