

More than \$9.3 Million in Federal Disaster Assistance Approved for the Severe Storms and Flooding in Middle Tennessee

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. – One month after the federal disaster declaration for the Aug. 21 severe storms and flooding in Middle Tennessee, more than \$9.3 million in federal funds has been provided directly to Tennesseans to aid in their recovery.

Help for survivors in the designated counties of Dickson, Hickman, Houston and Humphreys includes grants from FEMA and low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Policyholders in the National Flood Insurance Program have also been receiving payouts for their claims. As of Sept. 20, more than 2,200 Tennessee households have contacted FEMA for help.

- As of Sept. 20, Tennesseans received more than \$9.3 million through funding from FEMA and SBA.
 - Of that total, more than \$3.7 million in FEMA individual assistance has gone to homeowners and renters whose insurance, or other forms of disaster assistance received, could not meet their disaster-caused needs. More than \$1.2 million has been provided to residents for Other Needs Assistance, which includes grants to replace damaged personal property as well as expenses for transportation, medical and other disaster-related needs.
 - Homeowners, renters and businesses have been approved over \$4.4 million in low-interest disaster loans from SBA to repair, rebuild and replace damaged property and contents. SBA offers low-interest disaster loans to businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters.
- As of Sept. 20, NFIP policyholders received more than \$5.1 million in more than 46 claims to repair and rebuild flood-damaged property.
- More than 1,900 survivors visited three Multi-Agency Resource Centers (MARC)s). The first center in Waverly (Humphreys County) opened Aug. 28, less than one week after the presidential disaster declaration, and remains open.
- Approximately 1,200 FEMA housing inspections have been completed.



- FEMA disaster survivor assistance specialists canvassed the affected communities and interacted with more than 1,100 survivors to encourage them to register for help, while providing them with recovery information and listening to their concerns.
- The deadline for survivors to apply for federal aid is Oct. 25, 2021. Survivors can apply for FEMA Assistance in any of the following ways:
 - Online through DisasterAssistance.gov
 - Download the FEMA app to a smartphone or tablet.
 - Call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585).
 - Because of the recent hurricane and other severe storms, flooding and fires across the country, wait times may be long. Please be patient. Lines are open daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. local time, 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.

Assistance to local, county and state governments:

Local, county and state government infrastructure and certain private nonprofit organizations, including houses of worship, in Dickson, Hickman, Houston and Humphreys counties are eligible for Public Assistance. This includes debris removal, emergency protective measures taken to eliminate or lessen immediate threats to lives, public health or safety. Public Assistance also includes permanent repair or replacement of public infrastructure, such as roads and bridges, as well as public facilities, such government buildings, schools and parks.

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