

# Public Assistance for Houses of Worship

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Houses of worship and other nonprofit organizations may be eligible for FEMA assistance to help pay for emergency protective measures, debris removal and restoration of facilities damaged by severe storms and tornadoes in Kentucky beginning Dec. 10, 2021.

Under the Public Assistance program, FEMA may be able to provide financial assistance to certain private, nonprofit organizations – including houses of worship – to restore facilities damaged or destroyed by a major disaster.

To be eligible, facilities must:

- Have sustained damage caused by the Dec. 10 severe storms and tornadoes in Caldwell, Christian, Fulton, Graves, Hart, Hickman, Hopkins, Logan, Lyon, Marshall, Muhlenberg, Ohio, Taylor, and Warren counties.
- Provide a current ruling letter from the IRS granting tax exemption under Section 501 (c) (d) or (e) of the IRS Code of 1954, or through the Kentucky Secretary of State.
- Be owned or operated by a private nonprofit organization.
- Have either not received funding or received insufficient funding after applying for a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster loan.

The deadline to apply for FEMA Public Assistance in Caldwell, Fulton, Graves, Hopkins, Marshall, Muhlenberg, Taylor, and Warren counties is **Jan. 11, 2022**. The deadline to apply in Christian, Hart, Hickman, Logan, Lyon and Ohio counties is **Jan. 15, 2022**.

For more information, contact KY Division of Emergency Management, or email [pa.help@KY-em.org](mailto:pa.help@KY-em.org). For more information about Kentucky tornado recovery, visit [www.fema.gov/disaster/4630](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4630). Follow the FEMA Region 4 Twitter account at [www.twitter.com/femaregion4](http://www.twitter.com/femaregion4).



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