

# FEMA Assistance for Cook County Survivors Tops \$20 Million with One Month Left to Apply

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**CHICAGO** – FEMA assistance for Cook County survivors affected by the Sept. 17-18 severe storms and flooding has topped **\$20 million**.

- More than **6,500** households have been approved for FEMA grants, including:
  - **\$17.8 million** in housing grants, including short-term rental assistance and home repair costs.
  - Nearly **\$2.4 million** approved for other essential disaster-related needs, such as expenses related to medical, dental, and lost personal possessions.
- More than **10,300** home inspections have been completed.
- **1,586** Cook County homeowners and renters have visited **four** Disaster Recovery Centers.
- FEMA's Disaster Survivor Assistance crews have visited more than **14,084** homes and **1,098** businesses and helped **200** households apply for assistance.

## One Month Left to Apply for FEMA Assistance

Residents of Cook County with uninsured or under insured losses from the Sept. 17-18 severe storms and flooding have until **January 19, 2024**, to apply for assistance.

There are several ways to apply:

- Visit [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://DisasterAssistance.gov).
- Use the [FEMA mobile app](#).
- Call the FEMA helpline at **800-621-3362**. Multilingual operators are available. If you use video relay service, captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service.
- Visit a Disaster Recovery Center. The centers serve as one-stop shops for survivors who need one-on-one help. Survivors can visit any center for assistance. To find center locations and current hours, visit [FEMA.gov/DRC](https://FEMA.gov/DRC).



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## **Disaster Unemployment Assistance Available for Cook County Survivors**

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) is available for Cook County residents who lost employment or self-employment as a result of the Sept. 17-18 severe storms and flooding. Call the Illinois Department of Employment Security at **217-558-0401** to make an appointment to apply. The last day to apply for DUA benefits is **Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023**. For more information, visit

<https://ides.illinois.gov/newsroom/2023/nov/ides-accepting-disaster-unemployment-assistance-applications-aft.html>.

FEMA's mission is helping people before, during, and after disasters. For more information about Cook County's recovery, visit [www.fema.gov/disaster/4749](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4749).

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*Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency, or economic status. Reasonable accommodations, including translation and American Sign Language interpreters will be available to ensure effective communication with applicants with limited English proficiency, disabilities, and access and functional needs. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362. If you use video relay service, captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA your number for that service.*



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