

# New Jersey and FEMA Committed to Providing Equal Access for Ida Survivors

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All disaster survivors have equal access to information on federal disaster assistance programs, including how to apply for them.

The state of New Jersey and FEMA are committed to helping those affected by the remnants of Hurricane Ida, including those with disabilities, and access and functional needs. If you require an accommodation or assistance due to a disability, accessibility or language needs, let FEMA know when you apply for assistance or anytime during the disaster assistance process.

Survivors in **Bergen, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Union** and **Warren** counties can apply for disaster assistance from FEMA for home repairs and other disaster-related necessary expenses. Damage and losses to their primary residence must have occurred Sept. 1–3, 2021.

## Need Equal Access? Just Ask

FEMA can provide interpreters, real-time captioning, and information in alternate formats such as large print, audio and electronic versions, and Braille. The agency also provides free services to help people communicate with FEMA staff and understand FEMA programs. Among the aids are:

- Information available in accessible electronic formats on FEMA’s website and social media
- Qualified Sign Language interpreters
- Qualified multilingual interpreters
- Information written in multiple languages

## Face to Face Help is Available



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FEMA has opened Disaster Recovery Centers where you can meet face-to-face with representatives of FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration to get information about disaster assistance that may be available to you. To find a recovery center near you, visit [fema.gov/drc](https://www.fema.gov/drc) or text **DRC** to **43362**. Standard message and data rates apply.

Each DRC is equipped with iPads and a direct connection to video remote interpretive services if Sign Language is your preferred method of communication.

For more online resources as well as FEMA pamphlets and other aids, visit [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) and click "Information".



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