FEMA Assistance Tops \$50 Million for Illinoisans Affected by Mid-July Severe Storms

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SPRINGFIELD – Just under a month since President Joe Biden declared a major disaster for the state of Illinois, FEMA assistance for households affected by the July 13 -16 severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding tops **\$50.6 million**. These grants help pay for uninsured and underinsured losses and storm-related damage, including:

- More than \$24 million in housing grants to help pay for home repair, home replacement and rental assistance for temporary housing.
- More than \$26.5 million in Other Needs Assistance grants to help pay for personal property replacement and other serious storm-related needs—such as moving and storage fees, transportation, childcare, and medical and dental expenses.

More than **\$1.6 million** in long-term, low-interest disaster loans has been approved by the U.S. Small Business Administration for homeowners and renters to help repair, rebuild or replace disaster-damaged physical property and to cover economic injury for businesses of all sizes and non-profit organizations.

Homeowners and renters with July 13 - 16 storm damage to their home or personal property in the seven designated counties including, Cook, Fulton, Henry, St. Clair, Washington, Will and Winnebago, have until the **November 19 deadline** to apply for disaster assistance from FEMA and U.S. Small Business Administration.

Apply for FEMA assistance several ways:

- Go online to DisasterAssistance.gov.
- Use the FEMA mobile app.



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- In-person at a Disaster Recovery Center. Find a center nearest you, www.FEMA.gov/DRC.
- 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.

Learn more about SBA disaster assistance at <u>www.sba.gov/funding-</u> programs/disaster-assistance. Visit <u>www.fema.gov/disaster/4819</u> for more information about the disaster recovery in Illinois.



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