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Fact Sheet

West Virginia Counties Eligible for Temporary Housing Units

- It has been a priority of the state of West Virginia and FEMA from the beginning of this disaster that survivors find temporary housing in or near their pre-disaster communities.
- After most disasters, survivors' need for temporary housing is met by renting houses or apartments near their pre-disaster homes, with FEMA providing rental assistance to eligible survivors.
- A FEMA housing portal collects information on available housing resources.
- FEMA routinely contacts applicants to further identify who needs temporary housing assistance as well as their potential accessibility needs.
- As a result of this analysis process, the state and FEMA have identified Clay, Greenbrier, Kanawha, and Nicholas counties as eligible for direct housing assistance. These are counties where:
 - There are not enough affordable rental resources in or near the survivors' home community to meet the need for temporary housing.
 - The drive time between available rental resources and the survivors' homes would be an unreasonable hardship.
- The counties were designated on different dates. This is due to the period it took for the number of survivors in need of temporary housing to become apparent in each county as well as for the state and FEMA to complete the needs analyses in the counties.
 - On July 5, the state and FEMA agreed to a direct housing program to address the need for Temporary Housing Units (THUs) for Greenbrier and Kanawha counties.
 - On July 26, the state and FEMA agreed to a direct housing program to address the need for THUs for Clay and Nicholas counties.

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