Connecticut Hurricane Ida – Federal Aid Tops \$26 Million, Survivors Still Have Time to Apply with FEMA

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HARTFORD, Conn. – With less than one month remaining for Connecticut disaster survivors to apply for federal assistance, more than \$26.2 million in federal grants, loans and flood insurance program claims has been approved for residents and businesses to help them recover from damage and losses caused by remnants of Hurricane Ida.

Fairfield, New Haven and New London county homeowners and renters affected by Ida are eligible to apply with FEMA.

As of Dec. 2, FEMA's Individuals and Households Program has provided more than \$4.7 million in federal grants. This amount includes more than \$4.4 million in individual assistance for temporary housing and rental and home repair or replacement and \$240,645 in other needs assistance (ONA) which can help pay for disaster damaged personal property, transportation, and moving and storage expenses.

Those who have uninsured or underinsured losses can apply with FEMA in one of three ways: online at <u>disasterassistance.gov</u>, via the <u>FEMA app</u>, or call 800-621-3362 (TTY: 800-462-7585). The toll-free telephone lines operate from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET, seven days a week. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service. Multilingual operators are available.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

Next to insurance, low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration are the primary source of funds for Connecticut disaster survivors to make property repairs and replace personal property destroyed by Hurricane Ida.



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As of Dec. 2, More than \$5.9 million in SBA disaster loans have been approved to help homeowners, renters and businesses recover from remnants of Hurricane Ida.

For more information, or to apply for a loan contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling 800-659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or visiting SBA's website at <u>sba.gov/disaster</u>. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call 800-877-8339.

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

The NFIP provides flood insurance to property owners, renters and businesses to help them recover faster when floodwaters recede.

As of Nov. 30, NFIP has approved 658 flood insurance claims, and has paid more than \$15.6 million to policy holders. The program allows property owners in communities that participate in NFIP to purchase flood insurance administered by the federal government.

Connecticut residents and businesses can purchase flood insurance, by calling their insurance company or insurance agent, the same person who provides their home or auto insurance. Insurance providers can also be found online at FloodSmart.gov/flood-insurance-provider or by calling the NFIP at 877-336-2627.



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