

President Donald J. Trump Approves Alabama Disaster Declaration

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WASHINGTON – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that federal disaster aid has been made available to the State of Alabama to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms and tornadoes during the period of March 19, 2018 through March 20, 2018.

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

Federal funding also is available to State 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 the severe storms and tornadoes in Calhoun, Cullman, Etowah, and St. Clair counties.

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

Thomas J. McCool as the Federal Coordinating Officer for Federal recovery operations in the affected areas. McCool said additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the state and warranted by the results of damage assessments.

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Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in the designated counties can begin applying for assistance tomorrow by registering online at <http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov> or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA(3362) or 1-800-



462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (local time) seven days a week until further notice.

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