

Disaster Aid Application Deadline One Week Away, March 2

DENVER –Boulder County residents and businesses have one week left to apply for disaster assistance related to the Marshall Fire and straight-line winds. Those that had fire, smoke or wind damage have until March 2, 2022 to apply with FEMA.

Disaster assistance can include grants from FEMA, low-interest disaster loans to individuals or business from the U.S Small Business Administration or referrals to other federal, state and voluntary agency programs for additional needs.

Boulder County residents and business owners have four ways to apply for assistance. To continue to check on the status of your application and make updates use the same four ways:

§ Calling **800-621-3362**. Multilingual operators are available. The toll-free number is open every day from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. MST. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service.

§ Visiting the Disaster Recovery Center at **1755 S. Public Road, Lafayette, Colorado**. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. MST Monday through Saturday (closed Sundays). FEMA program experts are available to answer questions about the application and recovery processes.

§ Going on-line to DisasterAssistance.gov.

§ Downloading the FEMA mobile app for smartphones.

Business owners and nonprofits located in Boulder County may qualify for up to \$2 million in low-interest SBA disaster loans both for physical and economic damage. Homeowners may qualify for loans up to \$200,000 for home damage. Homeowners and renters can apply for up to \$40,000 to replace personal



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property. Applicants may call SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, TTY users may call 800-877-8339.

After registering, it is important to stay in contact with FEMA to update your status or provide information to confirm assistance eligibility. It is also important to complete your SBA disaster loan application. Approval for a loan does not require the applicant to take it but provides additional recovery options. Even if not approved, completing the SBA application maintains eligibility for additional FEMA assistance.

Disaster assistance is not a substitute for insurance and cannot compensate for all losses caused by a disaster. The assistance is intended to meet basic needs and supplement disaster recovery efforts. By law, FEMA cannot duplicate benefits paid by insurance or other assistance.

More Information:

For more information about Marshall Fire and straight-line winds recovery in Boulder County, visit the FEMA disaster webpage at <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4634>, the Colorado Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management webpage at <https://dhsem.colorado.gov/> or the Boulder County webpage at <https://www.bouldercounty.org/disasters/wildfires/marshall/>. For the Small Business Administration information, visit <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela/s/>.

