FEMA Deadline has Passed but Help is Still Available; Federal Funding Tops \$711.7 Million

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TRENTON, N.J. – FEMA encourages applicants to keep in touch to track their case. Residents who believe the assistance they received for repairs is not enough are encouraged to contact FEMA to submit an appeal. Survivors may be asked to submit repair estimates, receipts or other documentation that explains their case. Survivors should also notify the agency of additional damage discovered to their home since their inspection. They should also update mailing or email addresses or phone numbers and the status of their insurance settlements.

Applicants in Bergen, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Union or Warren counties can contact the FEMA Helpline at **800-621-3362** or (TTY) **800-462-7585** or go online at DisasterAssistance.gov to keep FEMA updated or for follow-up questions.

The toll-free telephone lines are currently operating 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service. Multilingual operators are available.

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Four months since President Joe Biden declared a major disaster in New Jersey, more than **\$711.7 million** in federal funds have been provided to New Jersey residents to aid in their recovery. The breakdown of funds is as follows:

 More than \$215.6 million in FEMA housing grants to help pay for home repair, home replacement and rental assistance for temporary housing.



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- More than \$230.1 million in U.S. Small Business Administration low-interest disaster loans approved for homeowners, renters and business owners.
- Nearly \$266 million paid to National Flood Insurance Program policyholders statewide.

Homeowners, renters and businesses who have applied for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration can follow-up with questions at SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing), or email disastercustomerservice@SBA.gov.

For the latest information visit <u>fema.gov/disaster/4614</u>. Follow the FEMA Region 2 Twitter account at <u>twitter.com/FEMAregion2</u>.



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