

# President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Major Disaster Declaration for West Virginia

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WASHINGTON -- FEMA announced today that federal disaster assistance is available to the state of West Virginia to supplement recovery efforts in the areas affected by Post-Tropical Storm Helene from Sept. 25-28, 2024.

The President's action makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Mercer County.

Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

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

Georgeta Dragoiu has been named the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected areas. Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the state and warranted by the results of further damage assessments.

Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in the designated areas can begin applying for assistance at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.DisasterAssistance.gov), by calling 1-800-621-3362 or by using the [FEMA App](#). If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service.



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