FEMA Assistance May Be Available for Items Damaged by Hurricane Ian

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LAKE MARY, Fla. – In Lee County, a renter applied to FEMA after Hurricane Ian, reporting that her home and personal property were damaged by flooding. She also reported a disaster-caused need for medical expenses for which she had no insurance.

A FEMA inspector verified that her home was uninhabitable because of the flooding. FEMA determined that she met all the eligibility criteria for various categories of assistance: eligible for initial rental assistance, medical assistance and financial assistance for essential personal property and appliances that were damaged by flood. The woman received a total of \$19,280 in federal assistance from FEMA.

In Seminole County, a renter reported home damage and personal property damage, with no personal property insurance. A FEMA inspection verified that the home was uninhabitable because of rain and wind-driven rain damage. FEMA determined that he met all the eligibility criteria and he was eligible for initial rental assistance and assistance for disaster-caused damage to essential personal property and appliances. He received \$16,199.

These applicants are among 364,000 Florida households that have received federal assistance from FEMA's Individuals and Households Program Other Needs Assistance (ONA) provision. Assistance available under the ONA provision includes assistance for transportation, medical and dental, childcare, funeral, moving and storage, critical needs and other preapproved costs that may not be covered by insurance or other sources.

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