

# FEMA Helps Jumpstart Survivor Recovery in Puerto Rico One Week After Fiona

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San Juan, Puerto Rico – One week since the effects of Hurricane Fiona devastated Puerto Rico, FEMA and other federal partners continue to support the Government of Puerto Rico and respond to immediate survivor needs while jumpstarting the longer-term recovery effort.

Through FEMA's Individual and Households Program, nearly \$40 million has been approved for disbursement to survivors including \$39.4 million under FEMA's Other Needs Assistance (ONA) program. ONA provides financial help after a disaster to cover expenses and serious needs not paid by insurance or other sources. These needs may include transportation, childcare and medical and dental expenses.

"Since hurricane Fiona hit Puerto Rico last week we've been working very hard with the federal government, including FEMA and all the municipalities, to get Puerto Rico back on its feet and stronger than ever," said Governor Pedro Pierluisi. "We are committed to ensuring our people have access to essential services. We will continue working collaboratively with all our mayors so that full federal disaster assistance reaches the 78 municipalities"

Fiona disaster survivors in Puerto Rico are encouraged to register for federal disaster assistance with FEMA. Survivors in [67 municipalities](#) may register for assistance even if they applied for assistance for Hurricane María, the earthquakes and any other presidentially declared disaster in Puerto Rico.

"Survivors of Hurricane Fiona need assistance right now and we want the island of Puerto Rico to know that FEMA, along with the entire federal family, is working tirelessly to address your needs," said Federal Coordinating Officer Robert Little III. "With federal, state, local and the support of community partners, together, we can help Puerto Rico recover."



Individuals, including homeowners and renters, who suffered damage or losses due to Hurricane Fiona in a disaster declared area may register for assistance now.

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

### **Three Ways to Apply for Disaster Assistance**

Survivors can apply for FEMA assistance online 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.

FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance teams are also canvassing affected communities to help people apply in person.

