FEMA Approves \$150 Million for Households in Florida

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TALLAHASSEE – Ten days after the major disaster declaration for Hurricane Ian in Florida, FEMA has approved \$150 million in grants to 101,705 households to help them recover.

Disaster assistance may include financial help with temporary lodging, home repairs and other disaster-related expenses. FEMA grants include \$72 million for housing assistance and \$78 million for other expenses.

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP has received 31,000 claims from Florida policy holders and made \$10 million in advance payments.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is processing disaster loan applications and has approved \$3.5 million to date.

To apply for FEMA disaster assistance, go online to <u>disasterassistance.gov</u>, use the FEMA app for smartphones or call 800-621-3362 from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day. Help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service.

