

FEMA Individual Assistance

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FEMA disaster assistance is intended to meet the basic needs of your household for uninsured or underinsured necessary expenses and serious needs.

Housing Assistance

Money to help you with expenses for damage that impacted your home, which may include:

- **Rental Assistance:** Money you can use to rent housing if you are displaced from your home because of the disaster.
- **Lodging Expense Reimbursement:** Money to reimburse you for emergency lodging expenses, such as hotel or motel, if you are displaced from your home because of the disaster. This money is only available if you do not receive money for Displacement under Other Needs Assistance.
- **Home Repair or Replacement:** Money to help you repair or replace your home damaged by the disaster. For example, this may include addressing mold caused by the disaster, or money for hazard mitigation measures, which are actions you can take when making repairs that will help reduce the amount of damage to your home in future disasters. The money can also help with pre-existing damage to parts of your home where the disaster caused further damage.
- **Accessibility Needs:** Money to help survivors with a disability with specific repairs to make sure their home is accessible, such as exterior ramp, grab bars, and paved path to the home entrance. Repairs can be made when these items are damaged. Improvements can be made when those features were not present prior to the disaster, and they are needed due to a pre-existing disability or a disability caused by the disaster.
- **Privately-owned Roads, Bridges, Docks:** Money for survivors whose only access to their home has been damaged by the disaster.

Other Needs Assistance:



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Money to help you with necessary expenses and serious needs caused by the disaster, such as:

- **Serious Needs:** Money to help you pay for lifesaving and life-sustaining items such as water, food, first aid, prescriptions, infant formula, breastfeeding equipment, diapers, personal hygiene items and fuels for transportation.
- **Displacement:** Money to help with housing needs if you cannot return to your home because of the disaster. FEMA may provide up to two weeks of funds for temporary lodging at a hotel, motel, or the home of friends or family, for displaced applicants who apply before the Aug. 9 deadline. If you have used your Displacement Assistance and you still have housing needs, contact FEMA and ask about Rental Assistance.
- **Personal Property:** Money to help you repair or replace appliances, room furnishings, and a personal or family computer damaged by the disaster. This can also include money for books, uniforms, tools, additional computers and other items required for school or work, including self-employment.
- **Medical/Dental:** Money to help you pay for expenses because the disaster caused an injury or illness. This money can also be used to help replace medical/dental equipment, breastfeeding equipment, or prescribed medicine damaged or lost because of the disaster.
- **Funeral:** Money to help you pay for funeral or reburial expenses caused by the disaster.
- **Child Care:** Money to help you pay for increased or childcare expenses caused by the disaster.
- **Transportation:** Money to help you repair or replace a vehicle damaged by the disaster when you don't have another vehicle you can use.
- **Moving and Storage Expenses:** Money to help you move and store personal property from your home to prevent additional damage, usually while you are making repairs to your home or moving to a new place due to the disaster.
- **Clean and Sanitize:** Money to help you pay for very minor damage caused by the disaster to prevent additional loss and potential health or safety concerns. This money is only available in certain disasters if you had property damage but were not eligible for Home Repair or Replacement Assistance because FEMA determined you could still live safely in your home.

Beyond FEMA, Other Resources



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- **Disaster Unemployment Assistance:** Individuals who live or work in one of the affected counties and could not work because of major destruction that occurred on April 8-11, 2024, caused by severe storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes, and flooding are entitled to apply and may be eligible to receive unemployment benefits. For more information visit, <https://www.mdes.ms.gov>
- **Disaster Legal Services:** Survivors who were affected by the April storms and have insufficient funds to hire an attorney can call 877-691-6185 to receive free legal aid. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday. Survivors can also leave a voicemail.

How to Apply

To apply for FEMA disaster assistance, you can go online at DisasterAssistance.gov, download the [FEMA App](#) or call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA the number for that service.

For an accessible video on how to apply for assistance go to, <https://youtu.be/HhtlyTX49RE> .

