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# Fact Sheet

## FEMA Offers Temporary Housing Options in West Virginia

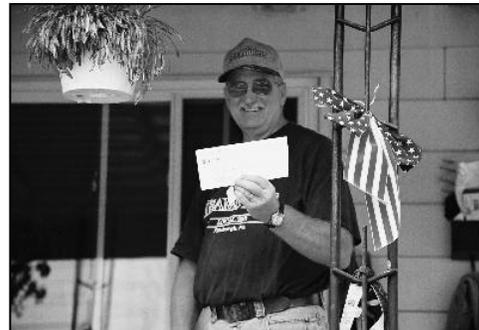
### Register for Disaster Assistance from FEMA

- Homeowners and renters who sustained losses from the severe storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides that occurred June 22-29, 2016, can apply for disaster assistance two ways:
- Visit [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov).
- Call toll-free **800-621-3362** (voice, 711 or video relay service) or **800-462-7585** (TTY). Lines open **7 a.m. to 10 p.m.** (local time) seven days a week until further notice.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) works closely with local, state and federal partners to find temporary housing options for people displaced by the severe storms and flooding that occurred June 22-29. Resources include Rental Assistance, Home Repair Grants, FEMA Housing Portal, Low-interest Disaster Loans and Manufactured Housing Units.

### RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Grants from FEMA pay for short-term rentals for eligible homeowners and renters whose homes are uninhabitable or inaccessible due to the disaster. The grants give these survivors time to plan for and prepare to return to their repaired homes or move into longer-term or permanent housing.



### HOME REPAIR GRANTS

FEMA offers grants to eligible homeowners to help pay for repairs of their disaster-damaged homes. Money to repair homes is limited to making the home safe, sanitary and habitable. Grants may cover repairs to:

- Walls, roofs and foundations
- Wells, septic and sewage systems
- Electrical and plumbing systems
- Privately owned access roads and bridges

## FEMA HOUSING PORTAL

Displaced survivors can visit the [FEMA Housing Portal](http://asd.fema.gov/inter/hportal/home.htm) (<http://asd.fema.gov/inter/hportal/home.htm>) to search for nearby rental units—whether apartments or single-family homes.

- Properties include those made available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Landlords with vacancies can email their name, contact number and property location to [FEMA-Housing@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Housing@fema.dhs.gov).



## U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA) LOW-INTEREST DISASTER LOANS

Low-interest disaster loans from SBA serve as the primary source of recovery funds for businesses of all sizes (including landlords), homeowners and renters. Additional information on the disaster loan program may be obtained by calling SBA at **800-659-2955** or 800-877-8339 (TTY) email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov), or visit [sba.gov/disaster](http://sba.gov/disaster).



## MANUFACTURED HOUSING UNITS (MHUs)

FEMA uses MHUs after a disaster only when displaced survivors cannot find apartments to rent while repairs are made to their flood-damaged homes. This is the **option of last resort**. An existing stock of rental units—largely apartments and single-family homes—usually meets the needs of displaced survivors.

At the state's request, FEMA approved a direct housing mission on **July 5, 2016**, that uses MHUs for displaced survivors in two West Virginia counties: Greenbrier and Kanawha. MHUs are part of a comprehensive temporary housing plan.

Households placed in MHUs receive regular visits from FEMA to check on their continued eligibility and to assist them in progressing toward their permanent housing goals.



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